

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin**



Elise Tuck and Lydia Edgar  
working with the children on the set  
Vacation Bible School  
Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

**“Jesus therefore answered them, and  
said, ‘My teaching is not Mine, but His  
who sent Me. If any man is willing to do  
His will, he shall know of the teaching,  
whether it is of God, or whether I speak  
from Myself.’ ”**

***John 7:16,17***

# August 25, 2019!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Matt Wilson, Luke Jacobs

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Charlie Brown

Communion Meditation — Jeff Landsgaard

Preaching — Davis Ashley

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Nick Kover, **Boaz McDunn**

Preaching — Cliff Renner, **Cole Hunsicker**



**This Wednesday,  
Aug. 28th –  
7:00 p.m. –  
Character Traits of  
Jesus  
– Phil Sutton**

**Congratulations to Andrew  
Wallace**, who was immersed into Christ by Jeff Landsgaard on Lord's Day Aug. 18. Andrew is a fine young man who is employed by T.J. Electric.

Register for MT Family Camp  
at  
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**August 24,25** - Fasting and prayer for evangelism. Potluck after assembly Aug. 25

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

**School begins** — Wed. Sept. 4

**Bible Bowl** — Sat. Mar. 14

**Men's PEAKS** — July 23-25

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



### Question of the week:

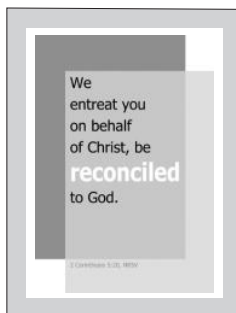
As Paul was discussing the topic of the resurrection with the Corinthians, he made a statement about our sins, if in fact Christ were not raised from the dead. What was that statement?

Last week's question: One of the great lines out of Nehemiah is connected with the time that they had rebuilt the wall to half its height. What was that line related to the Jews' mind-set? *Answer: "The people had a mind to work!" (Nehemiah 4:6).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 85  
Morning Assembly – 115  
Evening Assembly – 92

Wednesday Night (8/21) – 83  
Butte Lord's Day – 24  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 45,69



## Confirming Every Fact

How does a leader like the apostle Paul handle issues such as strife in the midst of the congregation? How can he deal with the underlying jealousy that would drive so many hidden agendas? What can he do about the angry tempers, slanders, or the gossip? How can he call to account those who are arrogant, and those who create disputes and cause disturbances? How can he help those who are not repentant, who have not dealt with the impurity, immorality, and the sensuality in their own lives? (And we moderns are so thankful those were first century church problems and that we do not have to deal with them in the twenty-first century!)

◆ **The third time** — In his first epistle, the apostle had asked the brethren in Corinth what approach he should use in his coming to visit the congregation. “Shall I come to you with a rod,” he had proposed, “or with love and a spirit of gentleness?” (1 Corinthians 4:21). But because some saints in the local church had not been obedient, the apostle is going to have to be even more direct as he prepares to spend time with the congregation. “This is the third time I am coming to you,” he warns. “Every fact is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses,” as was God’s prescribed manner of determining innocence or guilt in the fairness of the Law (2 Corinthians 13:1). His authority has been challenged. His apostleship has been questioned. “His letters are weighty and strong,” had been stated, “but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible” (2 Corinthians 10:10). This, he says, is his third time to come, and it is clear that the apostle will face his accusers and will get to the facts by witnesses if necessary. It was not a personal matter; it had to do with the fact that souls were being misdirected by fleshly opposition, and the apostle has to clear things up so that truth-seekers among the congregation could see the way of salvation clearly.

- ◆ **No exceptions** — The apostle had to handle similar issues in his previous visit. As he put it, he was afraid that some of the brethren had not really taken the results of his previous meeting to heart, and that he might have to “mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and have not repented.” Thus he comments, “I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have sinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that if I come again, I will not spare anyone” (2 Corinthians 13:2). They were going to have to face Paul, and as he noted earlier, “what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons we are also in deed when present” (2 Corinthians 10:11). The rod? Or love, and a spirit of gentleness? Their choice!
- ◆ **Seeking proof** — Clearly there were false apostles and deceitful workers working among the saints. They were lying about their relationship to Jesus, the Head of the church, and therefore were essentially bluffing as they called into question Paul’s position in the body of Christ. “I will not spare anyone,” the true apostle avers, “since you are seeking for proof of the Christ who speaks in me, and who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you” (2 Corinthians 13:3). He had reminded them that “the signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles” (2 Corinthians 12:12). He has all the authority of Christ backing him; the *proof* will be there.

The Christ who was speaking through Paul was (and is) indeed mighty—crucified, risen from the dead, glorified, exalted as Prince and Savior! That same Christ then was mighty toward the brethren, calling them to repentance or fierce judgment. But He was also mighty *in* them, giving them the power to overcome through His indwelling Spirit. That, therefore, was the encouragement the apostle hoped to bring, and that the changes of heart and action would ensue. Modern brethren: take note!

**Christ was mighty  
in them, giving  
them power to  
overcome!**