

**“FOR EZRA HAD SET HIS MIND TO STUDY THE  
LAW OF THE LORD AND TO PRACTICE IT, AND  
TO TEACH HIS STATUTES AND ORDINANCES.”**

**-- EZRA 7:10**



Mrs. Beth Cooper's Bible school class  
Mattie, Marcel, and Javier  
Christ's Church in Great Falls, MT

**“...for the whole crowd was astonished  
at His teaching.”**

***Mark 11:18***

“Follow through in 2022!!”

## November 13, 2022

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman  
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls  
Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers  
9:00 am - classes  
10:00 am - Assembly  
St'dship - Jim Mitchell  
L.S. - Mike Kover  
Preaching - Luke Wilson  
**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**  
**\*DANIEL**  
L.S. - Joe Shanahan

**GREAT FALLS** - 2:45 - Stan Zech  
3:00 pm - classes  
4:00 pm - Assembly  
St'dship - Brad Smith  
L.S. - Zac Dschaak  
Preaching - Jay Wilson

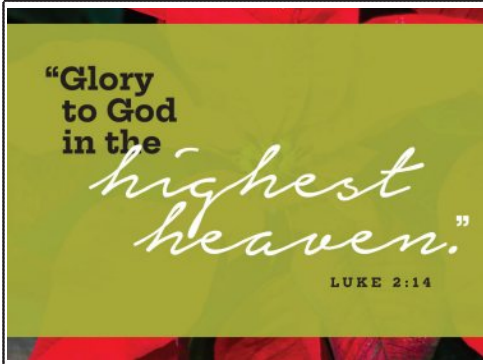
**BUTTE** - 7:30 pm - Classes  
8:15 pm - Assembly  
L.S. - George Stone  
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman  
**Young Adult Fellowship** - Sat.  
Nov. 19, 6:00 pm at Charlie Jacobs  
residence

**Prayer and fasting for evangelism** -  
Nov. 19,20

**Fellowship dinner** - Nov. 20 follow-  
ing assembly; theme: Thanksgiving

Butte  
Nov. 20 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



**BOZEMAN** -  
**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:  
*Book of Proverbs*  
Phil Sutton

**GREAT FALLS** -  
**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:  
*Jay Wilson, some New  
Creation information*

### Great Falls

*Prayer and fasting for evangelism on  
Nov. 20*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Bible Bowl** - Mar. 11, 2023  
**Ladies' Advance** - April 13-15, 2023  
**Men's Peaks** - July 20-22, 2023  
**Family Camp** - Sept. 1-4, 2023

“...be  
utterly  
amazed.

For I am going  
to do  
something  
in your days that  
you would  
not believe,  
even if you  
were told.”

HABAKKUK 1:5, NIV

### Question of the week:

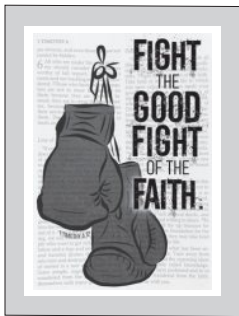
When the author of Hebrews was establishing the high priesthood of Christ, he had two quotes from the Old Testament, one referencing how He is the Son, the other referencing directly that He is a priest forever. Both quotes begin with the same two words; what are they?

Last week's question: What book begins with the words, "How lonely sits the city that was full of people!" ?  
Answer: Lamentations (Lamentations 1:1).

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 96  
Morning Assembly – 123  
Evening Assembly – 65

Wednesday Night (11/9) – 77  
Butte Lord's Day – 13  
GF Lord's Day – 76,94 Wed. - 43



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### Sound Words

There are “sound” words, and there are “shaky” words. “Sound” words and “sound” promises can be counted upon; “shaky” words and “shaky” promises are worthless and the purveyor of such is not to be trusted. Hence it is that the scripture brings forth “sound” doctrine and warns strongly and repeatedly against false doctrine.

Sound doctrine has a foundation that is solid and stands all the challenges that can be thrown at it. Hence Hinduism, Islam, Catholicism, and Calvinism (and any other false religion) can all be shown to be manufactured, fabrics of someone’s imagination. Sound doctrine has its basis in the established truthfulness of the Bible, and can be shown to be true objectively. It is worth reiterating: “But know this first of all,” stated the apostle Peter, “that no prophecy of scripture is

a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:20,21).

- **Sound words** – In the list of instructions to Timothy concerning various aspects of life in the church of God, Paul exhorted, “Teach and preach these principles.” These principles had come from the Holy Spirit to the apostles, and are part of the objective doctrine of Jesus Christ. “If anyone advocates a different doctrine,” superadds the apostle, “and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing” (1 Timothy 6:3,4). That is a powerful statement, and its conclusion might be somewhat unsuspected. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus did indeed lay the foundation for the goal of the new covenant: “Therefore,” He said, “you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). The doctrine conforming to godliness is that the sons of the Father in heaven might be imitators of God, walking in the footsteps of Christ, laying aside the old man and putting on the new self which has been created in the image of Christ. It is a tall order, but it is an order! Any person making a claim to godliness but who denies this “is conceited, and understands nothing.” The subtle desire to fulfill the lusts of the flesh but still stand justified in the sight of God is a major source of false doctrine. Many are those who claim to preach the word of God but who in fact are scratchers of itching ears.

- **Spiritual death wish** – Paul gives the inspired look at those who advocate “a different doctrine.” “He has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words” (1 Timothy 6:4). This brings to mind the proverb: “He who loves transgression loves strife” (Proverbs 17:19). The technique of the transgressor’s creating a commotion in order to direct attention away from himself is very common, and those who desire to run Satan’s program instead of God’s use it often. The apostle says that such a person “has a morbid interest in controversial questions.” That person is exhibiting a spiritual death wish, and intends that others fall under that same influence. The tendency to focus on unclear, unrevealed, or irrelevant issues rather than on focusing on the important and clear teachings of the new covenant is a characteristic of someone who really wants to duck the arrows of scripture which are aimed directly at his heart. The desire to argue speciously about the meaning of the Greek word *eis*, translated “for” as in immersion *for* the forgiveness of sins, is a great example of those who use “disputes about words” to create chaos and confusion.

Words, by God’s design of language, have meaning. Ultimately, God’s goal has been to educate spiritual men to the point where He can use words “taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words” (1 Corinthians 2:13). One of the devil’s goals, working through complicit human beings, is to confuse the language, to move people away from “sound words,” and shade, spin, and twist the meanings so that endless controversy can occur. And in the midst of that controversy, those with “morbid” interests will continue unabated and unchallenged in their sins.

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