# YOU HAVE DELIVERED MY SOUL FROM DEATH, INDEED MY FEET FROM STUMBLING



The "Pillsbury Doughboys" [unleavened] team from Christ's Church in Bozeman winners of the High School division 2021 Bible Bowl at Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

"Therefore they were saying to the blind man, 'How then were your eyes opened?' "

John 9:10

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

# **April 4, 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 - Joe Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Jay Shoup

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Zac Dschaak

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Levi DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Butte -** 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

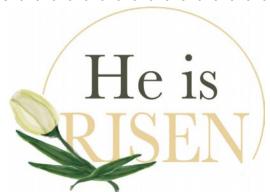
L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

### Butte -

**April 18** - Fellowship dinner, 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 -

April 4 - Potluck following assembly

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MT Ladies' Advance April 8-10 - Billings ladies
Badlands Family Camp - May 28-31, between

Glendive and Wibaux, MT

Lancaster, OH, Family Camp - May 28-31

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



### Question of the week:

When the 70, that Jesus had sent out in addition to the apostles, returned with joy, Jesus said that He was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Had that happened in earth time when He made that statement?

Last week's question: 603,550 numbered men from the tribes of Israel twenty and above crossed the Red Sea. Forty years later the tribes (other than Levi) were also numbered. What did that total come to/ *Answer:* 601,730 (Numbers 26:51).

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 102 Morning Assembly – 121 Evening Assembly – 81 Wednesday Night (3/31) –82 Butte Lord's Day – 18 GF Lord's Day (*Wed*) – 59,78, *W-50*  You shall be
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Acts Alive ...

# **Excitement Draws a Crowd**

Shortly after the beginning of the church on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost in 30 AD, Peter and John were coming into the Temple to pray. "And a certain man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. And when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms" (Acts 3:2,3).

But Peter and John gave no aims. As Peter put it: "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!"

And he walked. He not only walked, but he passed through the temple shouting and jumping around like a little child with a new toy. The scripture says that he entered the temple in the company of Peter and John walking and leaping, and—oh, yes—praising God. "And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement." Peter then preached to the crowd, and "many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of men came to be about five thousand."

Here is the pattern:

- God acts in a mighty way.
- The receiver of God's blessing gets excited.
- The excitement draws a crowd.
- The crowd gets preached to.
- Many of those who hear the message believe, and are added to the church.

Those same ingredients are the necessary components in evangelism today. In those ingredients, one of the keys is the excitement which draws a crowd. In the case of the man in Acts three, there was a clearly defined and physical blessing which generated the excitement. What we and our new converts need to recognize is that when

Get Excited! Preach the word! Fan the fires of evangelism!

a soul is saved, that is a much more important and long-term blessing than the healing of a cripple. Significantly, this spiritual healing is worthy of more walking and leaping and praising God than the restoration of the lame man of the Beautiful Gate.

One of God's great challenges with mankind is getting the human race to recognize the value of the spiritual over the physical. Because the physical is detected by the five senses, progress or change in the physical realm is obvious and immediately detectable. Change in the spiritual realm, however, requires spiritual sensitivity which has been trained by the scripture, as the writer of the Hebrews' epistle noted: "But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14). Experience in wielding the sword of the Spirit equips the saint in his being able to discern the spiritual significance of the events occurring around him. It also enables him to put the proper spiritual value on spiritual things, such as the salvation of someone's soul as contrasted to new carpet in the church building.

Use this recognition to rekindle your own excitement about your salvation, and the salvation of those you work with. Spark that recognition in others. Get excited! Draw crowds! Preach the word! Fan the fires of evangelism! "He who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins."

"If these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor *unfruitful* in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:9,8).

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