

**FOR I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND
MY SIN IS EVER BEFORE ME**



Cole Hunsicker and Kody Mintyala, both of Boulder, MT
Cole immersing Kody into Christ
pool at the Comfort Inn
Christ's Church, Butte, MT

**“He who speaks from himself seeks
his own glory; but He who is seeking
the glory of the One who sent Him is
true, and there is no unrighteousness
in Him.”**

John 7:18

September 1, 2019!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

9:00 am — Bible school classes

10:15 am — Assembly

Prayer meditation — **Jarrold Adams**, Williston, ND

Communion meditation — **Cole Hunsicker**, Boulder, MT

Preaching — **Steve Doty**, Bellevue, MI

2:00 pm — Family Camp Olympics

EVENING SCHEDULE:

7:00 pm

Communion meditation — **Joseph Martin**, Missoula, MT

Preaching — **Jay Wilson**, Bozeman, MT



This Wednesday,
Sept. 4th —
7:00 p.m. —
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
— *Phil Sutton*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

School begins — Wed. Sept. 4

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

Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 14

Ladies' Advance — April 9-11, Billings, MT

Men's PEAKS — July 23-25

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7

OWE NO ONE
anything,



EXCEPT TO LOVE
ONE another.

Romans 13:8, NRSV

Question of the week:

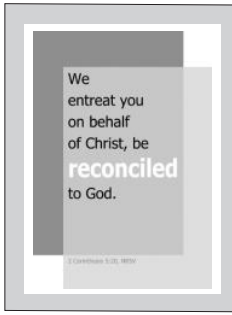
Job was a prophet, according to the book of James, and spoke of his coming Redeemer. What did he say, in connection with his wish that these things would be written in a book?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: "You are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).*

BOZEMAN, GREAT FALLS, BUTTE ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 101
Morning Assembly – 126
Evening Assembly – 85

Wednesday Night (8/28) – 104
Butte Lord's Day – 35
Great Falls Lord's Day (Wed) – 47,83,40



Weakness vs. Power

The Christ who spoke through the apostle Paul was indeed mighty. He is often described as the Mighty God. "The Mighty One, God," said the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad, appealing to their brethren in Israel that they did not intend to cause a separation in Israel after taking the promised land, "the Lord, the Mighty One, God, the Lord! He knows" (Joshua 22:22). And very often the expression, "the mighty hand" of God is used (Deuteronomy 26:8). "Who is this who comes from Edom," is the question from a vision of Isaiah, similar to the angel of the Lord's appearing in the days of Judges and coming from Gilgal up to Bochim, "with garments of flowing colors from Bozrah, the One who is majestic in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength?" Thence cometh the

answer: "It is I who speak in righteousness," saith the Lord, "*mighty to save!*" (Isaiah 63:1). "The Christ who speaks in me," thus animadverted the apostle Paul, "is mighty,"—mighty toward the Corinthians, and mighty in the Corinthians.

▼ *The weakness of Christ on display* — Jesus was the most humble of all, leaving the glories of heaven and becoming a little lower than the angels. "He emptied Himself," Paul had commented, "taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7). In the process of "being found in appearance as a man," He was tempted in all points as are all mankind, and was subjected to the most human thing of all: physical death! "He humbled Himself," the apostle had re-emphasized, "by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 3:8). Having divested Himself of any character advantage over the human race, and having taken the form of mortal man, He was in a state that could be described as "weakness," as contrasted to His power in glory. "For indeed He was crucified because of weakness," is the apostle's commentary to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 13:4). This, then, was the weakness of Christ on display for the benefit and edification of the truth-seekers among men. And in this weakness, He was in no position to save anyone!

◆ *The power of God* — But Christ did not stay dead. "It was impossible for Him," the apostle Peter had said at the first preaching of the gospel, to be held in death's power (Acts 2:24). And in being raised from the dead, He put an end to the agony of death, and began to open the way to eternal life. Jesus is often described, in His current glorified state, as dead to sin, and alive to God (Romans 6:10). "The life that He lives," is the affirmation of Paul, "He *lives* to God" (Romans 6:10). Generally, then, when the life of Jesus is spoken of, it is a reference to His life in glory! "For indeed He was crucified because of weakness," is Paul's continuing observation, "yet He *lives* because of the *power* of God." God certainly exhibited much power in the creation, but that is paltry compared to the power He used in raising Jesus from the dead and exalting Him as forever alive on the throne!

In his earlier "boasting" to the Corinthians, in an effort to get them to open their hearts wide to him and to process the important things concerning their salvation, the apostle had spoken of his weaknesses. One of those was his "thorn in the flesh," and in this trial one of the things he increasingly learned was that God's "power is perfected in weakness." As he nears the conclusion of this second epistle to the Corinthian brethren, he then makes application of the principles connected with weakness and power. "For we are weak in Him," Paul says, ascribing this to himself and the other apostles, "yet we shall live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you." The power that raised Jesus from the dead was the same power that would enable the apostles to be resurrected and live with God forever. But an additional key point was that this same power was directed toward the salvation and conservation of the Corinthians' eternal souls. Would they heed?

CHRIST WAS CRUCIFIED BECAUSE OF WEAKNESS, YET HE LIVES BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF GOD!