

**“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day  
of trouble, and He knows those who take  
refuge in Him.”**

**-- Nahum 1:7**



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Christ's Church in Lima, OH

**“Do not judge according to appearance,  
but judge with righteous judgment.”**

***John 7:24***

“Follow through in 2022!!”

## July 24, 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 - Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Steven Doty

Preaching - Marshall Harbour

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

**(YOUNG GUYS ABOUT "PEAKS"!)**

L.S. - Nathan Beard

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Brent Borelli

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

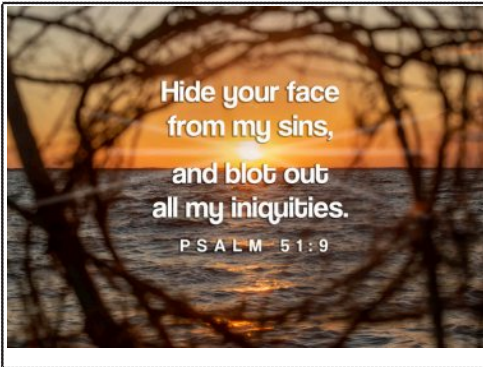
**July 30,31 - special prayer for evangelism**

**July 31 - Bring salads,etc. “Grillin” burgers and brats following assembly**

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

**Butte**

**Aug. 21 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm**



**BOZEMAN -**

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

*Epistle of Titus*

**Phil Sutton**

**GREAT FALLS -**

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

*Jay Wilson*

**Great Falls**

**Fellowship dinner** following assembly

August 7

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**Ladies’ Advance - April 13-15, 2023, Hampton Inn, Great Falls**



**Question of the week:**

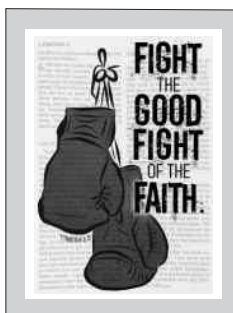
What was the apostle Paul's perspective about the possibility of preaching the gospel in Rome?

Last week's question: What nation was David to attack and defeat when he heard the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees? *Answer: the Philistines (1 Chronicles 14:15).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 87  
Morning Assembly – 103  
Evening Assembly – 76

Wednesday Night (7/20) – 66  
Butte Lord's Day – 12  
GF Lord's Day – 47,61 Wed. - 44



The Epistles to the Evangelists

## More “Mystery of Godliness”

Jesus positively exhorted His disciples, in the “Sermon on the Mount,” to “be sons of your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:45). It is the picture which consistently runs through the entire set of new covenant writings that God’s children of faith are to imitate their spiritual Dad’s character. For example, “Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you,” is part of this exhortation, as well as “joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Matthew 5:44; Galatians 5:22,23). This “godliness” springs from the revelation of God’s character through Jesus Christ, “He who was revealed in the flesh, was vindicated in the Spirit, beheld by angels, proclaimed among the nations [Gentiles], believed on in the world, taken up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16).

- **Proclaimed among the nations** – The old covenant writings consistently show that God had a plan to get His message to the Gentile peoples of the world. When Peter was doing the first preaching to the Gentiles, to Cornelius and his household, he noted, “Of Him [Jesus] *all the prophets* bear witness that through His name *everyone* who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins” (Acts 10:43). Salvation and the indwelling Holy Spirit to the Gentiles was there, but no one recognized it until the Holy Spirit began to make those points clear to the apostles. Jesus Himself went only “to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 15:24). At first, then, the gospel was preached only to the Jews. The Samaritans are brought in next in Acts chapter eight, then the Gentiles were welcomed in Acts chapter ten. From that point on, the gospel spread through the pagan peoples of the Roman Empire and beyond, so that eventually the apostle Paul could say that the gospel “was proclaimed in all creation under heaven” (Colossians 1:23). This, of course, was in accordance with Jesus’ command in Mark’s version of the Great Commission: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15).
- **Believed on in the world** – Biblically, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). The apostle Paul, for example, whether he was preaching and teaching those of Jewish background or of Gentile, always made reasoned presentations, beginning where he needed to begin depending upon their backgrounds and basic knowledge of God and the scriptures. The exposition of the testimony of the Old and New Testaments is the means by which an honest individual comes to the “faith of Christ,” and makes his decisions from that point on what he is going to do about the information he has received. The natural effect, then, of the gospel being “proclaimed among the nations” was that Jesus was “believed on in the world.”
- **Taken up in glory** – After Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection, He was “taken up in glory” at His ascension ten days prior to Pentecost, AD 30. The “mystery of godliness” would not even come close to being complete without this final phase concerning Jesus the Christ. It was in His ascension that the revelation of who God is was made complete, and without that complete revelation of who God is, godliness is impossible in His children. Hence, while the presentation of Jesus “revealed in the flesh” is accurate, it is complete. Likewise, the testimony of Jesus’ resurrection, His “vindicated in the Spirit,” is accurate and gives more information regarding the character of Christ, it is still incomplete. It is only when He ascends to glory is the revelation both accurate and complete. The writer of Hebrews noted concerning the Christ who was at the right hand of the Majesty on high that “He is the radiance of [the Father’s] glory, and the *exact representation* of His nature” (Hebrews 1:3).

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Through the “bullet-pointed” summary of the gospel of Christ enumerated by the apostle Paul, the “mystery” of what had been concealed is brought into the open by the revelation given to the apostles and new covenant prophets. This information, when believed and obeyed, will result in the initial transformation of the inner man and the resultant stepwise transformation of the outer man. “Great,” indeed, “is the mystery of godliness”!!

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