

**MAN IN HIS POMP, YET WITHOUT
UNDERSTANDING, IS LIKE THE BEASTS
THAT PERISH**



Winter morning sunrise
on way to Sat. morning Bible study
near Great Falls, MT

**“The Jews therefore began to argue
with one another, saying, ‘How can
this Man give us His flesh to eat?’ ”**

John 6:52

March 3, 2019!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Kaiden Reijgers

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Gary DiPaolo

Communion Meditation — Brian Schweitzer

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., **Butte - 7:30 p.m.**

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Bob Woodburn, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Davis Ashley, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
March 6th —
7:00 p.m. —
Character Traits of
Jesus
— Phil Sutton**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 16, 2019, at Bozeman on Romans chapters 1-8

Ladies' Advance — April 25-27

Montana Youth Camp — June 9-14

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. through Sat. July 25-27, 2019. Theme: High Points from Hebrews

Family Camp 2019 — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman property. Theme: Timeless Truths from the Torah



Question of the week:

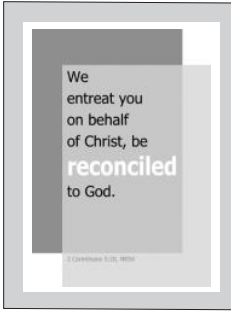
How many years was it between years of Jubilee in Israel?

Last week's question: When Jesus healed a man with a withered hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath, who two groups took counsel to put Him to death? *Answer: The Pharisees and the Herodians (Mark 3:6).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 86
Morning Assembly – 100
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (2/27) – 46
Butte Lord's Day – 19
Great Falls Lord's Day – 47,72



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Proof of Ministry

Talk, as has been well said, is cheap. When all has been said and done, a lot more will have been said than done. What everyone is expecting of those who talk is action, the “walk” coming up to match the “talk.” Furthermore, when it comes to actually caring for people, the word of God has a number of things to ponder. “But whoever has the world’s goods, and beholds his brother in need,” stated the aged apostle John, “and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?” (1 John 3:17). That is certainly a fair question, followed with the exhortation, “Little children, let us not love with word of with tongue, but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:18). “If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,” added James, experienced elder of the church in Jerusalem, “and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ and yet you do not give them what is necessary for the body, what use is that?” (James 2:15,16). Thus, when the apostle Paul is encouraging the brethren to finish up the good work of sending relief to the saints from the rank of the circumcised, he is asking for action—he is asking for *proof*!

- ▼ **Result of action** — God’s big plan was for the Judean saints to be in desperate need, and for the Gentile saints to send supplies to their rescue. This massive plan involved sending a famine to ravage the land around Jerusalem, (which, if a person thinks about it, is no small accomplishment). The overall goal was to bring the Jewish and Gentile elements of the church together in real love and fellowship, and in the process tear down the dividing wall of Jewish customs and the separated living style of the Jews which put circumcised and uncircumcised into two different groups. The apostle is thus optimistic and excited about the completion of the offering, expressing his hope in these terms: “Because of the *proof* given by this ministry they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all” (2 Corinthians 9:13). When the actual real assistance for the saints would arrive, rather than empty promises and expressed good intentions, then the circumcised brethren would truly glorify God. They would also recognize the truthfulness of the confession that these Gentiles had made, that for them also, “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.”

- ▼ **Pulling the two groups together** — The apostle Paul knows from his involvement in the collection effort that the offering for the Jewish brethren is not going to be a mere token offering; it is described as “the liberality of your contribution to them.” This outpouring of real affection and real assistance will have, Paul is confident, a desire for these from the ranks of the circumcision to fellowship with their uncircumcised brethren. He phrases his confidence in the response of the Judean saints, noting that “they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you” (2 Corinthians 9:14). That the prayers would be generated would be awesome, and that the Judean brethren would pray for the Gentile Christians would be a tremendous step forward.

This all began with *charis*, the charity or grace that came from God Himself. This *charis* Paul modified with the word “surpassing”; the size of the gift was going to be overwhelming in size in order to tear down the barrier of the dividing wall that had existed between Jew and Gentile in the church. God was using these huge scale events—the famine, Paul’s working among the Gentile congregations, and the Gentile congregations’ willingness to participate—to accomplish this tremendous and long-term purpose. “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15).

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JAY WILSON