I MUST LIVE AMONG THE SONS OF MEN, WHOSE TEETH ARE SPEARS AND ARROWS, AND THEIR TONGUE IS A SHARP SWORD



Display for memorial service for Evie Love, one of the great saints involved in the formation and growth 48th St. Church of Christ, Billings, MT

"The Pharisees questioned his parents, saying, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind. Then how does he now see?'"

John 9:19

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

May 30, 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 - Andrew Wallace

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Brian Schweitzer

Great Falls - 2:45 - Gabe Clark

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Mike Cooper

Preaching - Joe McDunn

Butte - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

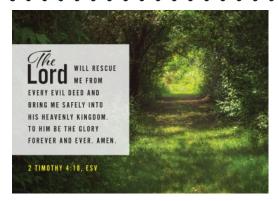
L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Nick Jacobs

Bozeman -

Butte -

Fellowship dinner before assembly June 20



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

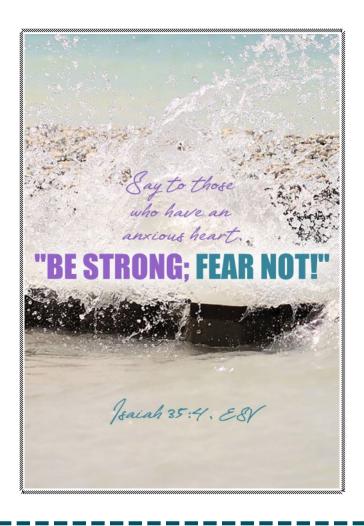
Great Falls - Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Origins video - Origin of Fossils

<u>Great Falls -</u> Potluck following assembly -Lord's Day, June 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

Why did Jesus call His commandment a "new commandment"?

Last week's question: What was the name of the mountain overlooking the plain of Jezreel where King Saul met his end? *Answer: Mount Gilboa (1 Samuel 31:8)*.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 104 Morning Assembly – 125 Evening Assembly – 78 Wednesday Night (5/26) — 72 Butte Lord's Day — 14 GF Lord's Day — 74,91, *Wed. - 100*+ You shall be My witnesses even to the remotest part of the earth. Acts Alive ...

Welcome to the Gentiles

Of Jesus it was written: "I will make you a light of the Gentiles" (Isaiah 49:6). But the torch-bearers in the early church—with 1500 years of separation from the Gentiles firmly impressed in their minds—would only take the message of the light to the Jews and their relatives, the Samaritans. Thus for ten years after the coming of God's kingdom recorded in Acts 2. the Gentiles continued to sit in darkness.

The Father, or course, had already selected for Himself an apostle to the Gentiles. Of this man—Saul of Tarsus—Jesus said, "Go, for I will send you *far away* to the Gentiles" (Acts 22:21). God had already laid the basis for expansion to the Gentiles in moving the church out of Jerusalem. The persecution that arose in connection with Stephen had spread the church into Judea and Samaria. The apostle Peter, in

fact, was already on the coastline at Joppa. With the preparations made, once again Jesus handed the keys of the kingdom to Peter, who had opened the door of salvation to the Jews on Pentecost.

The following events then took place in which salvation was loosed for the Gentiles, and Satan in consequence bound:

- -- An angel appeared to a Roman centurion named Cornelius in the city of Caesarea, and told him to send for one Simon Peter, who was staying at the house of Simon the Tanner in the city of Joppa. Cornelius sent two servants and one devout soldier to bring Peter.
- -- The following day Peter, up on the rooftop praying before lunch, had a vision of unclean animals on a blanket let down from heaven, and was told to arise, kill, and eat. When his response was that he had never eaten anything unholy or unclean, he was informed that, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy" (Acts 10:15). Thus the seed was sown in his mind for the acceptance of the "unclean" Gentiles.
- -- At this point, the messengers from Cornelius arrived. The Holy Spirit spoke directly to Peter, saying, "Arise, go downstairs, and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself" (Acts 10:20). Peter therefore invited them in to stay overnight, and on the day following went with them to Caesarea.
- -- At Caesarea, Cornelius had gathered a crowd of relatives and friends in anticipation of Peter's coming. When the apostle arrived, he explained that, while it was not lawful for a Jew to associate with a Gentile, God had shown him that he should not "call any man unholy or unclean" (Acts 10:28). He then proceeded to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, the first time this had happened in the history of the world!

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- While Peter was preaching, stating specifically that "everyone who believes" in Jesus receives
 - forgiveness of sins, the Gentiles present were immersed in the Holy Spirit just as the apostles were on the day of Pentecost (as evidenced by the Gentiles "speaking in tongues and exalting God"). The result was that Peter stated: "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be immersed who have received the Holy Spirit just as we [the apostles] did, can he?" The Gentiles were then immersed in Jesus' name (Acts 10:47,48).
- -- But all was not well in Jerusalem. There the Jewish saints were upset at Peter for going to the uncircumcised and eating with them. When Peter explained everything to them (his explanation of what had happened verified by six Jewish brethren who had accompanied Peter to Caesarea), the saints in Jerusalem glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18).

God, who sent Jesus to die for the sins of all men, took matters directly in hand and, through Peter, sent the message of salvation to the Gentiles. With the attesting sign of the immersion in the Holy Spirit, as verified by six Jewish brethren, the disciples of Christ were now prepared to accept Gentiles as their brethren in Christ. The "Lord of all" was marching His gospel forward

JAY WILSON!