

**LET THE WICKED FLOW AWAY LIKE
WATER THAT RUNS OFF; WHEN HE AIMS
HIS ARROWS, LET THEM BE AS HEADLESS
SHAFTS**



Steve and Beth Hinebauch's grandchildren playing "assembly"
with Shane preaching to them
Hinebauch Ranch
in the badlands near Glendive, MT

**Jesus heard that the Pharisees had put
the blind man out of the synagogue; and
finding him, He said, "Do you believe in
the Son of Man?"**

John 9:35

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

September 5, 2021

Christ's Church

Special Family Camp Edition

MORNING SCHEDULE:

7:00 am — Devotion, *Jason Yates*, Spokane, WA

9:00 am — Bible classes (*Mark Miller*, Missoula, MT- Adult Class)

10:15 am — Assembly

Prayer meditation — *Chad Runkel*, Lancaster, OH

Communion meditation — *Lorenzo Serrano*, Billings, MT

Preaching — *Bud Johnson*, Savannah, GA

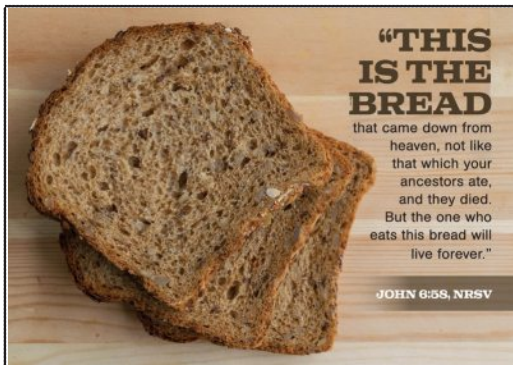
EVENING SCHEDULE:

7:00 pm

Communion meditation — *Andrew Wallace*, Bozeman, MT

Preaching — *Marshall Harbour*, Wauseon, OH

Preaching — *Jay Wilson*, Bozeman, MT



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

"Judgment Day" (intel-
ligent design on trial)

Great Falls -

School begins - Wed. Sept. 8

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Lord's Day, Sept. 12, assembly

7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn

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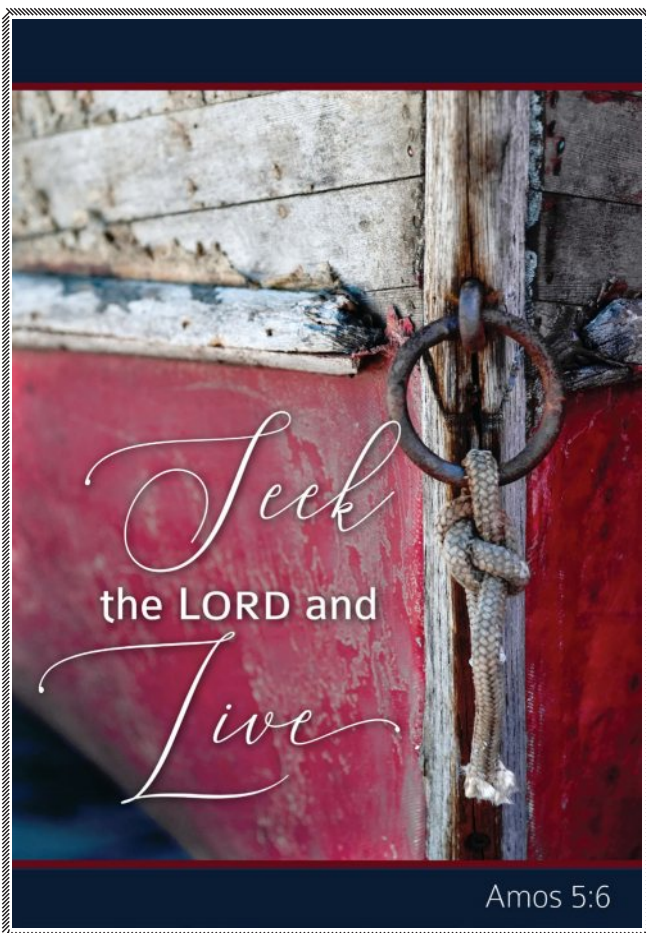
ANNOUNCEMENTS (GOD WILLING!):

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 29,30

Bible Bowl - Mar. 12, 2022

Men's Peaks - July 21-23, 2022

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022



Question of the week:

In 2 Corinthians 3 and 4, the apostle Paul makes some parallels between Moses' shining face and the new covenant revelation of Christ. What is it that saints see, by what is written in the new covenant, shining in the face of Christ?

Last week's question: In Psalm 40, Jesus prophetically spoke through David and mentioned "the scroll of the book." What was written "in the scroll of the book"? *Answer: "I delight to do Your will, O God" (Psalm 40:8).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 90
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 70

Wednesday Night (9/1) – 83
Butte Lord's Day – 14
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Acts Alive ...

Did You Receive the Holy Spirit?

As Paul finished his speaking tour in the rugged highlands of central Turkey, he reached the seacoast at Ephesus. Here he desired to continue the discussion with the Jews he had begun earlier in the synagogue on his way from Corinth to Antioch. Unknown to Paul, at first anyway, was the coming of Apollos to Ephesus, and his teaching many of the Jews there about Christ—knowing, however, only the immersion of John. Paul's tentmaking brother-in-Christ from Corinth, Aquila, and his wife, Priscilla, had talked to Apollos and corrected his teaching about immersion. Presumably, Priscilla and Aquila spoke of these things to Paul when he arrived in Ephesus.

When Paul found some disciples in Ephesus, he asked them a very unusual question: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" (Acts 19:2). This question was unusual because it was rarely (if ever) asked of other disciples of Christ in the recorded annals of the New Testament. It is also a very important question, because if a person is not indwelt by the Spirit of the living God, he does not belong to Christ (Romans 8:9-11). These disciples' response: "We have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

Given the seriousness of the matter of the indwelling Spirit, Paul knew something was wrong. His next question: "Into what then were you immersed?" (Acts 19:3). This question, at this point, unlocks—for us of our time who must look back into the scripture for our understanding of the teaching of the apostles—the relationship of immersion and the Holy Spirit. "Into what were you immersed?" said he. They should have been immersed into Christ (Romans 6:3, Galatians 3:27) as the rest of the New Testament teaches, and had they done so, they would have received the gift of the indwelling Spirit.

They explained: "Into John's immersion." And that was the problem. John's immersion never promised the indwelling Spirit, only a forgiveness of sins under the terms of the Old Covenant. "John immersed," said Paul, "with the immersion of repentance [for forgiveness of sins—see Luke 3:3], telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus" (Acts 19:4).

"And when they heard this, they were immersed into the name of Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:5). New Covenant immersion grants as a gift the indwelling Holy Spirit to every believer for all time. The promised Holy Spirit is as much a part—more, even—of the teaching on immersion as is forgiveness of sins, and must, by New Testament precedent, be taught as part of the conversion process. The logical sequence of the questioning here also establishes that immersion into Christ, or immersion into the name of Jesus Christ, is absolutely necessary for salvation.

Paul then laid hands on them, and as an apostle, could pass on gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the Spirit's will (I Corinthians 12:4-11). "And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying" (Acts 19:6). Only the apostles of Jesus Christ, as Paul often stated that he was one, could pass on these "gifts" or "manifestations" of the Spirit through the laying-on of their hands.

There are a couple of points worthy of a little extra comment here. 1) Paul "found" some disciples who had only been immersed into John's immersion. Knowing that the incomplete work of Apollos had preceded him, and knowing the importance of the indwelling Spirit received in immersion in Jesus' name, the apostle was systematically going back through the disciples to find those who were incompletely immersed. 2) Paul explained that there was a difference between John's immersion and immersion into Christ. 3) The "speaking with tongues and prophesying" on the part of those on whom the apostle laid his hands was a sign from God verifying the apostle's "re-immersion" of these twelve men as being valid and necessary.

Question for you: Have you been immersed to receive the indwelling Spirit? Can you prove from the word of God that you received the Holy Spirit "when you believed"?

JAY WILSON

Can you prove from the scriptures that you received the indwelling Spirit?