

**MOSES SAID, “WHY THEN ARE YOU TRANS-
GRESSING THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD,
WHEN IT WILL NOT SUCCEED?”
-- NUMBERS 14:41**



“The Great Unconformity” which is world-wide
The feet of Jay Wilson are standing on the original crust of the earth
before the Flood; the right shoulder is pointing toward the Flathead Sand-
stone, which is the first layer of rock deposited when the first wave of
Noah’s Flood came in. Shadow area is the Great Unconformity.

**“Therefore, prepare your minds
for action...”**

1 Peter 1:13

“Follow through in 2022!!”

October 2, 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 - Scott Schweitzer
L.S. - Cliff Renner
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
***DANIEL**
L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

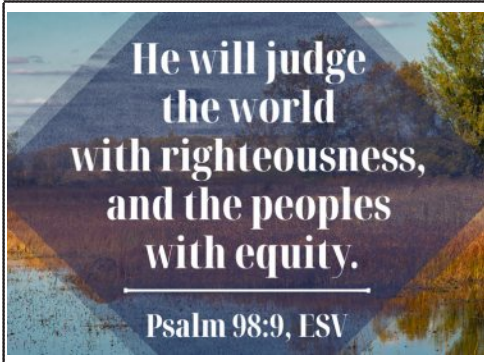
GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St’dship - Zac Zech
L.S. - Caleb Wilson
Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jason Shanahan
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman
Young Adult Fellowship - Sat. Oct.
15, 6:00 pm at the building. 80’s
night

Great Falls
Oct. 2 - Fellowship dinner following
assembly (theme: Mexican)

Butte
Oct. 16 - 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, some New
Creation information*

Congratulations to Kristi Ward of Butte, who was immersed into Christ on Thurs. Sept. 29 at the Holiday Inn Express pool in Butte by Jay Wilson! It just worked out that Thurs. was also her 50th physical birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors’ Weekend - Oct. 28,29
Theme: “Defending the Faith”
Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023
Ladies’ Advance - April 13-15, 2023
Men’s Peaks - July 20-22, 2023
Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



Question of the week:

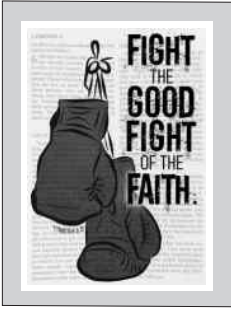
The world is like a foreign country to the saint, because he is an alien here and his homeland is elsewhere. What is the location of his citizenship?

Last week's question: According to Isaiah's account of Sennacherib's invasion of Judah and his threats to King Hezekiah, what did God say would eventually happen to Sennacherib? *Answer: that he would fall by the sword in his own land (Isaiah 37:7).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 95
Morning Assembly – 119
Evening Assembly – 77

Wednesday Night (9/28) – 83
Butte Lord's Day – 16
GF Lord's Day – 69,81 Wed. - 36



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Widows Indeed

God has always been concerned about widows and their care. In Moses' going over the Law for the generation that had come through the wilderness, he emphasized that they were not to "take a widow's garment in pledge" (Deuteronomy 24:17). Widows are often in difficult straits financially, with the husband gone and with age and increasing infirmity coming upon those poor ladies. Even James commented in new covenant writings that pure and undefiled religion is "to visit orphans and widows in their distress" (James 1:27). One of the first problems the church faced while it was still primarily located in Jerusalem was in caring for the widows. Those Jewish ladies with Greek surnames were being neglected while those with

Hebrew last names were receiving assistance. This happened because the synagogues took care of their widows, but when these ladies became "disciples of Christ," then they were booted from the synagogue and now were dependent upon the church's care. Thus the subtle prejudice against the widows who were "Hellenistic" had to be handled.

- **Instructions** – The care of widows was not going to be limited to the church in Jerusalem. As the gospel was distributed and congregations started, then there would be widows in every place and they were going to need extra consideration. Hence the apostle passes these instructions to Timothy: "Honor widows who are widows indeed" (1 Timothy 5:3). "Honor" not only has to do with giving the proper respect, but also the appropriate financial considerations.
- **Widows with family members** – When Paul uses the expression, "widows indeed," the context indicates that he is talking about widows in the church with no other source of support. The "widows indeed" would include widows who had family members, but who would not help them because they had become Christians. "But if any widow has children or grandchildren," the apostle further instructs, "let them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family, and to make some return to the parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God" (1 Timothy 5:4). It is interesting that God regards financially taking care of family needs as part of "piety," or regular religious habit! It is also interesting that the apostle uses the expression "learn to practice piety." The natural tendency of people is to be a little on the greedy side, and to keep what they can and let other family members suffer. When God set up the family, one of the learning tools He put in motion is caring for the older members of the family as they age and are no longer able to be as productive as they once were. One of the lessons is that people are more important than possessions, regardless of age or capacity.
- **"Widow indeed" defined** – A widow is to be supported by the church if she is a "widow indeed." "Now she is a widow indeed," says Paul, "and who has been left alone, has fixed her hope on God, and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day" (1 Timothy 5:5). A very dedicated saint! "Let a widow be put on the list [for support from the church] only if she is not less than sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, having a reputation for good works; and if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, and if she has devoted herself to every good work" (1 Timothy 5:9,10). Clearly, this type of lady is deserving of help from the church, having made the kingdom of God first place in her life during the years of her marriage.

These instructions for Timothy concerning "widows indeed" are somewhat restrictive, and designedly so. God doesn't want free-loaders coming in and trying to live off the church. "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Timothy 5:8). Proper stewardship of finances and family is definitely a spiritual issue!

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