

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me**



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**“Jesus answered and said to them,
‘I did one deed, and you all marvel.
On this account Moses has given you
circumcision (not because it is from
Moses but from the fathers, and on the
Sabbath you circumcise a man.’ ”**

John 7:21,22

September 22, 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 — Phil Sutton

Communion Meditation — Rick Vaught

Preaching — Jay Wilson

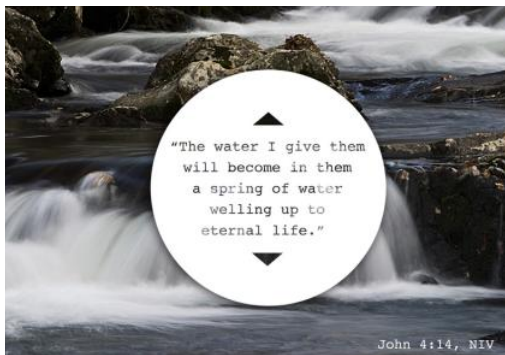
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Scott Schweitzer, **Kody Mintyala**

Preaching — Jason/Joe/Jon Shanahan, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
Sept. 25th –
7:00 p.m. –
Character Traits of
Jesus
– Phil Sutton**

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

Catch us live or archived:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

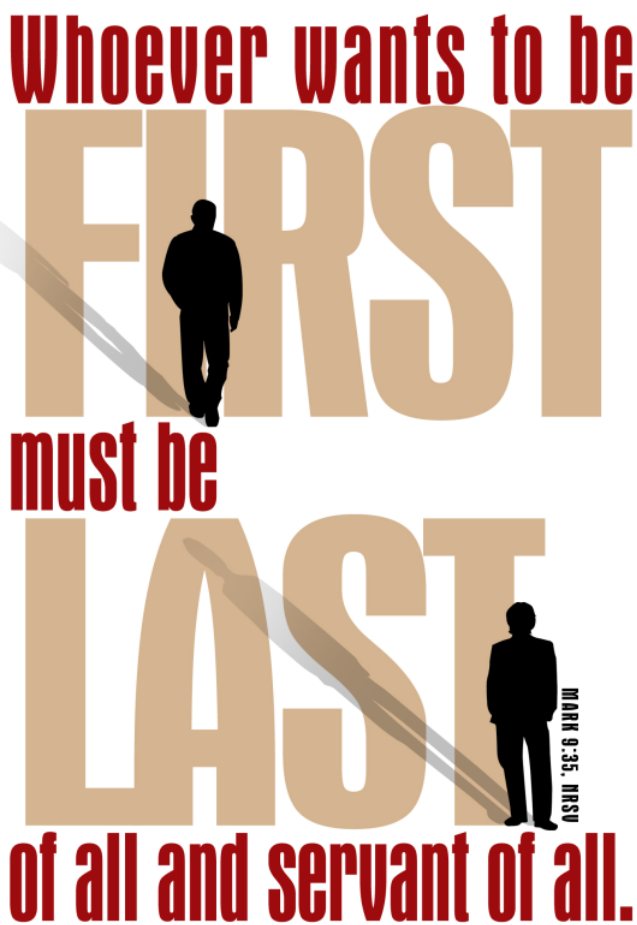
Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 14

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

Men's PEAKS — July 23-25

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7

Whoever wants to be
FIRST
must be
LAST
of all and servant of all.



Question of the week:

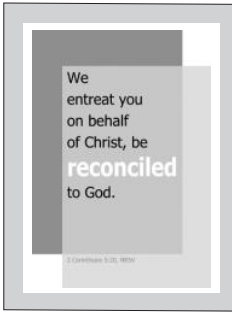
As the apostle Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia in danger of being pulled back into a law system, he introduced his question to them in these words: "This is the only thing I want to find out from you." What was his question?

Last week's question: 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 _____. *Answer: The Lord is my **strength** and **song**, and He has become my salvation (Isaiah 12:2).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 87
Morning Assembly – 109
Evening Assembly – 80

Wednesday Night (9/18) – 83
Butte Lord's Day – 21
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 47,84,47



Comfort/Encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Coming to a Close

Paul has authority as an apostle of Jesus Christ. This authority emanates from the King over the church, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. In reminding the rebellious brethren of Corinth of this authority, he had stated, "The signs of a true apostle were performed among you" (2 Corinthians 12:12). The false apostles—those who were making a claim to apostleship among them—could in no way demonstrate any authority or divine inspiration in teaching the gospel of God. Authority and power can only be entrusted to those with the character to use them properly, as the British statesman Lord Acton noted, "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Paul's character had been tested to extremities that most Christians would never know; he had listed some of the beatings,

whippings, stoning, and dangers he had been through without compromising his character or the truth of the gospel message. His authority, then, could be used for tearing things down—causing disruption and disorder of every kind, and scattering Christians as spiritual carnage all over the landscape (as some were attempting to do). But Paul worked too hard and the cost of their souls to him had been too high for him to behave in that fashion. He is going to use that authority for "building up and not tearing down."

- ◆ **A list of appeals** — As this letter comes to a close, the apostle makes some earnest, pithy appeals for their focus and behavior (2 Corinthians 13:11).
 - *Rejoice* – He wants them to get out of whatever doldrums they might have been in, and put on their happy faces!
 - *Be made complete* – The brethren were to allow the gospel of glory to work within them; they were to behold the face of Christ in the mirror of the word and be transformed into that same image.
 - *Be comforted* – This epistle started with Paul's talking about his being comforted/encouraged through tremendous suffering—as he put it, "we even despaired of life" (2 Corinthians 1:8). But this same comfort/encouragement was available to the brethren in Corinth as well.
 - *Be like-minded* – The congregation had been really divided, really split into factions. Here the apostle goes back to a theme he expressed early in his first epistle: "Be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10).
 - *Live in peace* – "You are still fleshly," Paul had stated in his first letter to these brethren. "For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?" (1 Corinthians 3:3). The apostle at the close of this second epistle appeals to them to grow and to "live in peace" rather than in their destructive strife and jealousy.
 - *A promise* – After giving the above list, the apostle and the Holy Spirit offer a promise: if the brethren would implement those things in their lives, "the God of love and peace shall be with you!" And what a promise! Where else in this wicked world could a person really experience true love and the peace that surpasses understanding!!
- ◆ **Closing greetings** — As Paul is about to finish out this intense letter, he closes with his standard but sincere and meaningful greetings. "Greet one another with a holy kiss," he says (2 Corinthians 13:12). Certainly if there is any kissing done, it should be holy! There should be no deception or "fakeyness" in the brethren's greeting one another, according to the custom of the time and culture. He then adds, "All the saints greet you" (2 Corinthians 13:13). Paul is writing from Macedonia, and sends these greetings from the brethren in Philippi, Berea, and Thessalonica.

Paul's closing thrust is succinct, but powerful. The saints at Corinth would do well to heed his words, not only for their personal souls but for the blessing that would come to the congregation as a whole. Thus it was, and so it is!

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