

**“BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS! Do NOT
TREMBLE OR BE DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.”**

-- JOSHUA 1:9



Su Nguyen, of Roanoke, VA
a Vietnamese “boat person” survivor by the grace of God
preaching at the 2022 men’s Peaks
Delmoe Reservoir, near Butte, MT

**“But from the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.”**

Mark 10:6

“Follow through in 2022!!”

August 14, 2022

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med – Jeff Landsgaard

L.S. - Mike Kover

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***DANIEL**

L.S. - Gunnar Landsgaard

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Caleb Wilson

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

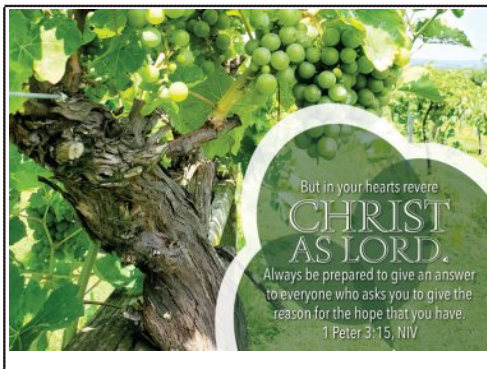
L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

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 – “Conviction”

Great Falls

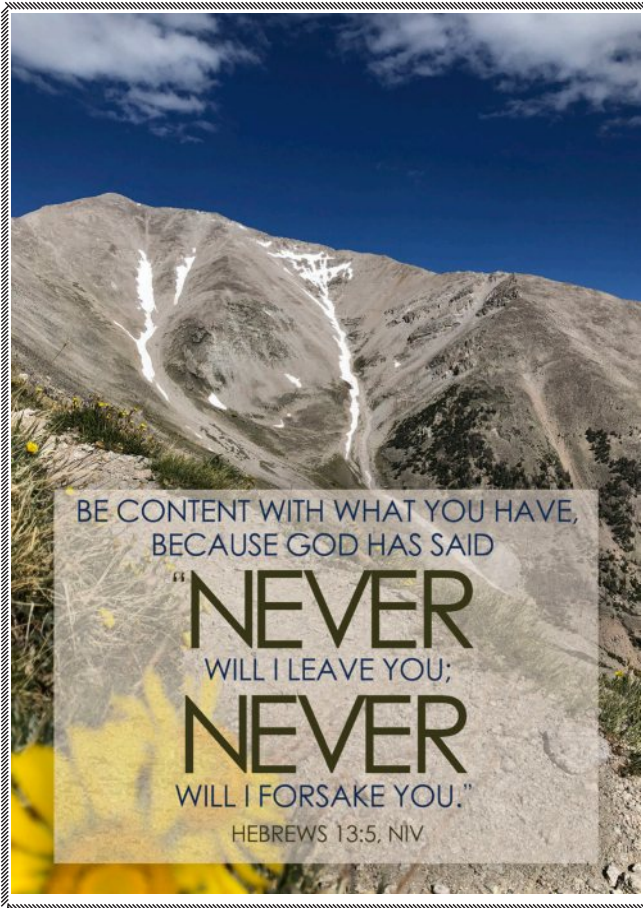
Backyard movie - Sat. Aug. 27 at Macklin residence 3117 1st Ave N, “Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe”

L.D. Sept. 4 – Assembly at 3:00 pm. No classes due Family Camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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



Question of the week:

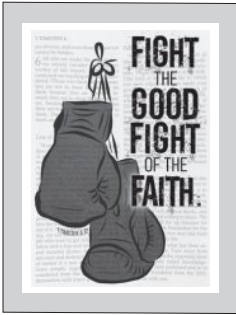
Who is the most visible leader in the days of Joshua (Jeshua) the son of Jozadak, the high priest, and who got the foundation of temple relaid, and the temple eventually rebuilt?

Last week's question: What to Paul, as he wrote to the Romans, what two things were to result from the that which "was written in earlier times"? *Answer: Perseverance and encouragement (Romans 15:4,5).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 90
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 81

Wednesday Night (8/10) – 75
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 71,91 Wed. - 46



Wrong Focus

Only God is the Creator! Satan cannot create anything; what he does is take that which is good and twist it so that it becomes something evil. "By faith," reiterates Hebrews' author, about the realm which cannot be seen with the physical eye, "we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3). Only God can create something out of nothing. Satan twists that which God has created.

● **Food for man** – When Barnabas and Paul tried to restrain the crowds from offering sacrifice to them (the crowds were thinking that the missionaries were Greek gods), they explained about the true God and Creator: "You should turn," they said, "to a living God,

who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them." They further explained about this God, "He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:15,17). "Every moving thing," the Father instructed Noah and his sons, "that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant" (Genesis 9:3).

- **Israelite dietary restrictions** – If everything is good, why did God impose dietary restrictions on Israel in the giving of the Law of Moses? Some postulated that the Lord did so for health reasons, that the clean animals were healthy and the unclean animals were unhealthy. When their own research showed this not to be universally true, their solution was to become vegetarians! While the scripture does not directly say why God did limit Israel in their food, the overall effect of God's directives on what was "clean" and what was "unclean" for Israel made a necessary and important separation between Israel and the Gentile world. Only in this way could God's plan to bring Jesus into the world go forward.
- **Under the new covenant** – The issue of "clean" and "unclean" arose when Jesus' disciples did not ritually "wash" their hands before eating their bread in accordance with Jewish custom, and hence in the eyes of Jesus' detractors the apostles were "unclean." As the Lord commented on that position, He pointed out that "whatever goes into the man from the outside cannot defile him," and that "from within, out of the heart of man" is where the evil things come that defile. In the midst of that exchange comes this commentary by the gospel writer Mark and the Holy Spirit: "Thus He declared all foods clean" (Mark 7:18-23). Thus the dietary restrictions imposed on God's people under the Law have been removed, as Paul commented to Timothy: "For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude; for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:5).
- **Judaizer problems** – One of the problems the early church faced was from those of Jewish background trying to impose the Law of Moses, including its dietary regulations, on the Gentile Christians. "It is necessary," boldly stated some of those who had been Pharisees, regarding the new Gentile converts, "to circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses" (Acts 15:5). The only restrictions on the Gentiles came in these words: "they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood" (Acts 15:20). Those still stand!

From the time, then, that the new covenant was instituted, all foods—if sanctified by prayer and received with thanksgiving—are clean. Any doctrine that would say otherwise, whether coming from Catholic dictates, or views of vegetarianism from Hindus, New Agers, or Seventh Day Adventists, is driven by demonic forces. Furthermore, any promoters of such doctrines are hypocritical liars, and their own consciences are seared as with a branding iron (1 Timothy 4:3).

JAY WILSON

In the institution of the new covenant, all foods are clean!