

BUT TO THE WICKED GOD SAYS, "WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU TO TELL OF MY STATUTES AND TO TAKE MY COVENANT IN YOUR MOUTH?"



Raul and Exzel Tadeo  
watching the younger Tadeo children receive their awards  
Missoula Christian School  
Christ's Church in the Clark Fork  
Missoula, MT

"Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. Therefore His brothers said to Him, 'Leave here and go to Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing.'"

John 7:2,3

# June 16, 2019!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Davis Ashley

Communion Meditation — Steven Doty

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Jeff Landsgaard, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Shawn O'Connell, **Cole Hunsicker**

Preaching — “Young Bucks”, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,  
June 19th –  
7:00 p.m. –  
*Character Traits of  
Jesus*  
– Phil Sutton

Fasting weekend and  
potluck — Sat. and  
L.D., June 29,30

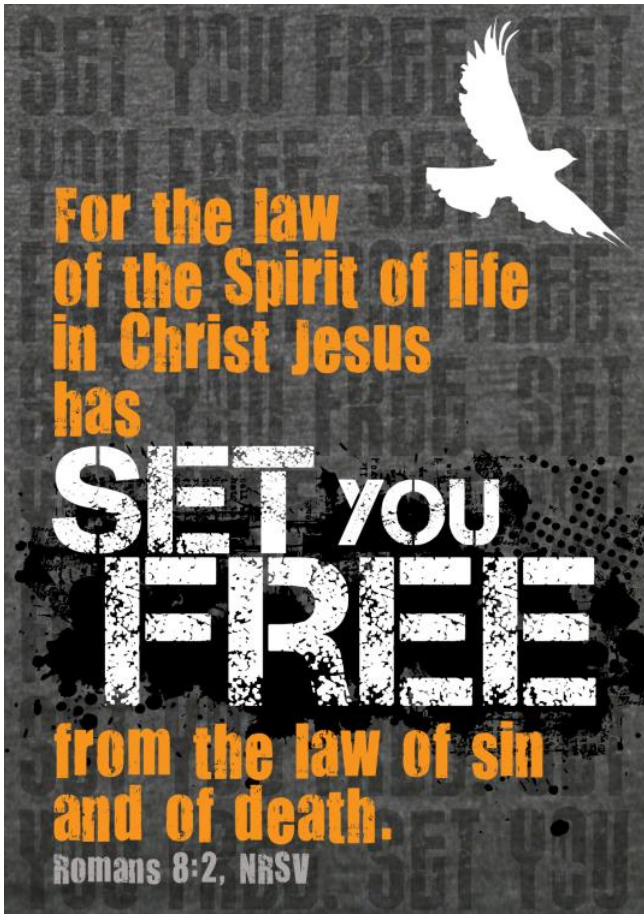
CO Family Camp — June 21,22 at Boyd Lake near  
Loveland, CO  
Lima, OH Rally — June 28-30

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Congratulations to Abigail Sutton**, who was immersed into Christ by her dad Phil Sutton on Lord's Day June 2. She is a recent graduate of Gallatin College, and is moving forward with her adult life and her new life in Christ!

**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:

What is the description of the “critters” on the blanket let down from heaven for Peter’s preparation to meet with the Gentiles?

Last week’s question: 2 Samuel chapter 22 and Psalm 16 are nearly identical. What term did David repeatedly give the Lord, the Lord who lives and is blessed? *Answer: The rock (2 Samuel 22:47).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (120+ YOUNG PEOPLE AT MONTANA YOUTH CAMP!)**

Bible School – 93  
Morning Assembly – 117  
Evening Assembly – 46

Wednesday Night (6/12) – 50  
Butte Lord’s Day – 16  
Great Falls Lord’s Day – 48,76

## Paul's Trials

Everywhere the apostle Paul traveled, he encountered tremendous opposition to the gospel. Sometimes this opposition was external, and often from the Jews. But sometimes this opposition was internal, inside the congregations themselves, as at Corinth. To defend the gospel of Christ and the doctrines of salvation, the apostle has to defend himself and expose his opposition. "Such men are false apostles," he plainly stated, "deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:13). This is clearly entrenched and powerful opposition, that the claimants would be able to confuse some of the brethren about their being apostles of Christ. Hence Paul is going to challenge these men making such bold claims with some boldness of his own. "But in whatever respect anyone else is bold ...

I am just as bold myself" (2 Corinthians 11:21).

- **Questions of background** — All the apostles of Jesus Christ were descendants of Abraham through Jacob, or sometimes in New Testament times lumped into the general term "Jews." Paul's questions for his opposition will begin to probe this area of background. "Are they Hebrews?" is the first qualifying question. His response, as expected: "So am I." The second question is for further emphasis: "Are they Israelites?" And his response is the same, "So am I." And another question to press the point home, "Are they descendants of Abraham?" Again his answer is consistent, "So am I" (2 Corinthians 11:22). No one has better credentials than Paul with regard to his ancestry and participation in the laws and customs of his people, from which Jesus chose the apostles.
- **General record of his service** — Often people speak in terms of a person's service to his country, or his years of dedication to his job or company. The apostle is going to bring some of his service to his King forward to see if his opposition can match it. "Are they servants of Christ?" he asks. In answer, the apostle again speaks in a deprecating manner concerning himself, clearly wishing he did not have to go down this road of conversation. ("I speak as if insane)," he interjects, then goes on to answer the question about his servanthood to Christ compared to theirs, "I more so." He catalogs a list of areas: "In far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death" (2 Corinthians 11:23). These are significant areas of comparison; since the fake apostles are doing what they are doing for earthly gain and fame, they certainly are not going to sacrifice or subject themselves to torture to propagate their message. And each of these areas which Paul puts forward are worthy of a bit more consideration. "Far more labors": Who worked as hard as Paul? And who worked like he did with essentially no earthly return? Not the fakes! "Far more imprisonments": All Paul would have to do to avoid prison would have been to compromise. But there was no compromising the gospel of the glory of the Lord, and thus Paul suffered—not just one, but many—imprisonments. The fakes were liars and compromisers in the first place, so no prison for them! "Beaten times without number": Paul lost count of the number of beatings he had undergone, which is something to contemplate all by itself. The fakes? If they would not go to prison for their beliefs, they certainly would avoid the beatings. The listing by Paul is really overwhelming; *far more labors, far more imprisonments, beaten times without number*. Then he adds, "*often in danger of death*." The fakes are long gone before the danger of death for the gospel appears!

The beginning of Paul's listing of what he went through in order to proclaim the gospel not only silenced his opposition, it subjected them to total humiliation. The goal of such listing was to make sure that no truth-seeker in the midst of the congregation would even countenance the teaching or preaching of such men. The goal, then, was to elevate the Christ of the gospel, rather than glorify the outcast angel who disguised himself as an angel of light through the teachings of these fakes!

JAY WILSON

We  
entreat you  
on behalf  
of Christ, be  
**reconciled**  
to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20, NKJV

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