# The wicked are estranged from the womb; these who speak lies go astray from birth



Jason Nagle, from near Myrtle Beach, SC leading songs in the smoky sunset 50th annual Men's Peaks Delmoe Reservoir, near Butte, MT

"We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears him."

John 9:31

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

# August 15, 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 - Charlie Brown

L.S. -Steven Doty

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Levi DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Paul Johnston

L.S. - Steve Durnan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Butte - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tom McDunn

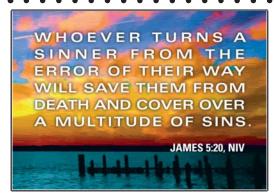
Preaching - Jay Wilson

#### Bozeman -

Young adults fellowship - Sat. Aug. 21, at Bozeman Beach. 2:00 pm. Grill foods available. Contact Andrew Wallace for more info.

#### Butte -

Beginning Lord's Day, Sept. 12, Bible school and assembly will be at the Holiday Inn Express just off the Harrison Ave exit



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

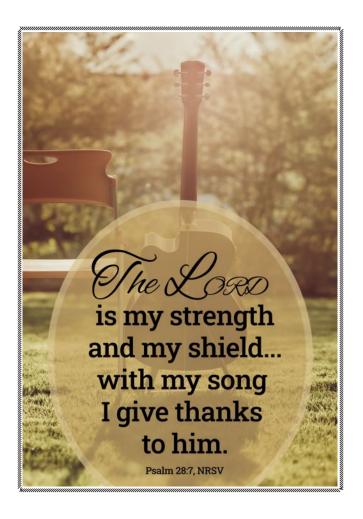
GREAT FALLS -Wed. night, 7:00 pm: "Judgment Day" (intelligent design on trial) Prayer and fasting -Aug. 15 "Backyard Movie" -Sat. Aug 28th

Congratulations to *Josiah Sutton*, who was immersed into Christ on Sat. Aug. 14 by his dad. Josiah is a recent graduate from Bozeman Christian School, and is a fine young man moving forward in life!!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 29.30



## Question of the week:

In the days of Zerubbabel, when they first laid the foundation for the house of God in Jerusalem, what was the response of the returning captives when the inhabitants of the land offered to help them rebuild?

Last week's question: The apostle Paul stated that he determined to know nothing except \_\_\_\_\_ among the Corinthians when he first came. Answer: Jesus Christ, and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2).

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 89 Morning Assembly — 120 Evening Assembly — 70 Wednesday Night (8/11) - 80 Butte Lord's Day - 14 GF Lord's Day - 63,84, Wed. - 48 Acts Alive ...



## Conversions in Corinth

From Athens Paul went to the bustling port city of Corinth. Corinth and its smaller sister Cenchrea sat at the west and east ends, respectively, of a narrow isthmus connecting the Peloponnesian peninsula to the European mainland. Ships would pull into Corinth, goods would be unloaded and transported by land to Cenchrea, where they would once again be loaded onto waiting boats for shipment along the eastern coast, saving hundreds of miles of travel. Corinth was therefore a major crossroads in the Roman Empire, a center of commerce, and infested with all the foul practices associated with such a port. That background is one of the reasons why the church in Corinth later had the moral-

ity problems mentioned in Paul's letters.

In Corinth, Paul connected with a Jew named Aquila—who had just been ordered out of Rome with the rest of the Jews— because they both had been trained in the same trade as tent-makers. Paul worked during the week, but on the Sabbath he reasoned with the Jews in the synagogue. However, when Silas and Timothy showed up from Macedonia with money from the church in Philippi, Paul quit making tents and charged fulltime into preaching the gospel to the Jews.

"And when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, 'Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I shall go to the Gentiles.' " (Acts 18:6). Strong words and strong actions from a strong man!

So where did Paul go when he went to the Gentiles? He went to the house next door to

the synagogue and converted one Titius Justus! This was followed by increasing conversions through the preaching in the synagogue and in town. "Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being immersed" (Acts 18:8). Even though Paul personally did not immerse many in Corinth, as he detailed in his first epistle to the Corinthian brethren, all who believed were in fact immersed into Christ as the gospel of salvation requires.

Many of the Corinthians were believing and being immersed!

Then the Lord made this amazing statement to Paul in a night vision. "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city" (Acts 18:10). What encouraging words to Paul! No man would attack him or harm him, in marked contrast to what he had been through in virtually all the other Greek cities. Furthermore, in addition to those already immersed, the Lord still had many more in Corinth! So Paul stayed there a whole year and six months.

Of course the Jews tried to get Paul run out of town. They grabbed him and hauled him down to the judgment seat of the Roman proconsul, named Gallio, saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the Law" (Acts 18:13). But God held true to His promise. Paul started to defend himself, but the judge spoke first instead: "If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you [this judge had to have a victim, or evidence of crime before he would act]; but if there are questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters" (Acts 18:14,15). And he actually drove them away from the judgment seat! Our judges today should follow Gallio's example and keep their noses out of matters beyond their jurisdiction.

When Paul came to Corinth, there were no Christian brethren. But when he left that city for Ephesus and his home base of Antioch, the word says, "He took leave of the brethren" (Acts 18:18). Paul preached the word in such a way that it produced *many* brethren, and the Lord was with him. Let us also "go on speaking and do not be silent" so that the word can march forward in our cities in our lifetimes!

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