

**Give heed to me, and answer me, O God;  
I am restless in my complaint and am  
surely distracted**



Jeremy and Sydney Schmiedeke, along with Mike Cooper  
enjoying a fine early July evening following Bible study  
Schmiedeke home  
Christ's Church, Great Falls, MT

**So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of  
Man, then you will know that I AM, and  
I do nothing on My own initiative, but  
I speak these things as the Father taught  
Me.”**

***John 8:28***

# August 2, 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 - (Joe Shanahan)

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med. - Jerry Hoffman

L.S. - Brian Schweitzer

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE** - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**GREAT FALLS** - 2:45 - Opening

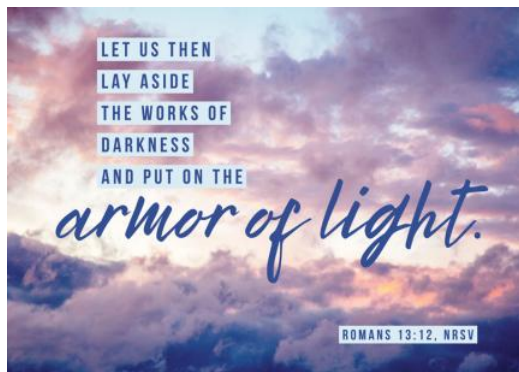
3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Paul Johnston

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Luke Wilson



**BOZEMAN** -

*Wed. night*, 7:00 pm:

Luke Wilson with evangelism PowerPoint presentation

**GREAT FALLS** -

*Wed. night*, 7:00 pm:

Video on how we got the King James Bible

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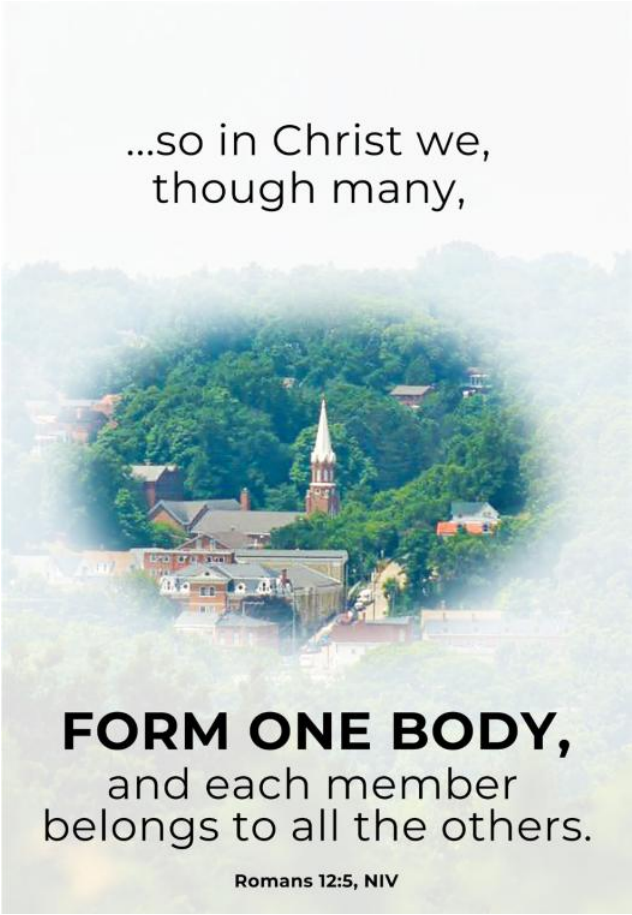
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)

Also check out the youtube videos on [targetingtruth.com](http://targetingtruth.com), and Innerman Radio on youtube

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Family Camp 2020** — Sept. 4-7

...so in Christ we,  
though many,



**FORM ONE BODY,**  
and each member  
belongs to all the others.

**Romans 12:5, NIV**

**Question of the week:**

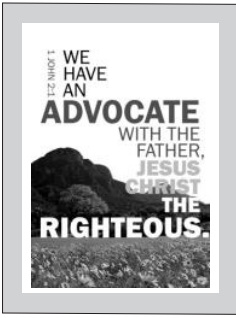
When three nations came up against Judah for war in the days of Jehoshaphat, the people trusted the Lord to deliver them, and He did. How many days did it take the Jews to gather up the spoils?

Last week's question: When the apostle Paul was explaining that the Law makes all the world accountable to God, he mentioned that the knowledge of something comes through the Law. What is it? *Answer: Through the Law comes the knowledge of sin (Romans 3:20).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 105  
Morning Assembly – 134  
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (7/29) – 72  
Butte Lord's Day – 15  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – -46,56,30



## Born from Above

One of the key words connected with scriptures is *begotten*. It is the past participle of the verb *beget*, which we scarcely use in modern English, and as such its meaning is a bit obscure. *Beget* has to do with fathering a child, that “fathering” being evident at the child’s birth. Hence, in the King James Version, it is said that “Abraham *begat* Isaac” (Matthew 1:2), or, if we were to use a little more modern terminology, “Abraham *begot* Isaac.” Isaac, then, was the first and only *begotten* son of Abraham through his wife Sarah. *Begetting* has to do with physical birth. But God is going to take the physical term connected with a physical birth and give it a more spiritual meaning as it applies to Jesus, who

is going to be described as “the first-born from the dead” (Colossians 1:18).

Hence the apostle Paul defined *begotten* as it applied to Jesus when he was preaching in the synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia: Using Old Testament scripture in addition to his personal eyewitness testimony to prove to the skeptical Jewish audience that Jesus was indeed raised from the dead, he quoted from Psalm 2. “And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that *He raised up Jesus*, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ‘You are My Son; today *I have begotten You.*’” (Acts 13:32,33). The term *begotten* as it applies to Jesus’ Sonship has to do with His being resurrected from the dead and seated at the right hand of power. It is important to note that He had that title *the only begotten Son* from all eternity, but as it played out in the revelation to mankind, the specific point in time where the “today” applies is the consummation of the

ages when Jesus took the heavenly throne. It is similar to the apostle Peter’s statement on the day of Pentecost where, at the conclusion of his message, he stated, “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has *made* Him both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). Jesus always was the Christ, but in the revelation of these truths to mankind the apostle used the expression *made Him Christ* to express a specific point in time as to how this played out for the understanding of those who would obey the gospel. This is how the plan of God, as expressed by the apostle Paul, was executed, that Jesus “was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was *declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead*, according to the Spirit” (Romans 1:3,4). Jesus always was the Son of God, but the specific point in time in which that was made known to the sons of men was His resurrection all the way to the throne on high. This is what *begotten* means when referring to Jesus as “the only begotten Son of God.”

*In being immersed, the individual is “born from above.”*

“By this the love of God was manifested in us [that is, revealed to the world through the apostles], that God has sent His *only begotten Son* into the world, so that we might live through Him” (1 John 4:9). Jesus, as the One *born from above*, made it possible for those who are truly His disciples to be *born from above* also. This tremendous love on God’s part was also expressed by the apostle Paul. “For we were foolish ourselves,” he noted, listing some of the fleshly proclivities into which we fell. “But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:3-5). In that “washing” (referring to immersion into Christ) and “renewing” by the Holy Spirit, the individual is thus “born from above,” or *begotten* in a spiritual birth in the likeness of Jesus’ being raised from the dead and seated on the heavenly throne. Hence Paul describes the spiritual birth of a lowly run-away slave: “... my child [in the faith], whom I have *begotten* in my imprisonment” (Philemon 1:10). The love of God is indeed manifest!!