

“I shall take no young bull out of your house, nor male goats out of your folds, for every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.”



Mike Ferguson of Williston, ND - judge
Nolan Tewell of Billings, MT - timer
doing a great job
2019 Bible Bowl
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

“ ‘But there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.”

John 6:64

May 5, 2019!

Christ's Church

Meeting at
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Matthew Wilson

Communion Meditation — Phil Sutton

Preaching — Jay Wilson

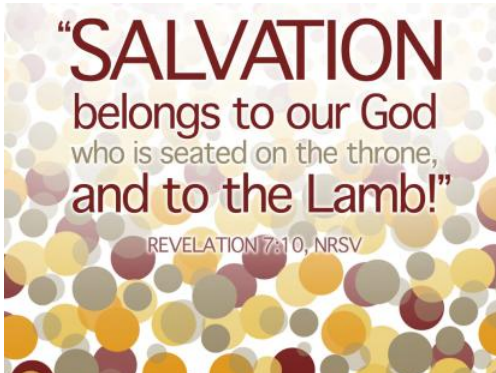
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Zac Dschaak, **Matthew Wilson**

Preaching — Kaden Reijgers, Joe Shanahan, Elliot Ashley, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
May 8th –
7:00 p.m. –
Character Traits of
Jesus
– Phil Sutton

Lancaster, OH Family Camp — Memorial Day weekend,
Lancaster, OH

Badlands Family Camp — Memorial Day weekend,
near Glendive, MT

Lima, OH Rally — June 28-30

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

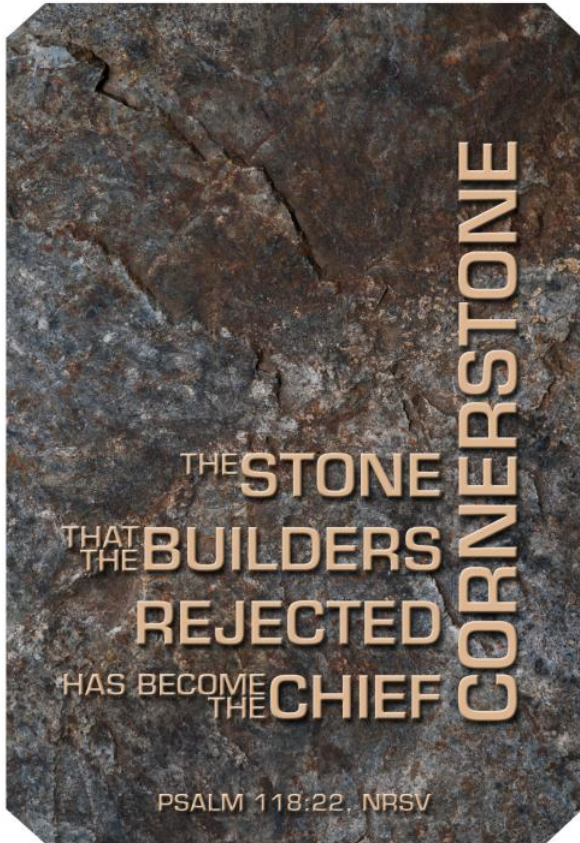
Bozeman Awards and Graduation Ceremony — Thurs. May
23, 7:00 pm at church building

Butte Awards Ceremony — 7:00 pm, Tues. May 28 at the
Comfort Inn

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.



Question of the week:

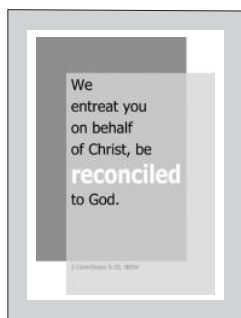
It is noted in the gospel according to John that everyone who does evil hates the light and does not come to the light. What is said about those who practice the truth?

Last week's question: After the Israelites captured the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua, their zeal for the Lord faded away. What did they do to provoke the anger of Lord? *Answer: They forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, and followed after other gods—gods of the peoples around them—and bowed themselves down to them (Judges 2:12).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 84
Morning Assembly – 121
Evening Assembly – 71

Wednesday Night (5/1) – 80
Butte Lord's Day – 15
Great Falls Lord's Day – 48,66



Jealous with Godly Jealousy

Because factions were developing in Corinth, there were those who were weakening doctrinally, twisting the terms of the gospel to suck more saints and others into their schismatic camps. The apostle Paul knows that to deviate from the apostles' doctrine is spiritual death. Hence, he is going to wade into the issues of false doctrines and expose those who are promoting them. But to do that, he had to lay the foundation for his comments in this letter. He had just mentioned that he could be as bold as he needed to be to confront those who were troubling the congregation in this way. He had talked about his ability to wage spiritual warfare and destroy counterproductive speculations. He discussed the authority—the *exousia*—he had for building the congregation up. He had

pointed out that what he was by letter he also was in person. And he had established the fact that his sphere of influence included starting the church in Corinth. None of his opponents had any comparative ground on which to stand.

- ▲ **A little “foolishness”** — Having set up the conversation for the next point of serious discussion, he opens with a somewhat sarcastic comment. “I wish,” he proposes, “that you would bear with me in a little foolishness; but indeed you are bearing with me” (2 Corinthians 11:1). If they had gotten this far in the letter, they were in fact “bearing” with him! But in introducing this very sensitive topic, he starts at the very lowest point in order to achieve some meaningful conversation; he appeals to them to bear with him, and then his next strategy is that he is engaging in a little foolishness. His Holy-Spirit-inspired commentary is not foolishness at all, but he is using this terminology to maximize the possibility of correcting the damage done by false teachers.
- ▲ **Spiritual betrothal** — There is a jealousy that is wrongly directed and destructive, and there is a righteous and godly jealousy. God designed marriage in the first place in Genesis chapter two, and He designed marriage to be between one woman and one man. When the woman, for example, is overly flirtatious with another man, the husband is within correct bounds to be jealous and to take appropriate steps to help his wife past that bad behavior. God was jealous toward unfaithful Israel when she went after strange gods. “For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy,” Paul avers, using the same thought process listed above, “for I betrothed to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin” (2 Corinthians 11:2). Again, the apostle stresses, in a different way, that he was the one who laid the foundation of the congregation, who taught them the pure doctrines of Christ, and he is jealously trying to protect their souls and their eternities.
- ▲ **His fear** — False doctrine can be subtle, and many have a difficult time discerning when it is being introduced. “But I am afraid,” is a major statement by Paul, showing the seriousness of what he is introducing, “lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:3). [Side comment: in this way Paul verifies the accuracy and literalness of the Genesis record of Adam and Eve’s temptation in the Garden of Eden.] The same serpent, the devil and Satan, was working to twist the doctrines of Christ, and the twisting was apparently subtle enough that many of the brethren could not detect how it was being perverted.

The spiritual health of the congregation was being destroyed. Souls were about to be misdirected and sent toward the eternal hell fire. Paul’s fear and concern was certainly justified, and his jealousy for them was a godly jealousy. Paul is going to need to be bold and confident in order to expose these sneaky false teachers, and give of himself again to get the congregation back on track. But if he can salvage anything, it will be worth it!

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