

**I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O LORD,
AMONG THE PEOPLES; I WILL SING
PRAISES TO YOU AMONG THE NATIONS.**



Dave Garlock, putting the equipment off to the side
following his and other team members' work on the soffit of the building
Christ's Church
Bozeman, MT

**[The Pharisees] said therefore to [the
blind man], 'What did He do to you?
How did He open your eyes?' ”**

John 9:26

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

July 11, 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 - Brian Schweitzer

L.S. - Davis Ashley

Preaching - Jay Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Scott Schweitzer

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Levi DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Cody Kruck

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

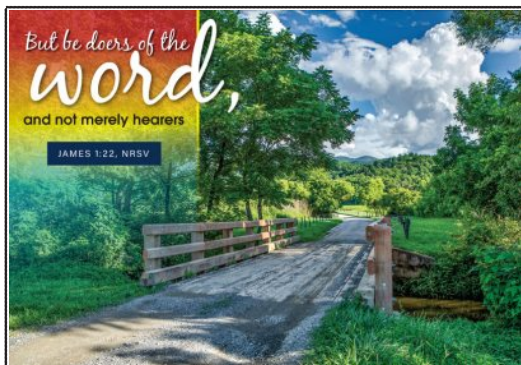
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

July Fasting/Potluck will be July 31,
Aug. 1 (due to Peaks)

Butte -

Fellowship dinner - July 18 at 6:30
pm preceding assembly



BOZEMAN -

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

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Unlocking the Mystery
of Life (intelligent
design video)

Great Falls -

Prayer and fasting - Lord's Day
July 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021, Theme: "The
kingdom's sure increase"

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, Theme: "Powerful
Pictures from the Prophets"

1 TIMOTHY 6

are obvious, and even those who are not cannot be hidden.

6 All who are under the heavens should consider the name and our teaching most honorable. ²Those who have masters are not to show less regard for them because they are laymen. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because the Lord is with them for their service, and they are to do so to them. The Lord will repay you for teaching and for your service.

Love of money

³If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the teaching, he is conceited and stands in nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means of financial gain.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸Who has little and yet lacks nothing, we will be rich. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF THE FAITH.

Paul says, "Fight the good fight of the faith." This is a battle that is fought in the heart, and it is a battle that is fought in the life. Take hold of the life to which you were called when you made your good confession. In this life you will face many enemies, and you will be tempted to turn away from the faith. But you must stand firm. You must fight the good fight of the faith. You must be ready to lay down your life for the faith. You must be ready to suffer for the faith. You must be ready to die for the faith.

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Question of the week:

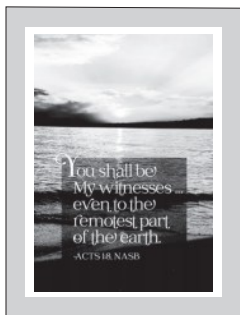
When the apostle Paul was making his defense before King Agrippa, he quoted Jesus as saying that the eyes of both the Jewish people and the Gentiles were to be opened, and that they were to _____ from darkness to light, and from the dominion of Satan to God.

Last week's question: When King Hezekiah of Judah was told by Isaiah the prophet to set his affairs in order because the king was about to die, after praying what did King Hezekiah do next? *Answer: He wept bitterly (2 Kings 20:3).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 93
Morning Assembly – 124
Evening Assembly – 73

Wednesday Night (7/7) – 90
Butte Lord's Day – 18
GF Lord's Day – 34,61, Wed. - 54



Acts Alive ...

Trouble over the Law of Moses

Those who think that the first century church was a picture of peace and tranquility have never read their Bibles carefully. Those who believe that the teachings of the apostles were received without question or controversy in those congregations have not seriously examined the inspired record. Very frankly, dogfights broke out, and it took a lot of effort for the apostles to solve the problems. Thus it was in Antioch, that great missionary-minded congregation which sent Paul and Barnabas to the Gentiles.

"And some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And when Paul and Barnabas had *great dissension and debate* with them, the brethren determined that

Paul and Barnabas and certain others [whom Luke declines to mention by name, possibly because they were those who took the other side] of them should go to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue" (Acts 15:1,2). The presence of Paul and Barnabas was not sufficient to solve the problem in Antioch, and it is doubtful if their physical presence and teaching would be respected by everyone today.

So they went to Jerusalem. "And when they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and elders, and they reported all that God had done with them [among the Gentiles]. But certain ones of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, 'It is necessary to circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses' " (Acts 15:4,5). Now there was trouble in the church in Jerusalem. Sure enough, some of those Pharisees had not experienced a complete conversion to Christianity, and were insisting that the Law of Moses was to be observed. The result: much debate.

As the apostles and elders looked into the matter, three major messages clarified the issue:

- Peter spoke, making the following points: 1) God chose Peter to be the first to deliver the message of salvation to the Gentiles, 2) God gave the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles in the same way as He did to the apostles on Pentecost, and cleansed their hearts by faith; 3) The Law was a yoke which neither the Jews nor their ancestors could bear
- Paul and Barnabas spoke, testifying how God had backed their teaching about Gentiles not having to keep the Law of Moses by doing great signs and wonders through them among the Gentiles.
- James, elder of the church in Jerusalem, spoke, saying that the Old Testament prophets concurred that the Gentiles were to turn to the Lord upon the restoration of the tabernacle of David [prophetically from Amos, referring to the establishment of the church]. "Therefore," he said, "it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood" (Acts 15:19,20).

"It is necessary to circumcise them [the Gentiles] and direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

A letter was sent to the church in Antioch containing those four points, and the contents of the letter were confirmed by the congregation in Jerusalem sending two of their men, prophets by the name of Judas and Silas. This letter was further to be circulated among all the Gentile congregations, so that others from Jewish background might not disturb the progress of these Gentile believers. Thus the doorway to future salvation of all Gentiles under the terms of "faith of Christ" was opened, never to be shut!

"So when they [Paul and Barnabas, with Judas and Silas] were sent away, they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. And Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged and strengthened the brethren with a lengthy message" (Acts 15:30-32). May it continue to be so today!

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