In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I have put my trust



Bobo Womango, native of Togo, Africa delivering a well-thought-out communion meditation Christ's Church Great Falls. MT

"Jesus said to the blind man, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which is translated *Sent*). And he went away and washed, and came back seeing."

John 9:7

"Getting the Lord's work done in 2021!!"

March 14, 2021

Christ's Church

Meeting at 30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman 2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls 400 W. Park St. — Butte

Bozeman - 8:45 - Josiah Sutton

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med. - Mike Kover L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Brian Schweitzer

Great Falls - 2:45 - Jared DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Nick Liston

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Fasting for evangelism Mar. 27,28, with potluck after assembly Mar. 28. Bring games for fun fellowship after potluck!

Butte -

Fellowship dinner - Lord's Day, Mar. 21, at 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

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

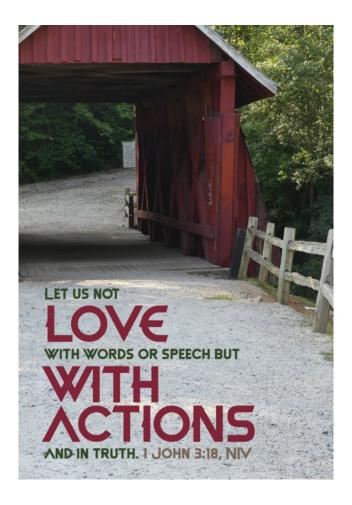
GREAT FALLS - Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Jay Wilson - Creation vs. Evolution Power-Points and videos

Great Falls -

L.D. Mar. 21 - prayer and fasting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MT Ladies' Advance April 8-10 - Billings ladies Badlands Family Camp - May 28-31 Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021 2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



Question of the week:

What laws and ordinances were different for the aliens who sojourned among Israel as contrasted to those for the Israelites themselves?

Last week's question: In Mark chapters 8,9, and 10, it is recorded in each chapter that Jesus would be rejected by the Jews and would suffer and rise again. Who else does the account in chapter 10 bring in? *Answer: The Gentiles (Mark 10:33).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 112 Morning Assembly – 128 Evening Assembly – 68 Wednesday Night (3/3) –95 Butte Lord's Day – 16 GF Lord's Day (*Wed*) – 77,94, *W-66*



Acts Alive ..

To the Remotest Part of the Earth

Jesus appeared only to the apostles and a few select individuals following His resurrection from the dead. In His appearances, Jesus stressed the preaching of the gospel very strongly in numerous instances; this was the one thing was on His mind. "Go into all the world," He said on one occasion, "and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). "Go therefore," said Jesus the Christ at another time, "and make disciples of all the nations [Gentiles]" (Matthew 28:19). "Thus it is written," said He at still another appearance, "that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all

the nations [Gentiles], beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46,47).

Hence, as the beloved physician, Luke, introduces his sequel to his researched account of Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection—the book of Acts—he records the last words Jesus spoke on earth. "You shall be My witnesses," said the risen but not yet ascended Lord to the apostles, "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Get the gospel out! Get the gospel out!—was Jesus' constant theme.

His orchestrated plan was simple, but comprehensive: 1) Jerusalem; 2) Judea and Samaria; 3) Remotest part of the earth. Each of those stages was carefully prepared for, and the signals and prompting for each were executed from on high. But the apostles and the church cooperated and were willing to be put to death for the spread of the gospel, so that before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD, it was possible for Paul to say that the gospel "was proclaimed in all creation under heaven" (Colossians 1:23).

Hence Acts breaks down into three basic, somewhat open- ended sections: 1) Chapters 1-7 — Gospel proclaimed in Jerusalem; 2) Chapter 8 — Gospel proclaimed Judea and Samaria;

3) Chapters 9-28 — Gospel proclaimed in widening circles, and finally reaching Rome, typifying its ability to be spread everywhere else.

In order for this to happen, the Lord spent forty days in final stages of preparation for the apostles' being able to preach that gospel. Luke records that Jesus "had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen" (Acts 1:2). Solidifying their testimony as witnesses, "He presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period

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forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). Furthermore, conscious that He had told them that they would see "the kingdom of God after it has come with power," He promised them that they would be "baptized [immersed] in the Holy Spirit" within a few days. Having thus prepared them for the coming Day of Pentecost and the beginning of the church, Jesus lifted off the earth in their presence and was received out of their sight.

One final thing was necessary: the selection of an apostle to take Judas' place. The eleven remaining apostles plus another 110 or so brethren met in an upper room in Jerusalem. Here, after listening to Peter's laying out the ground rules for who could be an apostle, the eleven cast lots between the two candidates who met the criteria of having been witnesses of the Christ's life from the time of His immersion in the Jordan onward. The lot fell to Matthias, who could "now be a witness with us of His resurrection" (Acts 1:22).

What can we learn? The most important thing we must keep in mind is the tremendous emphasis which Jesus gave to preaching His gospel to the whole world. The leaders of every congregation would do well to inculcate the idea that their local church is the beginning "in Jerusalem," and that the gospel is to go from there to the surrounding region, and then to the remotest part of the earth. This emphasis will keep the congregation fresh, and keep the scriptural emphasis on spreading the word.

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