

**I will reprove all the evil ones,
and state your case in order
before your eyes**



Denya Jacobs, of Bozeman, MT
leading girls in a project
Montana Youth Camp
Echo Valley Campground, Avon, MT

**“But when His brothers had gone up to
the feast [of Tabernacles], then He Himself
also went up, not publicly, but as it were,
in secret.”**

John 7:10

July 21, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Elliot Ashley

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Scott Schweitzer

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 — Bob Edgar, **Boaz McDunn**

Preaching — Matt Wilson, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
July 24th –
7:00 p.m. —
Character Traits of
Jesus
– Phil Sutton**

Congratulations to Kody Matyala,
who was immersed into Christ
on Lord's Day July 14 in
Butte by Cole Hunsicker. Kody
is working on a ranch in the
lower Boulder valley, and
originally hails from the
Missoula area.

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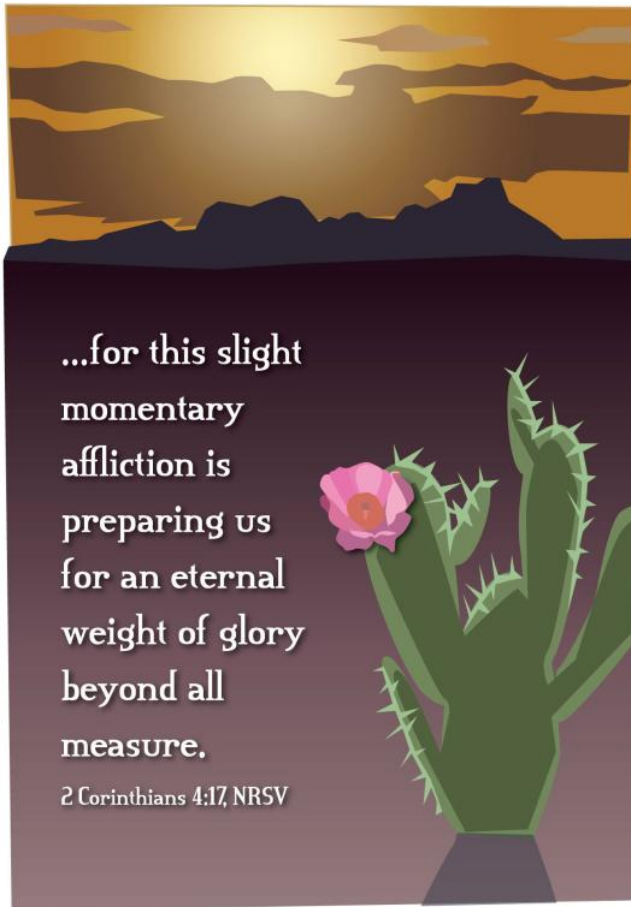
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

July 27, 28 - Fasting and prayer for evangelism

Vacation Bible School — July 29 - Aug. 1

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



Question of the week:

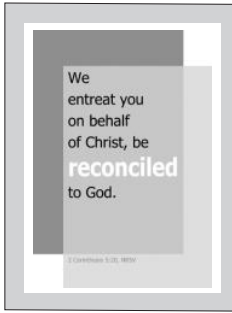
At the time that David purchased the threshing floor from Ornan the Jebusite, where was the tabernacle which Moses had build located?

Last week's question: What were the two main points of Paul's persuasion efforts to the Jewish leadership who met with him in Rome? *Answer: 1) Jesus Christ, 2) the kingdom of God (Acts 28:23,31).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 98
Morning Assembly – 121
Evening Assembly – 82

Wednesday Night (7/17) – 875
Butte Lord's Day – 16
Great Falls Lord's Day – 41,82



Power is Perfected in Weakness

It is natural that mankind in general would like things to go smoothly, for health to be perfect, and there be no problems. That, however, is not how taking the form of a bond-servant, could not escape having to deal with these, neither could the apostle Paul. Paul had been stoned, shipwrecked, flogged, forced to flee, beaten, and burdened, and the faithful Lord stood with Him through all these. But when it came to his asking the Almighty to remove the “thorn in the flesh” which plagued him, there was no deliverance. This was to keep Paul from exalting himself, and, in the Lord’s far-seeing strategy, that the brethren could not honestly accuse him of being arrogant.

- ◆ **God’s grace is sufficient** — If any saint’s prayers should be answered with “yes,” it should be the apostle Paul. If any dedicated Christian’s entreaties, a three-time pleading no less, should have been given a positive response, it should be the apostle Paul. But he himself records the Lord’s reply, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). Again, *grace* here is being used in a broader sense than God’s gracious remission of man’s sins. In this case, it has to do with God’s providing Paul with the necessary means of coping with his thorn in the flesh.
- ◆ **Power perfected in weakness** — God listed the reason why He was not going to remove the thorn in the flesh with a paradoxical statement: “Power is perfected in weakness.” Since it was God’s grace that was sufficient, it is clear that the power is going to be God’s which was working through Paul’s weakness. Earlier, the apostle had made the statement that “we have this treasure [a reference to the indwelling Spirit] in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves” (2 Corinthians 4:7). When Paul has to face, in addition to the external difficulties experienced in preaching the gospel, the personal challenge of an unrelenting thorn in the flesh, the power clearly has to be from God and will be recognized as such by the unbiased observer. God’s power is thus perfected through personal weakness!
- ◆ **More “boasting”** — Once the apostle understood the purpose of the weakness, then he could be content in it. As he puts it to the brethren in Corinth, the sympathetic and the unsympathetic, “Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me” (2 Corinthians 12:9). Where are Paul’s opposition in terms of their equality on this? Where are their “thorns in the flesh?” This is why Paul is “boasting” about this weakness, because in God’s strategy it exposes his fleshly-minded opponents for the frauds that they are. The *power* working in Paul is the great and mighty and awesome Spirit of God!
- ◆ **For Christ’s sake** — The power of Christ within is not obvious, and not generally perceived by those who are not spiritually trained and who are not aware of how God works to accomplish His purpose. He is in the process of sorting out those who truly have the faith necessary to the saving of the soul from those who do not. Hence the paradoxes. “Therefore I am well content with weaknesses,” says the understanding apostle, “with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10). Yes indeed; that’s how it works in the spiritual realm.

**Christianity wins
because good
overcomes evil**

Christianity wins because, in spite of all the apparent advantages wickedness has, good overcomes evil. The word of the gospel is spread by those individual saints who keep preaching regardless of the fact that there might be a sword to their throats. It’s God’s power rather than human power that only becomes evident in these types of tests, and the spiritually interested take note. The others don’t care.