

**“Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded [brought] evil unto themselves.”  
-- Isaiah 3:9**



Shelly McGraw in the foreground, with Jackson Osebrah, Luke Wilson, Eugene Yutzy, and Andrew and Keirsten Wallace engaged in positive spiritual interaction  
Lima Rally, Christ's Church in Lima, OH

**“But in vain do they worship Me,  
teaching as doctrines the precepts of  
men.”**

***Mark 7:7***

*"Follow through in 2022!!"*

## July 10, 2022

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Josiah Sutton

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Bob Edgar

L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

L.S. - Justin Shanahan

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

**VBS - July 11-14**

**Young adult fellowship** - Sat. 7/16

Hyalite hike and cookout; meet at bldg to carpool. More info contact Andrew

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Make sure that your character  
is free from the love of money,  
being content with what you have;  
for He Himself has said,



*"I will never desert you,  
nor will I ever abandon you."*

Hebrews 13:5, NASB

**BOZEMAN** -

**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm: **Phil Sutton** on "The Gold Standard" Matt. 7:12

**GREAT FALLS** -

**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:  
"Perfectionism" - debate video

### Great Falls

July 17 - Congregational prayer and fasting for evangelism

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Men's Peaks** - July 21-23-Theme: "Full Armor"

**Family Camp** - Sept. 2-5-Theme: "The Way"

For the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of  
the glory of the  
**LORD,**  
as the waters  
cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14, NIV



**Question of the week:**

When Jesus was talking directly with Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus Road, according to Paul's testimony as recorded in Acts 26, Saul was going to participate in turning people to God. From what?

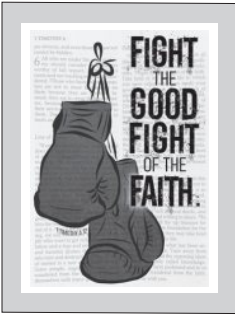
Last week's question: When Sennacherib sent messengers to threaten Jerusalem, with what did King Hezekiah cover himself? *Answer: sackcloth (2 Kings 19:1).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 78  
Morning Assembly – 92  
Evening Assembly – 60

Wednesday Night (7/6) – 65  
Butte Lord's Day – 10  
GF Lord's Day – 41,51 Wed. - 41

## The Mystery of Godliness



There are a number of “mysteries” in the new covenant writings, one of which is “the mystery,” another name for the indwelling Holy Spirit. *Mystery* contains the concept of something that was once hidden but now revealed. It was hidden in the Old Testament that the Gentiles would eventually be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but it was couched in language which takes the New Testament revelation to unravel “the mystery.” There is also the “mystery of lawlessness” which was already at work when Paul wrote the second epistle to the Thessalonians, which was the grasp for power wherein one man took the title “Bishop” over the elders. There is also the “mystery” about our receiving our resurrection bodies at Christ’s coming. But speaks of “the mystery of godliness” (1 Timothy 3:16).

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- **Common confession** – The saints in New Testament times had one belief system, known as “the faith of Christ,” and so it is to be today. Another name for a belief system is “confession” in the sense that it is a belief system held in common. Thus the writer of the book of Hebrews uses it in this fashion, exhorting, “Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession” (Hebrews 3:1). “And by common confession,” says Paul, “great is the mystery of godliness...” (1 Timothy 3:16). [A down-to-the-roots rendering would be, “we all say the same thing”; hence some versions loosely render this “without controversy great is the mystery of godliness”]. Some versions will also use “profess” and “profession” rather than “confess” and “confession”; this rendering emphasizes that the common faith is to be “spoken forth.” Properly understood in context, they are synonyms.
- **Mystery revealed** – “Great,” expostulated the apostle, “is the *mystery* of godliness.” That which produces true godliness (god-like-ness) was hidden in the old covenant times, but now is revealed through the coming of the new covenant of Christ and the teachings of its precepts. Even the best of those in old covenant times were locked in; there was no full forgiveness of sins, no clean consciences, no “new creations.” But for those who can now participate in the gospel of the glory of Christ, that which was hidden has come to the fore, and saints can be “imitators of God, as beloved children” (Ephesians 5:1).
- **Basis for godliness** – “No man has seen God at any time,” explained the apostle John. “The only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him” (John 1:18). The entire progress of Jesus, from His being made flesh through His crucifixion and bodily resurrection, culminating in His ascension to glory, was designed before the foundation of the world to reveal God to the inner man of those who are redeemed (to “explain Him”). In order for anyone to be “godly,” as the scripture defines it under the terms of the new covenant, he has to be able to know God in order to imitate His positive characteristics. No one “knows God” unless he has been properly immersed into Christ; the others He does not know! Godliness (God-like-ness) is going to begin with that revelation of God through Jesus Christ. There is no other way to know God but through what is revealed in that scriptural revelation.

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The “mystery of godliness,” then, focuses on Jesus Christ, as it should. When a person “turns to the Lord” in immersion (compare Acts 2:38 and Acts 3:19), what the apostle Paul calls “the body of sin” or “the body of flesh” is removed in a spiritual crucifixion or spiritual circumcision (Romans 6:6; Colossians 2:11). This removal of what he also calls “the veil” results in the inner man being able, through the scripture, to behold the glory of God and to be transformed into the image of that same glory by the power of the indwelling Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:14-18). This is the “mystery of godliness.” And what a great mystery!!