OUT OF ZION, THE PERFECTION OF BEAUTY, GOD HAS SHONE FORTH



Cole Hunsicker immersing Hailey Olson into Christ at the pool at the Comfort Inn Christ's Church, Butte, MT

"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise Him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink."

John 6:54,55

March 17, 2019!

Christ's Church Meeting at 30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m. Opening — Jay Wilson, Gunnar Landsgaard M.C. — Bob Edgar Prayer Meditation — Brian Schweitzer Communion Meditation — Herb Burnell Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., **Butte - 7:30 p.m.** M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone** Communion Meditation — Chris Phillips, **Cole Hunsicker** Preaching — Phil Sutton, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday, March 20th – 7:00 p.m. – Character Traits of Jesus – Phil Sutton 32nd annual Bible Bowl was a tremendous success with about 80 kids and 19 teams from Spokane to Wil-

liston and across Montana!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ladies' Advance — April 25-27 Montana Youth Camp — June 9-14 Men's PEAKS — Thurs through Sat Ju

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:

While Israel was in the wilderness, a man was found gathering firewood on the Sabbath. What did the congregation do to him in accordance with the Lord's instructions?

Last week's question: Jesus gave a postive answer to what question posed by the high priest Caiaphas, according to the Mark's gospel, which resulting in Jesus' being condemned and handed over to the Romans for crucifixion? *Answer: "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" (Mark 14:61).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 96	Wednesday Night (3/13) — 83
Morning Assembly – 118	Butte Lord's Day – 16
Evening Assembly – 66	Great Falls Lord's Day – 44,77



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ... Divinely Powerful Weapons

It seems incongruous, but the "God of peace" must wage war against the forces of darkness and destruction. Actually, it is a testimony of the horrendous nature of evil, that this God of peace must of necessity engage in that war, and that His servants must of necessity also participate in that warfare. "He who is not with Me is against Me," had said Jesus, "and he who does not gather with Me scatters" (Matthew 12:30). Hence the apostle Paul came into battle "in the name of the God of Israel," and specifically "in the name of Jesus the Christ." Contemptible, maybe, was he in physical appearance, but certainly formidable was he in spiritual battle.

- *Weaponry* The nature of the battle dictates the nature of the weaponry which will be effective. Tanks may work well in rolling hill terrain, but in mountains and cliffs, some other type of armament will be required. The apostle Paul, engaged in a spiritual war, makes his comments. "For though we walk in the flesh," he notes, "we do not war according to the flesh" (2 Corinthians 10;3). Sometimes in the scripture, the word *flesh* refers to the physical habitation provided for the inner man. As an example, in his letter to the Galatian brethren, he made this comment, that "the life which I now *live in the flesh*, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20). But when the expression, "according to the flesh," is used, it is a reference to living on the basis of God's priorities in the spiritual realm. The apostle knows that cannonades and bombs, while valued by men in earthly warfare, are of no effect against the hosts of evil.
- Choice of weapons Paul, then, charging forth into spiritual battle, chooses his weapons carefully. "The weapons of our

warfare," he calmus yi have not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses" (2 Corinthians 10:4). The Jews of Jesus' day, for example, did not understand the nature of the spiritual battle in which our Lord engaged. At one point they came by force to make Him king, and violent men sought to establish their version of the kingdom of God by force. But Jesus, in rising from the dead and taking His seat on the heavenly throne, battling



according to the Spirit, completely devastated the power of the devil and the minions who serve him. Hence the apostle Paul, as His servant and walking in His footsteps, engages on the spiritual front as well with spiritual weapons—weapons described as *divinely powerful* for the destruction of those forces of darkness. Divine power, while not particularly visible in the physical realm, is exhibited as totally triumphant in the non-visible spiritual realm.

Battle for the mind — Ultimately, the collective mind of mankind is where the battle takes place. God uses reason and persuasion, based on His provable and immutable word, to educate and motivate mankind to step into the realm of faith and take up God's armament in this serious and unceasing warfare. Hence, the apostle writes, "We are destroying fortresses and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:5). Spiritual knowledge and application are the keys in winning the war for the minds of men.

God's "divine power," asserted the apostle Peter, "has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence" (2 Peter 1:3). God gives that glory and excellence (manly, mature virtue) to his servants. In that sense, the goal is that God's warriors "stand up and fight like men!!" JAY WILSON