

**“Remember me for this, O my God,
and do not blot out my loyal deeds...”
-- Nehemiah 13:14**



Day of Salvation!
Jacob and Anna Reijgers, with Lily, Kaden, and Kai
after Kaden immersed Lily into Christ
following Bible studies with her
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“The one who loves his brother abides in
the Light.”**

1 John 2:10

“Follow through in 2022!!”

October 16, 2022

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Joe Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Kaden Reijgers

L.S. - Josiah Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***DANIEL**

L.S. - Scott Schweitzer

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Prayer and fasting - Oct. 22-23

Potluck - Oct 23 following assembly.

Theme: comfort food

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

Great Falls

Congratulations to **Olivia May**

Dschaak, who was born to Zac and

Aubrey Dschaak on Thurs., Oct. 6!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 28,29

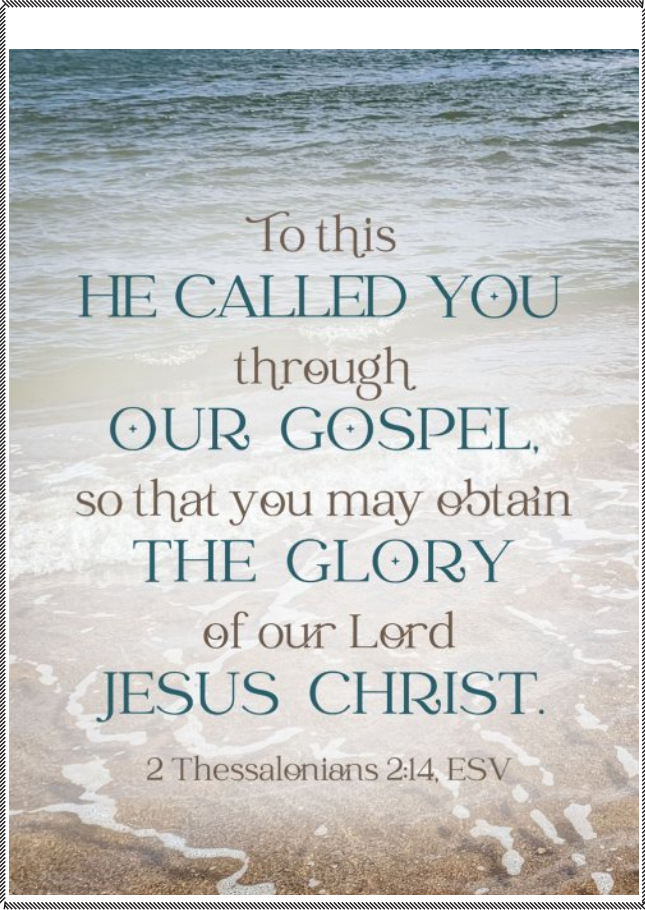
Theme: "Defending the Faith"

Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023

Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023

Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



To this
HE CALLED YOU
through
OUR GOSPEL,
so that you may obtain
THE GLORY
of our Lord
JESUS CHRIST.

2 Thessalonians 2:14, ESV

Question of the week:

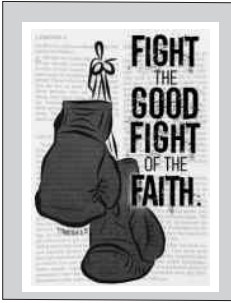
In 1 Thessalonians, the apostle Paul said that the saints are not destined for wrath. What are they destined for?

Last week's question: In Isaiah 66, the prophet foresaw a time when all the nations and tongues would be gathered. What would those gathered see? *Answer: God's glory (Isaiah 66:18).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 95
Morning Assembly – 127
Evening Assembly – 81

Wednesday Night (10/12) – 78
Butte Lord's Day – 11
GF Lord's Day – 57,78 Wed. - 50



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Financial Considerations

It is not random that mankind puts more value on gold than on silver. It is not accidental that national economies develop and there are prices on goods and services. It is what God put into the programming of man, and it is one of the means by which He teaches the value of one day's labor. Hence it is that the Almighty, through the scriptures, puts a significant emphasis on the stewardship of financial resources because it is of major spiritual importance. Jesus Himself said, "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you?" (Luke 16:11). In the teaching regarding the care of widows and "widows indeed," the instruction of necessity turns to financial matters.

- **Dependent widows** – Sometimes widows would live together, probably for mutual protection and for company. It would make sense that a wealthier widow might help provide for her sisters in Christ who were less financially blessed. A good scriptural example is Dorcas of Joppa, who "was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did" (Acts 9:36). When she passed away, brethren sent for Peter to see if he could restore her to earthly life, and he was willing to come to her home. "All the widows stood beside him weeping," is the description of the upper room where the body lay, and to which they escorted Peter, "showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them" (Acts 9:39). The indication is that these widows were staying in her home. About such, the apostle Paul writes, "If any woman who is a believer has dependent widows, let her assist them, and let not the church be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed" (1 Timothy 5:16). It makes sense that widows have no other means of support be assisted by the church, but not the others, so that maximum resources could be directed to evangelism or other needs.
- **Worse than unbelievers** – If Christian family members have a widow for a mother or grandmother, Paul had stated that they were to take care of her, using the terminology "let them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family" (1 Timothy 5:4). Implicit in the idea of "learning" is that the family must be taught. The word of God, therefore, is in the process of teaching the brethren the importance of handling financial priorities properly; in this case, the widow's needs come ahead of the desire for a family vacation if there is a need to prioritize. In this regard, the apostle has a powerful statement for family finances: "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). Any head of a household needs to process the potency of these words. Anyone who does not prioritize family needs and has some other agenda in place has denied the faith! Worse than an unbeliever!!

**“Prescribe
and teach
these things.”**

Money is a place where the physical realm and the spiritual realm come into contact in a very clear way. Money is measurable, and in some sense tangible, so there is no way to obscure the accountability of this spiritual entity. How financial resources are handled is one clear indicator of the true spirituality of one making a claim to godliness. Because "unrighteous mammon" is such a clear indicator, saints who are defensive about their finances often show anger or resentment to someone who is pointing out their need for improvement, possibly verbally attacking the one who is trying to help them in this major spiritual issue. In all the arenas in which Paul has been instructing Timothy, but especially in regard to widow care and family finances, he has this exhortation, "Prescribe and teach these things as well, so that they may be above reproach" (1 Timothy 5:7). The message to Timothy is straightforward: preach and teach these things, regardless of whether any of the saints like it or not!

JAY WILSON