

**GOD WILL SEND FROM HEAVEN AND  
SAVE ME; HE REPROACHES HIM WHO  
TRAMPLES ON ME**



The young people who participated in the 2021 Bible Bowl  
Christ's Church  
Great Falls, MT

**“Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, ‘This man [Jesus] is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.’ But others were saying, ‘How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And there was a division among them.”**

***John 9:16***

“Getting the Lord’s work done in 2021!!”

## May 9, 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 - Nathanael Dschaak**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Jerry Hoffman

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Congratulations to *Gunnar Lands*

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

S’dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Steve Durnan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Butte -

Fellowship dinner May 16



**BOZEMAN -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**

Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

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| BOZEMAN AWARDS - MAY 21     |
| GREAT FALLS AWARDS - MAY 26 |
| MISSOULA AWARDS - MAY 26    |
| BILLINGS AWARDS - MAY 26    |

**GREAT FALLS -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**

Jay Wilson - Creation

vs. Evolution Power-

Points and videos

Great Falls -

Prayer & fasting - May 16

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Badlands Family Camp - May 28-31**

**Lancaster, OH, Family Camp - May 28-31**

**MT Youth Camp - June 13-18 (look for reg. forms by April 30)**

**Men’s PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021**

**2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6**



**Question of the week:**

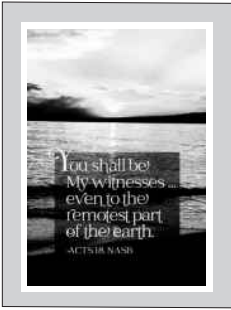
Who was the last to hold the office of judge in Israel, the first to hold the office of prophet, and the first to anoint a king for the nation?

Last week's question: When Jesus, after His resurrection but before His ascension, spoke of the Old Testament's prophecies and types concerning Him, He broke the Old Testament writings into three parts. What are they? *Answer: Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms (Luke 24:44).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 105  
Morning Assembly – 116  
Evening Assembly – 76

Wednesday Night (5/5) – 80  
Butte Lord's Day – 11  
GF Lord's Day – 69,84, Wed. - 60



Acts Alive ...

## Stephen's Defense

Stephen was a fine young man, full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, who was set aside by the apostles to serve tables in the congregation in Jerusalem. But he immediately began to speak with power and wisdom, and to back his speaking with attesting miracles and signs. The result was that the enemies of the cross said to themselves that they had to get rid of this powerful proclaimer of the resurrection of Jesus.

So they put forward false witnesses who said of Stephen, "This man incessantly speaks against this holy place [the Temple], and the Law, for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus will destroy this place [the Temple] and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us" (Acts 6:13,14). After their opening testimony, the high

priest said, "Are these things so?"

Those who brought the charges against Stephen were not honest, and their dishonesty is instructive to us today. Rather than give an honest examination of the teachings of Jesus, those who orchestrated the mob played to the Jews' reverence of their traditions rather than truth. Their own Old Testaments said that the days were coming in which God would make a new covenant with Judah and Israel, but that was counter to the narrative that they wanted to spin in order to inflame the passions of the crowd.

From that point Stephen began to show that the Jews had always misunderstood the will and intention of God, focusing his remarks toward their rejection of God's teaching concerning the Temple. He listed the following items in the Israelites' history in their rejection of God's plan:

The twelve patriarchs of Israel became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt; yet God was with him.

- Moses, at the age of forty, supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting deliverance through him, but they didn't understand. And one who was injuring his fellow Israelite pushed Moses away, saying, "Who made you a ruler and judge over us?" "This Moses," said Stephen, then referring to a time forty years later, "whom the fathers disowned, is the one whom God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush."
- The fathers were unwilling to be obedient to Moses, but repudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt, worshiping idols instead of God. As Stephen quoted God through the prophet Amos: "You also took along [in the wilderness] the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of the god Rompha, the images which you made to worship them."
- Concerning the big deal the hostile Jews were making about the Temple, Stephen says, "However the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says: 'Heaven is My throne, and earth is the footstool for My feet; what kind of house will you build for Me? Or what place is there for My repose? Was it not My hand which made all these things?' " God did not really dwell in the physical temple in Jerusalem, and these Jews needed that pointed out to them.

**A young man was holding the coats of those who stoned Stephen.**

Now listen to the conclusion of the message preached into the faces of Israel's High Court: "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did. Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose *betrayers* and *murderers* you have now become; you who received the Law as ordained by angels and did not keep it."

The results were again predictable—DEATH! Death by stoning. So Stephen died, having preached a powerful message in the face of ferocious opposition, and having witnessed the resurrected Jesus standing to receive him into initial glory. "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," were his last words. Wasted preaching, one might say. Better for Stephen to have been smarter.

But another young man was holding the coats as Stephen died, who never could get Stephen's death, and his message of Christ out of his mind. The young man's name was Saul, who was later called Paul the apostle. The message rolled on!

JAY WILSON