

**DO NOT SLAY MY ENEMIES, LEST MY PEOPLE  
FORGET; INSTEAD SCATTER THEM BY YOUR  
POWER, AND BRING THEM DOWN,  
O LORD, OUR SHIELD**



Girls participating in activities  
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend  
Christ' Church  
Bozeman, MT

**"I am the good shepherd, and I know  
My own, and My own know Me, even  
as the Father knows Me, and I know  
the Father; and I lay down My life for  
the sheep."**

***John 10:14,15***

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

**December 26, 2021**

## **Christ's Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

### **BOZEMAN - 8:45 -**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Tommy Widner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

L.S. - Joe Shanahan

Eve msg- Andrew W/Hist prophecies

### **GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Steve McDunn

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

### **BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. -

Preaching - Jay Wilson

### **Bozeman**

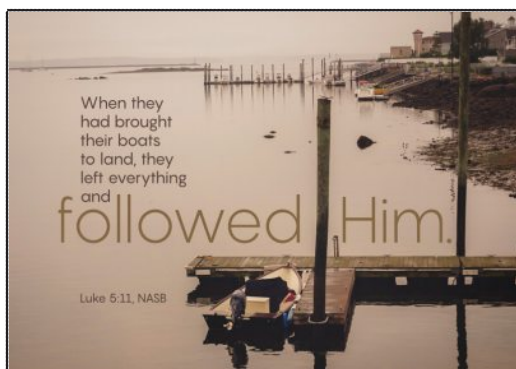
**New Year's Eve party** - Fri Dec. 31;  
7:00 pm at church building

**Men's prayer time** to begin new  
year - 8:00 am Jan. 1 at the church  
building

**Jacob Martin/Emily Miller wedding**,

2:00 pm Sat. Jan. 22 in Missoula.

**RSVP** Emily at **406-544-0784** if you  
are planning on attending.



### **BOZEMAN -**

**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:

**Phil Sutton** on 2 Peter

### **GREAT FALLS -**

**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:

**"Is Genesis History"**  
**video presentation**

### **Great Falls**

**Jan. 2 - Potluck** following as-  
sembly

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bible Bowl** - Mar. 12, 2022

**Men's Peaks** - July 21-23, 2022

**Family Camp** - Sept. 2-5, 2022

Blessed  
is the  
one  
who  
**trusts in the LORD,**  
whose  
confidence  
is in  
him.

JEREMIAH 17:7, NIV



### Question of the week:

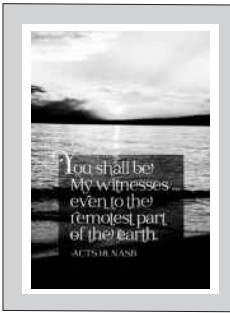
In the same Psalm where David speaks of God's knowing his "unformed substance," he also speaks of God's presence pervading heaven, and reaching Sheol as well. In what context was he speaking?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: A victorious warrior (Zephaniah 3:17).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 55  
Morning Assembly – 75  
Evening Assembly – 31

Wednesday Night (12/22) – 49  
Butte Lord's Day – 11  
GF Lord's Day – 66,91, Wed. - 51



Acts Alive ...

## The Gentiles Will Listen

Paul arrived in Rome a prisoner. As he explained to the leading men of the Jews whom he called to himself, “I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel” (Acts 28:20). In the apostle’s interactions with the Jews, he continued to use the expression “the hope of Israel,” speaking of the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and thus opening the discussion to the resurrection of Jesus.

The apostle was interested in the response of these Jews to his imprisonment, especially since it was their brethren in Asia and Jerusalem who were directly responsible for his imprisonment and forced appeal to Caesar. Their word was: “We have neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren come here and reported or spoken anything bad about you. But we desire

to hear from you what your views are; for concerning this sect [Christianity was considered a sect of the Jews], it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere” (Acts 28:21,22). At least, then, they would give him a hearing.

At a set day, then, the Jews came to Paul in large numbers. The inspired record notes the means by which the apostle tried to convert these Jews to Christ: “He was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God, and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and the prophets, from morning to evening” (Acts 28:23). No miracles, no hocus-pocus; just simple eyewitness accounts and explanation of the Old Testament scriptures. The result: some were persuaded, some would not believe.

As the Jews started to leave, one by one, arguing with one another, the apostle quoted from the prophet Isaiah about their blind eyes, deaf ears, and hard hearts—just as Jesus had—in what Luke calls “one parting word” (Acts 28:25). Since the Jews generally would not believe, Paul said, “Let it be known to you therefore, that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they also will listen” (Acts 28:26). Then the great history of the book of Acts closes with the picture of Paul in Rome, “preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered” (Acts 28:31).

All the way through the book of Acts, including Paul’s closing teaching to the Jewish leadership in Rome, there is a twin theme: 1) the kingdom of God, and 2) the Lord Jesus. It is not possible to have a kingdom without a king, and it is not possible to have a king without a kingdom. The preaching of the resurrection of Jesus included preaching His resurrection (all the way to the throne), wherein God is described as having made Jesus “Christ,” the King (the Anointed One). The preaching of the kingdom established that the prophesied kingdom is in fact the church of the living God, and that the brethren were brought together to work together in the church. If someone in the first century were simply to want to be a part of Jesus but not to participate in the church, that would not be acceptable. The structure and purpose of the first century church is to be imitated by all congregations in all following centuries, since that is the means by which the Lord gets His gospel to the world. “Jerusalem,” Jesus had commissioned the apostle, “Judea and Samaria, and to the remotest part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). It was, and is, the twin message, the kingdom of God and the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The instructions of the Lord should be clear to us. The first century church, under the tutelage of the apostles, took the message of the cross and the resurrection to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and finally, to the remotest parts of the earth. When some rejected the message, they took the word to those who would listen!

Almighty God, help your church today to be less concerned about how they are received in their communities, and more concerned about taking “this salvation to the Gentiles” who will listen! May your word rapidly run its course, and doors for it open, that your Name might be glorified throughout all the earth. Amen.

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