

***YOU ARE JUSTIFIED WHEN YOU SPEAK,  
AND BLAMELESS WHEN YOU JUDGE***



Some of the 50 or so men from New Zealand and Australia  
listening to preaching  
Men's Challenge  
Rotorua, New Zealand

***“ The multitude answered, ‘You  
have a demon! Who seeks to kill  
You?’ ”***

***John 7:20***

# September 15, 2019!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Gunnar Landsgaard

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Davis Ashley

Communion Meditation — Matthew Wilson

Preaching — Jay Wilson

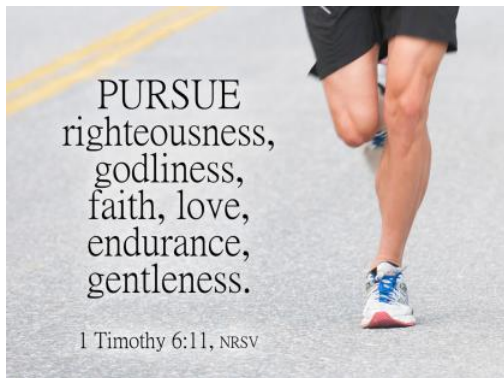
### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Brian Schweitzer, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Josiah Sutton/Kaden Reijgers, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,  
Sept. 18th –  
7:00 p.m. –  
Character Traits of  
Jesus  
– Phil Sutton**

**September 28,29 - Fasting  
and prayer for evangelism. Potluck after  
assembly Sept. 28**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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

JAMES 1:12, NIV

... RECEIVE THE  
CROWN OF  
LIFE

THAT THE LORD  
HAS PROMISED TO  
THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.

**Question of the week:**

After speaking of there being a highway from Assyria for the remnant of God's people, the prophet Isaiah speaks of God being his salvation. In the connection he uses terminology identical to Moses' song and Psalm 118 saying that God is my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Last week's question: In his second epistle to the Corinthians, Paul said that our weapons of warfare are not according to the flesh. What are those weapons for? *Answer: The destruction of fortresses—speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 79  
Morning Assembly – 113  
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (9/11) – 75  
Butte Lord's Day – 21  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 55,79,42

## For the Truth

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

2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV

Most earthly parents want their children to do what is right. Certainly the heavenly Father wants all men to do right, and even gives them a second opportunity to get it right after failure on their first attempt. The apostle Paul, in parallel fashion, regards the saints in Corinth as his spiritual children, and he wants them to believe and do right. In writing his letter to Philemon, church leader in Colossae, concerning the run-away slave Onesimus, Paul comments, "I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment" (Philemon 1:10). The slave was taught the gospel and was immersed under Paul's tutelage, and hence regarded as his "child." Paul's appeal was that Philemon would give this formerly rebellious slave another opportunity to do right.

- **Do no wrong** — Paul had written about his love for the Corinthian brethren, illustrating it in a variety of ways. He had also demonstrated his love for them by his suffering and sacrifice on their behalf. He is concerned that when he arrives for his third visit that there will be "strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances ..." (2 Corinthians 12:22). So, he prays. "Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear unapproved" (2 Corinthians 13:7). Clearly, the apostle is consistently self-effacing and concerned totally about the brethren and their eternities. He is willing to "appear unapproved" if the saints in Corinth could at least start believing and acting like saints!
- **Truth again** — Paul's faith, Paul's character, and Paul's desire to stand for the truth had been tested many times over, as had the other apostles. These consistencies were not going to change simply because he was encountering Corinthian Christians. "For we can do nothing against the truth," he posits, "but only for the truth" (2 Corinthians 13:8). Regardless of how "unapproved" Paul's actions may look from the perspective of the brethren being reproved and encouraged, he—as demonstrated by his tested character—could only act in a way that furthered the truth of the gospel and the spiritual edification of the brethren.
- **Their "complete-ness"** — In every respect, Paul and those who truly labored for the gospel repeatedly demonstrated their self-sacrificing attitudes. "For we rejoice," says he, inspired by the Holy Spirit, showing that this statement is not mere puffery, "when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete" (2 Corinthians 13:9). In statement after statement the apostle is making it clear to these wobbly brethren that he and his fellow apostles and proclaimers are willing to be weak that the others might be strong. He wants them to be perfected, to come to the point where they could be partakers of the divine nature.
- **Building up** — Paul has been as gentle as he can be with the false apostles, the backbiters, the whiners and complainers, the slanderers, and the whisperers in the congregation. He has made it plain that he is coming in person shortly, and wants things straightened out when he arrives. "For this reason I am writing these things when absent," he explains, "in order that when present I may not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me, for building up and not tearing down" (2 Corinthians 13:10). The apostle Paul had the *exousia*, the extreme and same authority that Jesus referenced about Himself in giving the great commission in Matthew 28:18. If he has to use severity, he will; but his goal at every point is the building up of the brethren.

Paul, with the other tested and trusted apostles, could only act "for the truth!"

The question from the first epistle is still on the table: "Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?" (1 Corinthians 4:21). Paul clearly has enough authority to go either way, depending upon the Corinthian's choices. Whatever they choose, Paul will do the right thing. "We can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth!"