## **RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR** SALVATION, AND SUSTAIN ME WITH A WILLING SPIRIT



Some of the saints at Wed. evening assembly Christ's Church Great Falls, MT

"They were seeking therefore to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come." John 7:30

# November 10, 2019!

**Christ's Church** Meeting at 30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman Comfort Inn — Butte

#### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m. Opening — Jay Wilson, Nathanael Dschaak M.C. — Bob Edgar Praver Meditation — Brian Schweitzer Communion Meditation — Charlie Jacobs Preaching — Jay Wilson

#### **EVENING SCHEDULE:**

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., Butte - 7:30 p.m. M.C. — Jeff Landsgaard, George Stone Communion Meditation — Justin Stenger, Kody Mintyala Preaching — "Young Bucks", Jay Wilson



Nov. 13th – 7:00 p.m. -**Character Traits of** Jesus - Phil Sutton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bible Bowl - Sat. Mar. 14 Ladies' Advance — April 9-11, Billings, MT Men's PEAKS — July 23-25 Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



Just before the glory of the Lord left Jerusalem in Ezekiel's vision, he prophesied of Israel being gathered from the nations. What did the prophecy say about the purpose of giving them a heart of flesh instead of a heart of stone?

Last week's question: The apostle Paul told Titus (and future congregations) to reject a factious man after a first and second warning. Why? *Answer: Such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned (Titus 3:10,11).* 

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 119 Morning Assembly – 137 Evening Assembly – 73 Wednesday Night (11/6) – 70 Butte Lord's Day – 20 GF Lord's Day (*Wed*) – 48,79,45



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

#### **God** is Light

This is the message for the ages: God is light! Three simple words are in this statement, but it takes the entire Bible to bring a clear understanding of its meaning to mankind. The scripture focuses its attention on Jesus, as John made evident in his gospel account. "For the Law was given through Moses," the apostle had stated, putting the entire Old Testament in the proper perspective, "grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). "The Law," the apostle Paul phrased it, "has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith," and hence, in apprehending the truth concerning the Christ, we appropriate for ourselves the grace of Christ (Galatians 3:24). John's "gospel" continues on: "No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom

of the Father, He has explained Him" (John 1:18). The explanation of who God is, then, is one of the major purposes of the word of God.

- Jesus in prophecy There are hundreds of prophecies of the coming Messiah in the Old Testament writings. Everything, from His coming as the Child to be born and inherit the throne of David, His virgin birth, His death on the cross, His resurrection on the third day, to His ascension to that heavenly throne, are all there in the prophecies hundreds or even thousands of years old. These are recorded to establish the truthfulness of the claims the apostles and new covenant prophets make concerning Jesus of Nazareth.
- Jesus in the flesh "The Word (the Logos) became flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). The purpose for the incarnation of the great "I AM" was to make the connection with the human race, that interested individuals might come to know Him who was from the beginning. By Jesus' taking the form of a bond-servant, the proper and

perfect basis for communication with the fallen race was established. Through Jesus' life and teaching during His years in the flesh, much of the character of the unseen God was exposed to men's view in a way that men could understand. Even His love for lost man was demonstrated as He died for the lost, and "in His body" bore the sins of all. "He who has seen Me has seen the Father," was the Lord's personal explanation to the apostle Philip.

The honest individual can follow the revelation of Jesus in the scriptures to understand the conclusion: God is light!

- Jesus in His bodily resurrection The establishment of the truthfulness of the scripture hinges on whether Jesus actually was raised from the dead. To establish that Jesus was resurrected required the testimony of reliable witnesses, and sufficient backing to establish that their testimony was true. Hence the final twelve apostles (plus Paul, an eyewitness by revelation) were selected through a grueling process, seeing Jesus' resurrected body in appearances over a period of forty days. But, because of the one-time nature of Jesus' permanent resurrection and the eternal implications of this event, the apostles' testimony had to be backed by attesting miracles and Old Testament prophecy. In this way, men who knew Him (and knew Him so well that they could not mistake His identity) could positively affirm that the One crucified was also the One resurrected.
- Jesus in glory On the fortieth day following His resurrection, the Lord ascended to glory. Leaving behind any vestiges of flesh, He as the source of light entered the realm where He "dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see" (1 Timothy 6:16). Herein "He is the radiance" of the Father's "glory and the exact representation of His nature" (Hebrews 1:3). In this "exact representation," Jesus is the complete revelation of God.

This is all communicated to mankind now in the holy scriptures. The mind of man, designed by God ultimately for this purpose, can process the Christ of prophecy. The honest individual, looking for the truth of God, can read the record of Jesus' sojourn in the flesh, can marvel at the accounts of His resurrection and appearances on earth, and can stretch to understand the radiant brilliance of the glorified Christ as the finished product of the revelation of God to man. In this way, the saint understands the substance of *the message*, "God is light!"