

***I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOUR NAME, O
LORD, FOR IT IS GOOD.***



Sonny LaBuff and Abram McDunn
at the meeting place at 401 W. Park St.
Christ's Church
Butte, MT

***“Therefore I said to you that you
will die in your sins; for unless you
believe that I AM, you will die in
your sins.”***

John 8:24

July 12, 2020!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

401 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN 8:45 - (Nathanael Dschaak)

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Stewardship - Jim Mitchell

L.S. - Davis Ashley

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Kody Mintyala

Preaching - Jay Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Opening

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Joe McDunn

L.S. - Caleb Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Great Falls prayer and fasting for evangelism and getting past COVID-19 Lord's Day, July 19



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Luke Wilson with evangelism PowerPoint presentation

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson, PowerPoint presentation, review of History leading up to King James Bible

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livestream.com/ccib

christchurchonline.com

Also check out the youtube videos on targetingtruth.com,

and Innerman Radio on youtube

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men's PEAKS (onschedule!) — July 23-25; theme: "Messages from Babylon"

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



PHILIPPIANS 2:13, NIV

*... for
it is
God
who works
in you to
will and
to act in order
to fulfill his
good purpose.*

Question of the week:

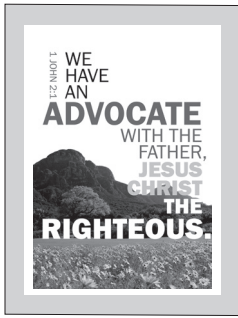
Men from the tribe of Gad defected to David in the wilderness while he was still at odds with King Saul; the least was described as equal to what number, and the greatest equal to what number?

Last week's question: When Paul was rescued by Roman soldier from the temple courtyard, Paul explained to the centurion in charge that he was a citizen of "no insignificant city." What was that city and its province? *Answer: City: Tarsus; Province: Cilicia (Acts 21:39).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 79
Morning Assembly – 92
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (7/8) – 60
Butte Lord's Day – 18
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – -51,64,15



Overcomers

The life of a Christian is guaranteed to be challenging. Paul and Barnabas, as they closed off their first missionary journey, warned the brethren in these fledgling congregations which had been established, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). In addition to the physical persecution to which these early saints were subjected, there were the confusion factors of false teachings and baseless rumors which abounded. "For there are many rebellious men," the apostle Paul reminded Titus, "empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things which they should not teach, for the sake of sordid gain" (Titus 1:10,11). Paul also warned Timothy about false teachers,

"men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and thus they upset the faith of some" (2 Timothy 2:18). Controversy and confusion always abound!

- **Positive reminders** — The apostle John is writing this general (or catholic) epistle to encourage the brethren in the first century congregations to keep fighting the intense doctrinal battle in which they found themselves embroiled. False teachers, such as the Gnostic antichrists, are aggressive in the promotion of their positions. As promoters of doctrines which they know are untrue, they cannot be persuaded by reason, and their only goal is to figure out how to "sell" their teachings to those who are caught in the middle. The saints, then, have to be intelligently aggressive as well in teaching and promoting the sound doctrines of the new covenant. "You are from God, little children," the apostle encourages the brethren who are still standing for the truth, "and have overcome them..." (1 John 4:4). While the battle might seem to be raging, the saints had in effect "already won." The same principle was expressed by the Lord Jesus near the end of His earthly journey when He told the apostles, just prior to His crucifixion, "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). The brethren in the first century, by faith, had to see that the battle was won in order to continue to fight on victoriously.
- **Strength vs. strength** — In all battles, whether it be out-and-out warfare or a friendly game of football in the back yard, the contest involves strength-vs.-strength. The goal is to put the strength of your team against the strength of the other, and to exploit any weaknesses if possible. The same is true in the spiritual realm where the intense spiritual battles rage. "You have overcome them,"

are John's words of exhortation to the brethren in their battle against the antichrists and antichrist doctrines, "because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). The indwelling Spirit, strengthening the saints in the inner man, is greater than "the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2). The Christians can continue to move forward victoriously in their fight against the forces of darkness, just as surely as David and his mighty men mowed down the lines of Philistine soldiers arrayed against them.

The eternal souls of men hang in the balance in this great warfare. God, therefore, is not idle in this conflagration. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all," the apostle Paul pointed out to the brethren in Rome, "how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32). God was willing to send Jesus into the world to be crucified to rescue lost men; He is also willing to strengthen the brethren through the Holy Spirit within so that they might be effective in prosecuting the warfare against false doctrine and carrying the torch of spiritual freedom to truth-seekers in all the corners of this dark world. What encouraging words: "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them!" And praise God for His indwelling Spirit: greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world!!

**"Greater is He
who is in you
than he who is
in the world!!"**