

**FOR IT IS NOT AN ENEMY WHO REPROACHES  
ME, THEN I COULD BEAR IT...BUT IT IS YOU,  
A MAN MY EQUAL, MY COMPANION AND MY  
FAMILIAR FRIEND**



Kaden Reijgers, after much study and thoughtful contemplation  
being immersed by Davis Ashley  
Christ's Church  
Bozeman, MT

**“I proceeded forth and have come from  
God, for I have not even come on My  
own initiative, but He sent Me.”**

***John 8:42***

# October 18, 2020!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

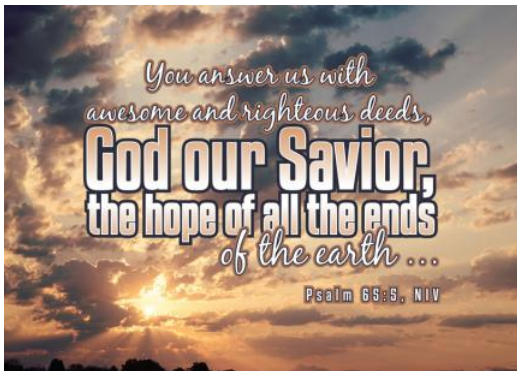
400 W. Park St. — Butte

**BOZEMAN** 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers  
9:00 am - classes  
10:00 am - Assembly  
Stewardship - Jerry Hoffman  
L.S. - Bob Edgar  
Preaching - Jay Wilson

**GREAT FALLS** - 2:45 -  
3:00 pm - classes  
4:00 pm - Assembly  
Stewardship - Stan Zech  
L.S. - Nathan Zech  
Preaching - Caleb Wilson

**BUTTE** - 7:30 pm - Classes  
8:15 pm - Assembly  
L.S. - Cole Hunsicker  
Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman** -  
Prayer and fasting for evangelism  
Sat. and Lord's Day, Oct. 24,25, with  
fellowship dinner Lord's Day Oct. 25  
following assembly.  
Harvest party - Sat. Nov. 7th, 5:30  
pm at the church building



**BOZEMAN** -  
**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:  
Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

**GREAT FALLS** -  
**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:  
Jay Wilson - Evolution  
vs. Creation Power-  
Points

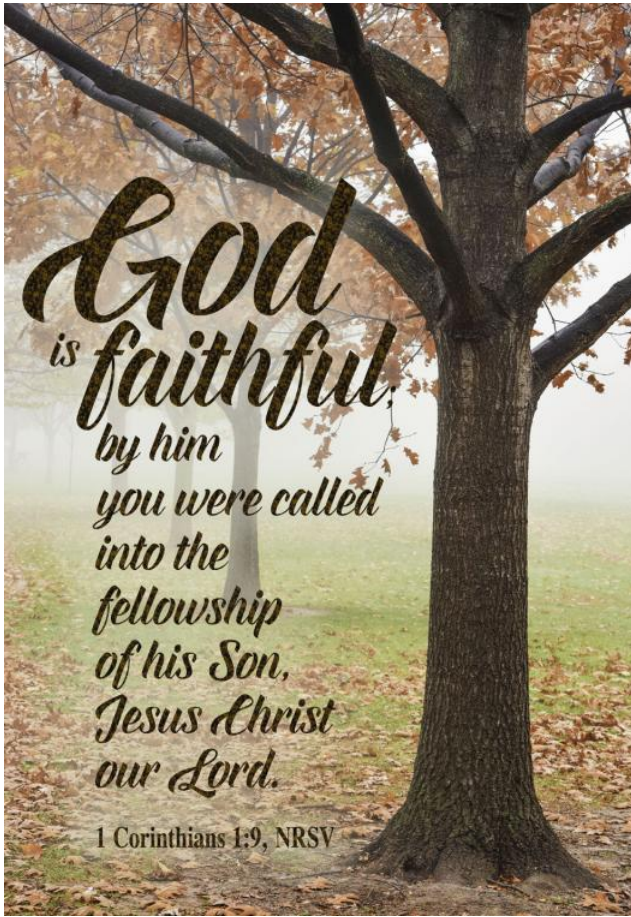
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**Great Falls** -  
Mighty Men and Growing God's  
Flowers Sat. Oct 24  
Harvest Party - Oct. 31st 6:00  
pm, at building  
Ladies' Tea/Fellowship - Nov. 7th

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Spiritual Warriors' weekend** - Oct. 30,31  
MT Ladies' Advance - Billings ladies sponsoring  
Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021  
2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



**Question of the week:**

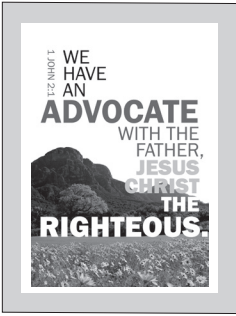
When Paul describes the return of Christ in 1 Thessalonians, he speaks of events as the dead in Christ rise? What would those events connected with Christ be?

Last week's question: When God spoke to Jeremiah about a man whose trust was in the Lord, who would be like a tree planted by the water, He also spoke of the condition of the unregenerated human heart. What was His description? *Answer: "The heart of man is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick."* (Jeremiah 17:9).

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 98  
Morning Assembly – 119  
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (10/14) – 68  
Butte Lord's Day – 10  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 56,77,W-51



## Who Came by Water and by Blood?

The Father, the perfect communicator, labored long and hard in the Old Testament to connect water and blood. Moses, said the writer of Hebrews concerning the institution of the Law, "took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people" (Hebrews 9:19). In the process, the All Wise was connecting the cleansing properties normally associated with water to blood, which generally would not be considered a cleansing agent. The writer of Hebrews also notes the difference between Jesus and the various atoning and cleansing rituals of the Old Testament, commenting that "if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling [connected with the

water of purification] those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ...cleanse your conscience" (Hebrews 9:13,14). The stage was set, then, for the coming of the sacrifice and the Savior, the Prophet and the Priest of God, the One who could and would redeem the sons of man. "This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with water only, but with the water and the blood" (1 John 5:6).

- **Coming by water** — So how is Jesus "the one who came by water"? In the apostle's gospel account, he recorded the words of John the Immerser concerning the Coming One: "In order that He might be manifested to Israel, I came immersing in water" (John 1:31). The signal, given on earth, to the Jews that Jesus was their Messiah was that He was anointed with the Spirit (rather than with oil or ointment as was done to the Old Testament kings). The Immerser explained, "I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him." This was one of the eyewitness accounts of that major event. John further gave his "inside information" perspective. "He who sent me to immerse in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who immerses in the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:33). John the Immerser would then add the words of this powerful testimony: "And I have seen, and have borne witness, that this is the Son of God" (John 1:34). It was very important that Jesus "came by water."
- **Coming by blood** — So how is Jesus "the one who came with the blood"? In order for Jesus to be the sacrifice, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," His blood would have to be shed. The writer of Hebrews noted the principle set in motion throughout the whole Old Testament, "without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness" (John 1:29; Hebrews 9:22). It is interesting that the apostle John would be the one who would record the testimony of the Immerser concerning the importance of Jesus' immersion (water) and the descent of the Holy Spirit, and that he would also be the one to record the shedding of Jesus' blood. His own eyewitness account highlights the event: "One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water" (John 19:35). But not only was Jesus' blood shed on earth, it was sprinkled in glory—as His first action as High Priest—in order to accomplish the forgiveness of sins for, and the redemption of, mankind. The writer of Hebrews put the point in these terms: It was "through His own blood He entered the holy place [heaven] once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:13). It was very important that Jesus "came by blood."

It was very important that Jesus came by water and that He came by blood!

It was comparatively easy for Jesus to come "by water"; all He had to do was to show up on the banks of the Jordan and convince the Immerser that he should dunk the Lord. It was not so easy for Him to come "by blood." That not only took the excruciating death on the cross, but it also took the tremendous power of God to raise Him from the dead and position Him at the right hand of power. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came "not with the water only, but with the water and the blood."