

**He who offers a sacrifice
of thanksgiving honors Me,
and to him who orders his way aright,
I shall show the salvation of God**



Jeremiah Wilson, of Lima, OH, and Joe Shanahan, of Bozeman, MT
in the foreground
some of the crowd at the Lima Rally
Christ's Church at Lima
Lima, OH

“And there was much grumbling among the multitudes concerning Him; some were saying, ‘He is a good man’; others were saying, ‘No, on the contrary, He leads the multitude astray.’ Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews.”

John 7:12,13

August 4, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Ben Boyer

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Jim Mitchell

Communion Meditation — Mike Kover

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, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Jerry Hoffman, **Jay Wilson**



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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

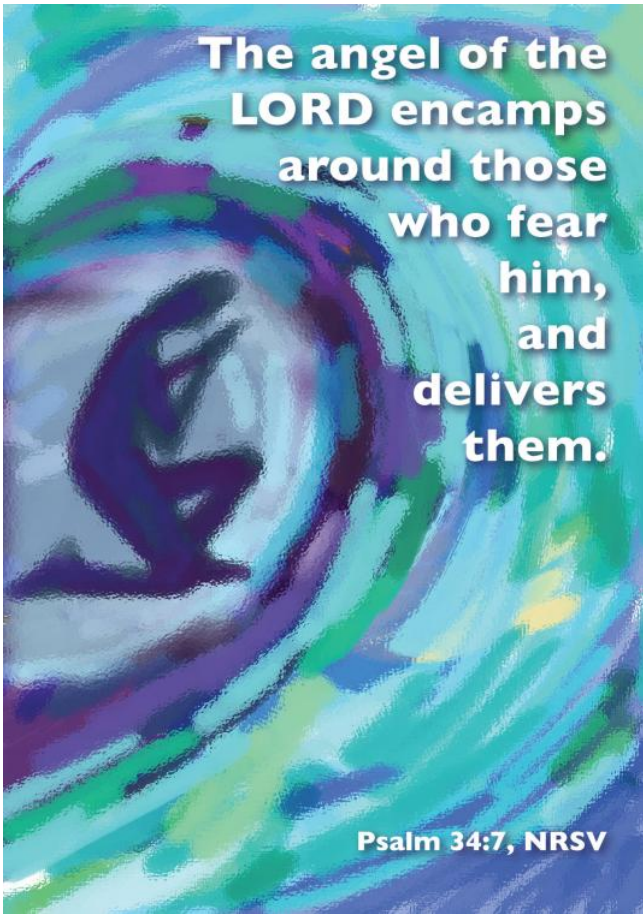
Family Camp 2019 — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman property.

Theme: Timeless Truths from the Torah

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend — Fri., Sat., Nov. 1,2

Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 14

Men's PEAKS — July 23-25



Question of the week:

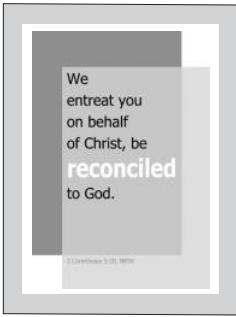
Who was king in Jerusalem when they reinstated the Passover but were too late to celebrate it during the first month of the Jewish religious calendar, and had to celebrate it during the second month?

Last week's question: When the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he spoke of those of the nation of Israel as children of the flesh as contrasted to those who are children of the promise. What is "the promise," and who are those children? *Answer: "The promise" is the indwelling Spirit (Acts 2:39), and children of the promise are Christians (Romans 8:9; 9:6,7).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 115
Morning Assembly – 148
Evening Assembly – 89

Wednesday Night (7/31) – 87
Butte Lord's Day – 18
Great Falls Lord's Day – 34,74



Reaffirming His Love

"You love brother more than me," is a fairly typical human outcry. It is not necessarily based on truth, but it is a very powerful manipulative technique that has worked for every generation of the squalling descendants of Adam. The church at Corinth—fleshly, divisive, quarrelsome, selfish—unfortunately was no exception. In addition to the apostle Paul's care in wording as he "boasted" about his accomplishments and suffering in the Lord, he also had to reaffirm his love for them. As he had explained in his first epistle, "I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:1).

▲ **Care of an apostle** — No apostle had been to Rome at the time that letter was written. But Corinth should recognize how privileged

it was that Paul had started the congregation. He, as a wise master builder, was the one who laid the foundation. As an apostle, he had the ability to pass on spiritual gifts through the laying on of his hands, and he had reminded the church that "the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you," and that they were "not lacking in any gift" (1 Corinthians 1:6,7). Thus in the second epistle he stresses that "the signs of a true apostle were performed among *you*." For their benefit, for the salvation of their eternal souls, "signs and wonders and miracles" demonstrated through the apostle Paul the truthfulness of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. (Of course, the ones who were making false claims to apostleship could not perform such a wide range of miraculous events.) The congregation at Corinth should have realized how special it was, and the kind of special care it was given since its formation.

- ▲ **Treated as inferior?** — The apostle is therefore justified in asking this question: "For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the churches?" (2 Corinthians 12:13). The obvious answer was that they were not in any way handled as second class citizens of the kingdom. However, the apostle throws in a little sarcasm, with a snarkey added clause: "except that I myself did not become a burden to you." In other words, Paul did not take any money from the congregation, and if they wanted to regard that as being treated as inferior, they could. More snarkiness: "Forgive me this wrong!"

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less?"*

- ▲ **Seeking their souls** — After making his comments about not having burdened them in the past, he reassures them about his motives in his future return to visit the congregation. "Here for this third time I am ready to come to you," he affirms, "and I will not be a burden to you; for I do not seek what is yours, but you" (2 Corinthians 12:14). He wasn't coming for their money; he was coming for their everlasting souls!
- ▲ **Spiritual parenting** — The apostle Paul occasionally would use the relationship of parents to children to portray his love and care. To the church in Thessalonica he wrote, "We proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children" (1 Thessalonians 2:7). "We were encouraging you and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children," he also illustrated (1 Thessalonians 2:11). To the brethren, then, in Corinth, he would communicate, "Children are not responsible to save for their parents, but parents for their children. And I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls" (2 Corinthians 12:14,15). It always comes back to saving their souls.

In modern society, *love* is something to be felt. That is not true, of course, but that is the prevailing culture; in consequence, many congregations try to create an atmosphere where people "feel" loved. Well, the congregation in Corinth certainly wasn't "feeling the love" from Paul, but in a very deep way he demonstrated that he was the one with true love for them. "If I love you the more," he in hopefulness queried, "am I to be loved the less?" This is a question that rings down through the centuries.