

**“...Jealousy is as severe as Sheol; its
flashes are flashes of fire.”
-- Song of Solomon 8:6**



Finishing up assembly on first day of the week, a little after 9:00 pm
George and Shar Stone “bookends”, Tony and Betty Hering, Brian and
Debbie Currier
Christ’s Church in Butte, MT
Meeting at the Holiday Inn Express

**“For you have been bought with a price;
therefore glorify God in your body.”
*1 Corinthians 6:20***

“Follow through in 2022!!”

November 27, 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 - Josiah Sutton
L.S. - Cliff Renner
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
***DANIEL**
L.S. - Randall Ferguson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St'dship - Brent Borelli
L.S. - Nathan Zech
Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

Bozeman

Young Adult Fellowship - Sat. Dec.
12, 7:00 pm at the SUB

Butte

Dec. 18 - 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

Dec. 4 - Fellowship dinner,
following assembly. Theme: soups
and salads
Wed. Dec. 14 - School program, 7:00
pm at the church building

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

THE PEOPLE
WHO WALKED IN
DARKNESS

HAVE SEEN A

GREAT
LIGHT ...

ISAIAH 9:2, ESV

Question of the week:

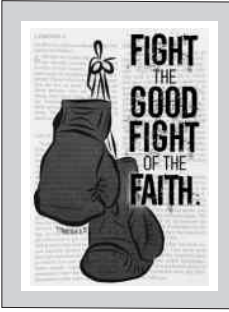
According to the book of James, what is “the royal law?”

Last week's question: When word came to Ezekiel that Jerusalem had fallen to the Babylonians, what happened to Ezekiel's mouth? *Answer: It was “opened,” and he could once again speak on his own volition (Ezekiel 33:22).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 78
Morning Assembly – 106
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (11/23) – 55
Butte Lord's Day – 7
GF Lord's Day – 56,70 Wed. - 41



Some Poignant Thoughts

"The devil," pointed out the apostle Peter, "prowls like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). This is a sober warning, and there are others similar to it throughout the new covenant writings. These should bring the saint to an awareness of the importance of each decision and each action he is taking and cause him to consider his personal motive in such decisions and actions. Is envy a driving force? How about evil suspicions? What about the possibility that someone supposes "that godliness is a means of gain"? There are those who put on a veneer of godliness and use that to lure unsuspecting victims into their lairs of deceit and fraud.

- **Great gain** – Earlier in the epistle, the apostle had pointed out that the purpose of preaching and teaching is to help saints to be godly and to live godly lives. "It is for this we labor and strive," the apostle had reminded Timothy (1 Timothy 4:10). The continuation of the thought in the sixth chapter is that true godliness, as contrasted to the deceptive veneer, "is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment" (1 Timothy 6:6). The great gain is in matters of spiritual importance as contrasted to mere material desire or comfort. What price could be paid for a clear conscience? What value could be placed on the security of knowing from scripture that the saint is pleasing to the heavenly Father, and that God is continually watching over him? As the child of God in Christ processes these things and learns more and more, the result is a contentment. "I have learned," said Paul to the Philippian brethren while imprisoned in Rome, "to be content in whatever circumstances I am" (Philippians 4:11). Godliness indeed is a means of great gain, especially when accompanied by learned contentment.
- **Back to a foundational point** – The saint needs to be reminded regularly that earthly life is short; it is very temporary. As James put it, life is a "vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). Setting the priorities necessary for living a godly life requires the perspective that earthly life is short, and eternity is long. It also requires that material things have their proper place of being used but not elevated to where there is a driving desire for their acquisition. "For we have brought nothing into the world," is apostle Paul's observation on this point, "so we cannot take anything out of it either" (1 Timothy 6:7). While the Egyptian Pharaohs may have thought they could take their possessions into the afterlife, the actuality is that the treasures placed in the pyramid tombs were left for the grave robbers and the archeologists!
- **Contentment** – Godliness, Paul has stressed, is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. Since there is no particular benefit in laying up treasures on earth, "if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content" (1 Timothy 6:8). The person who has a hole in his psyche that is calling out, "More, more!" is never going to be content. John D. Rockefeller, it is said, commented that the thing that would make him happy was just one more dollar. Rich, empty, malcontented, and headed for hell—that's what his striving after more got him. The saint, having food and shelter and living a godly life, being productive in the kingdom of God, and knowing that what he is doing counts for all eternity, lives a godly and contented life. No amount of money can buy that, and no amount of force can acquire it. What a precious gift from God!!

The saint would do well periodically to contemplate the blessing of the discipline which produces godliness. Bringing the mind around so that it puts the same value on things as God does, as revealed in the scripture, has tremendous benefits. The apostle Paul in the jail cell could be godly and content; the nearby Emperor was ungodly, corrupt, and committed suicide.

Paul in jail
was godly
and content.