## "...WALK BEFORE ME IN TRUTH...." - 1 KINGS 2:4



Dr. Jon Reijgers, delivering a communion meditation regular assembly to break bread Christ's Church Great Falls, MT

"...so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught."

Luke 1:4

"Follow through in 2022!!"

May 1, 2022 Christ's Church Meeting at 30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman 2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls Holiday Inn Express — Butte BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes 8:15 pm - Assembly 9:00 am - classes 10:00 am - Assembly L.S. - Jay Wilson Preaching - Jay Wilson St'dship - Nick Kover Bozeman L.S. - Phil Sutton Awards and graduation - Friday, Preaching - Luke Wilson L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -May, 20, 7:00 pm at church building L.S. - Joe Shanahan Butte May 15 - Fellowship dinner at 6:30 GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Levi DuPaul 3:00 pm - classes pm 4:00 pm - Assembly St'dship - Cody Kruck L.S. - Joe McDunn Preaching - Jay Wilson ET'S NOT BECOME Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Phil Sutton on "The Gold Standiscouraged dard" Matt. 7:12 in doing good for in due time we will reap, if we do GREAT FALLS not become weary. Wed. night, 7:00 pm: ALAN P. 6 2 NASH "Perfectionism" - debate video Montana Youth Camp - June 12-17 - Beartooth Campground S. of Columbus ANNOUNCEMENTS: Great Falls Lancaster Family Camp - May 27-30 Potluck after assembly today! Badlands Family Camp - May 27-30 Men's Peaks - July 21-23, 2022 Awards and Graduation - Wed. May 25, Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022 7:00 pm!

VBS - June 27-30



Joseph of Arimathea, described as a good and righteous man, sat on what governing body?

Last week's question: In Joshua's farewell address to Israel, he commanded them to keep and do all that was written in the law of Moses. Why were they to do this? *Answer: That they might not associate with the pagan nations around them or end up serving their gods (Joshua 23:6,7).* 

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 93 Morning Assembly – 122 Evening Assembly – 66

## Wednesday Night (4/27) – 93 Butte Lord's Day – 11 GF Lord's Day – 64,79 *Wed.* - 44



The Epistles to the Evangelists

## Some Instructions for Christian Women

Saints need guidance as to how to conduct themselves in the church of the living God. Just as men need direction, so do the Christian women. These directives come underneath the heading of these words: God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Men in the church are therefore to pray to this end, live holy lives, and not engage in wrath or dissension; these are absolutely necessary for the church to carry out its role in seeking and saving the lost. The instruction for Christian women dovetails with the instruction to the men, and is for the same purpose. Adornment issues – Women have a huge and complementary

role inside the church and in carrying outits Christ-designed mission to the world. Hence Paul's words of wisdom to the women begin with "likewise." "Likewise," begins the apostle's exhortation, "I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments" (1 Timothy 2:9). The manner in which women adorn themselves is important in the overall forward movement of the gospel. Females, at even a fairly young age, are conscious of their apparel, and increasingly conscious of the affect their attractiveness has on other people, both men and women. Immodest dress will attract attention, but not the correct attention. "Modesty" has the general thrust of being willing to take a step back, not being ostentatious or attention-getting, as a "modest house." "Discreetly" is a form of "discretion," which has to do with using good judgment. A Christian woman's being costumed in 16th century middle European garb would neither be modest nor discreet in a 21st century culture. Proper clothing and proper amount of covering is modest and discreet, and every aware Christian female knows exactly what that is. The goal of God and the scripture is

to have the saintly women carry out that good judgment.

Allurement and entrapment – Certain women have used various means to attract attention to themselves, this being the means by which they attempt to gain value. Overall, the scripture encourages children of faith to "get their value" from God, who again and again communicates in sundry ways how much He loves and values Christian women can be tasteful without being trendy; they can be effective without being "edgy."

each person in the body of Christ. But if a female is not clearly processing this, she will tend to try to attract attention to herself, often by how she fixes her hair or with the flash of "bling." It isn't the "braided hair" that is the issue; it is how she braids it. It isn't the "gold or pearls" (it could be platinum or silver or diamonds); it is how she uses those to allure her prey. It isn't the "costly garments" *per se* that are the problem; it is how those expensive garments are designed to show off her figure that is the problem; it is how she is spider-like entrapping the intended target of her game.

The exhortation from the Holy Spirit is for saintly and godly women to use good judgment in their dress and overall adornment. Godly character is of paramount importance, and that is the "attractiveness" that the Father desires in His girls. Part of that character is exhibited in modest and discreet dress, coupled with intelligent hair styles and jewelry. Christian women are to be lights in the world and salt of the earth; they can't wear the costumes of the ancient world or not-so-ancient world and do that. But they can be tasteful without being trendy, they can be effective without being "edgy." They can focus on showing the character of Christ to the people around them without exposing an undue amount of skin. They can be those "lights" without the flash of precious metal. They can be clothed with Christ without having to use earth's "costly garments." In that fashion, the mission of seeking and saving the lost can be most effectively accomplished as saintly ladies intermingle in their societies, without the distractions of indiscretion getting in the way!

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