

**“Line up the shield and buckler, and
draw near for battle!”
-- Jeremiah 46:3**



Don Malinowski of Bellevue, MI, and Mark Miller of Missoula, MT
enjoying some one-on-one fellowship
Lima Rally
Christ's Church in Lima, OH

**“Another also said, ‘I will follow You, Lord;
but...’**

Luke 9:61

“Follow through in 2022!!”

July 17, 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

Prayer med - Davis Ashley

L.S. - Phil Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

(STARTING BOOK OF DANIEL!)

L.S. - Elliot Ashley

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Zac Dschaak

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

July 22 - Young Adult Fellowship -

girls’ night out at 6:00 pm. Contact Keirsten

July 30 - Church building project and clean up day. 8:00 am!

Butte

July 17 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Su Nguyen

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson

Great Falls

Fasting and prayer for evangelism today

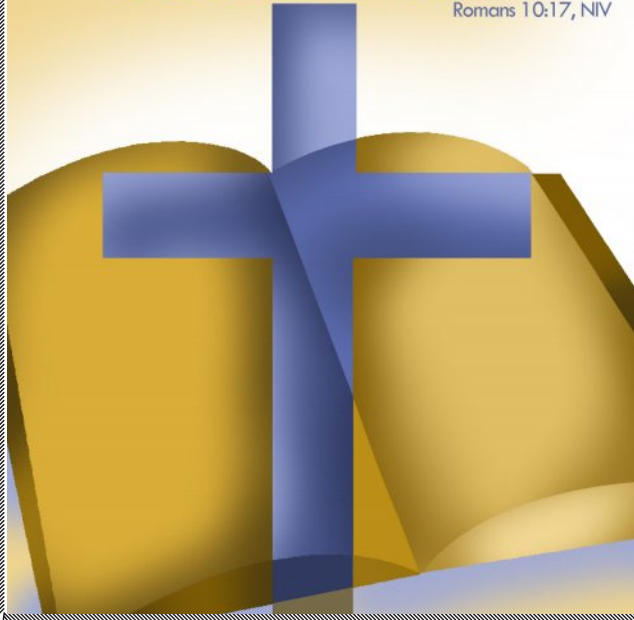
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men’s Peaks - July 21-23-Theme: “Full Armor”

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5-Theme: “The Way”

Faith comes from hearing
THE MESSAGE,
and the message
is heard through the
WORD OF CHRIST.

Romans 10:17, NIV



Question of the week:

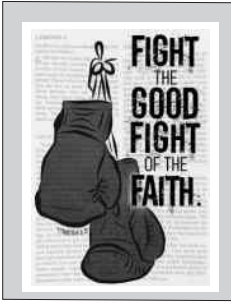
What nation was David to attack and defeat when he heard the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: the dominion of Satan (Acts 26:18).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 91
Morning Assembly – 101
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (7/13) – 71
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 62,66 Wed. - 43



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Three Points in the “Mystery of Godliness”

“The church,” averred the apostle Paul “is the pillar and support of the truth.” While truth is important in the courtroom and in news reporting, it is especially important in regard to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The human race’s eternities are generally not directly impacted by someone’s lying under oath or by false reporting. But twisting of the gospel of Christ does. Hence, the church is the pillar and support of that truth, expounding it and pointing out the errors of its enemies. The “common confession” of the saints therefore focuses on Jesus Christ, as well as salvation and transformation through Him. The “great mystery of godliness” is fully centered upon the complete revelation of Jesus Christ as recorded in the sacred writings.

- **Revealed in the flesh** – A core part of that revelation is that Jesus came into the world as a 100% human being. “And the Word became flesh,” asseverated the apostle John, emphasizing that Jesus came in a human body, combatting the antichrists of the late first century, “and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Jesus “emptied Himself” and took “the form of a bond-servant” (Philippians 2:7). He put Himself in the position where He could be tempted and could have yielded to that temptation, and gave Himself no character advantage over the rest of mankind. He showed us how to overcome! As Paul notes, as he begins to bring out the salient points of “the mystery of godliness,” he speaks of Jesus, describing Him as “He who [some versions *God*] was revealed in the flesh.”
- **Vindicated in the Spirit** – The second listing of the “mystery of godliness” is describing Jesus as “vindicated in the Spirit” (1 Timothy 3:16). The “vindication” here is that God is proving that He is “right,” and has been “right” from the beginning. How is that tied to “the Spirit”? God’s “Son,” said the apostle Paul, “was born of a descendant of David *according to the flesh*” (Romans 1:3). But He “was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection of the dead, *according to the Spirit of holiness*” (Romans 1:4). The Holy Spirit is the One who, in this context, raised Jesus from the dead and thus declared Him to be the Son of God. Thus Jesus “was vindicated in the Spirit” by virtue of His resurrection from the dead and exaltation to the throne on high. God is using this resurrection as the basis for all that He does and will do in His eventual total destruction of the domain of darkness, having proved that He was *right!*
- **Beheld by angels** – Just as the angels were involved in announcing Jesus’ birth as a descendant of David according to the flesh, they were also involved in announcing Jesus’ birth from the dead as the Son of God according to the Spirit. Mary Magdalene, the first person to see Jesus following His resurrection from the dead, first saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. When she came back to the tomb, and she saw *two angels* sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying. Matthew recorded that an *angel* came down and rolled the stone away and sat on it, and was involved in speaking with the women when they arrived. Mark’s record indicated that there was “a young man sitting on the right, wearing a white robe,” pretty clearly an *angel*. Luke’s account noted that “two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling apparel,” also *angels* from the description. The point is that Jesus was “beheld by angels” following His resurrection prior to His being seen by any of the human witnesses (1 Timothy 3:16).

The linchpin of God’s revelation is Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, appearing with the same body He had in His death on the cross with nail marks on His hands [wrist area] and the spear wound in His side. For that to happen, He had to “be revealed in the flesh.” Then He was raised from the dead in order for God’s eternal plan to move forward, and thus He “was vindicated in the Spirit.” Those first involved in His resurrection were the angels. Thus, as Paul expounds upon this mystery of godliness, his next point is that the resurrected Christ was “beheld by angels.”

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Angels were the first to announce both Jesus’ physical birth and His birth from the dead.