

**For God in His lovingkindness
will meet me; God will let me look
triumphantly upon my foes**



Guys (well, mostly guys) participating in a activities
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend
Christ's Church
Bozeman, MT

**“[The hireling] flees because he is a
hireling, and is not concerned about the
sheep.”**

John 10:13

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

December 19, 2021

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med. - Gary DiPaolo

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Charlie Brown

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Levi DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Nathan Zech

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

New Year’s Eve party - Fri Dec. 31;
7:00 pm at church building

Butte -

Fellowship dinner - Dec. 19 - 6:30
pm



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 2 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Caleb Wilson

Great Falls

Dec. 19 - Prayer and fasting for
evangelism

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 12, 2022

Men’s Peaks - July 21-23, 2022

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022

AND HE WHO WAS SEATED
ON THE THRONE SAID,

*"Behold, I am making
all things new."*

Revelation 21:5, ESV



Question of the week:

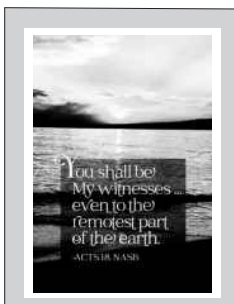
When Zephaniah prophesied of a future Zion and Jerusalem (which we know from the new covenant writings is the church), he spoke of the King of Israel, the Lord, being in its midst. How did He describe the Lord your God?

Last week's question: Which of the apostle John's three epistles states that God's holy ones are not to imitate what is evil, but what is good? *Answer: The third (3 John 1:11).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 56
Morning Assembly – 59
Evening Assembly – 35

Wednesday Night (12/15) – 37
Butte Lord's Day – 9
GF Lord's Day – 68,87, Wed. - 85



Acts Alive ...

On to Rome

"All roads lead to Rome," states the old saying. Although the apostle Paul had been over many of those roads, he had never been to Rome. He told the church in Rome that he had often planned to come to preach the gospel in Rome to bear fruit among the Gentiles, but had been prevented from coming. He even asked them in his letter to pray that he might "be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea," but God had a much better plan. Now the Lord is allowing him to come to the city, but he is coming in as a prisoner in chains.

The apostle had been incarcerated for several years in Caesarea, during which time he was forced to make his appeal to Caesar to save his life. Finally the soldiers guarding him found a ship headed for southern Turkey. Changing to another vessel there, Paul and his traveling companions were then caught in a violent fall storm in the eastern Mediterranean Sea. The ship eventually went aground at Malta (Melita), where they spent three months. When Paul was bitten by a poisonous viper, he amazed the natives by not keeling over dead or swelling up and expiring. He also healed many people, including the father of Publius, the "leading man of the island." The result was that, when the armed escort found a ship sailing to Italy, the people of the island "honored us with many marks of respect," said Luke, "and when we were setting sail, they supplied us with all we needed" (Acts 28:10). The apostle is a prisoner, shipwrecked on a strange isle, but God is capable of taking care of him. Because Paul and Luke, saints of the Most High God, need sustenance, the Almighty is willing to provide for the needs of their escort as well.

After one stop at Syracuse, the contingent disembarked on Italy's shores. At Puteoli, some brethren invited Paul and his captors to stay with them for seven days, and then continued their trek up the peninsula. Many of the Roman Christians came to meet Paul, and when he saw them, "he thanked God and took courage." It is significant that the early Christians had a great communication network set up, and were able to send messages back and forth about Paul's progress toward Rome. The long-imprisoned apostle, who had never been to the Italian peninsula, rightly took courage from the support from the brethren and the fact that the gospel had reached these areas as well. "And when we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay himself, with the soldier who was guarding him" (Acts 28:15,16). He is under house arrest, but in these "rented quarters" as a Roman citizen, he has the flexibility of inviting guests and making his presentations.

Three days later Paul went to work. Calling the leading men of the Jews together, the apostle explained why he was in Rome:

- He had been delivered prisoner by the Jews into the hands of the Romans in Jerusalem, although he had done "nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers" (Acts 28:17).
- Even the Romans would have released him, because they found no ground for putting him to death.
- But the Jews objected to his being released, so Paul was forced to appeal to Caesar to save his life, carefully explaining, "not that I had any accusation against my nation" (Acts 28:19).
- Paul therefore wanted to see these leading men among the Jews, and speak to them, "for I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel" (Acts 28:20).

Once again, the *hope of Israel* springs up in the apostle's conversation. The topic of "the resurrection of the dead" is going to open the doors to talk about the resurrected Christ, and the message of the gospel is on the move in Rome!

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JAY WILSON