"...RISE UP O LORD! AND LET YOUR ENEMIES BE SCATTERED" -- NUMBERS 10:35



Tyler Cooper and Damien Herwick Doing an exemplary job of scoring their school work Christ's Church Academy an integral ministry of the 48th Street Church of Christ, Billings, MT

"And it shall be in the last days...I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind." Acts 2:17 "Victory in 2023!!"

January 8, 2023

Christ's Church Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley 9:00 am - classes 10:00 am - Assembly St'dship - Jerry Hoffman L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard Preaching - Luke Wilson L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -*DANIEL L.S. - Brian Schweitzer GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

> 3:00 pm - classes 4:00 pm - Assembly St'dship - Dan McDunn L.S. - Caleb Wilson Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

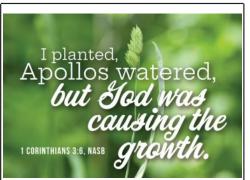
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Jan. 21 - Girls 12-17 study, 9-11 am at the building. Contact: Talitha DuPaul Jan. 28,29 - Prayer and fasting

Jan. 29 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: Chili, cornbread, pie

Butte

Jan. 15 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm

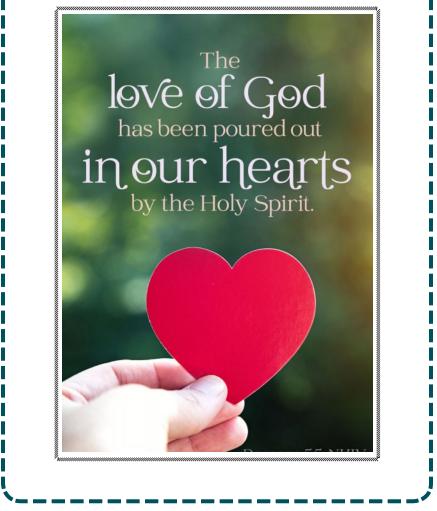


BOZEMAN -Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Book of Proverbs Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS -Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Video on the development of the first alphabet

<u>Butte</u> Dec. 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm

<u>Great Falls</u> Prayer and fasting - Jan. 15 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



Question of the week:

In Matthew's recording of the "Sermon on the Mount," as Jesus talks about not making oaths, how does He describe anything beyond your "Yes" being "Yes" and your "No" being "No"?

Last week's question: In Zechariah, where he speaks of every cooking pot in Jerusalem as being holy to the Lord, he also says there will be no ______ in the house of the Lord of hosts on that day. *Answer: Canaanite (Zechariah 14:21).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 95	Wednesday Night (1/4) — 80
Morning Assembly – 114	Butte Lord's Day – 12
Evening Assembly – 57	GF Lord's Day – 58,80 Wed 52



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The Epistles to the Evangelists

Dwelling in Unapproachable Light

God had said to Moses, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" (Exodus 33:20). While God appeared in different types of visions under a variety of circumstances as recorded in the Old Testament, it remained to the appearance of the Messiah to bring the knowledge of God to mankind. "No man has seen God at any time," commented the apostle John. "The only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him" (John 1:18). This "explanation" culminates in the ascension of Christ to glory, and the revelation of Him in that shining and powerful position given to the apostles and new covenant prophets by the Holy Spirit. Jesus, said Peter and the other apostles while on trial before the Sanhedrin,

whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior...and we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit" (Acts 5:31,32). Christ, stated Hebrews' author, "is the radiance" of the Father's "glory, and the exact representation of His nature" (Hebrews 1:3). This, then, is the complete "explanation" of God revealed in the scriptures through the presentation of Jesus Christ to the world! The apostle Paul draws on this information to exhort his young charge Timothy. "Fight the good fight of faith," Paul had encouraged Timothy. "Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ which *He* will bring about at the proper time" (1 Timothy 6:14,15).

Who is the "He"? - The text continues with a description of the One who will bring about the appearing [second coming] of Christ, using these words: "He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality" (1 Timothy 6:16). Who might be this "King of kings and Lord of lords"? The "Lamb" says the book of Revelation! "The Lamb will overcome" His opposition consisting of the beast and those who co-ordinate with him, "because He is Lord of lords and King of kings" (Revelation 17:14). And the One pictured as leading the armies of God, riding on the white horse in His return is described thusly: "And on His robe

and on His thigh He has a name written, 'KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS'" (Revelation 19:16). Jesus, then, this "blessed and only Sovereign," is bringing about His own return, and the "He" points back to Jesus as its antecedent.

Trinitarians struggle - Those who believe God is "Trinity" (a term never used in the scriptures) have a "separate but equal" concept, wherein the Father has very separate and distinct roles from the Son, one of those being that the Father sends the Son to return in the second coming. Hence the

New International Version, being willing to paraphrase to some extent, sticks the word God into the text *twice* in order to make the scripture fit the translators' preconceived Trinitarian notion. Thus the NIV speaks of "the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time-God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords ... " This has significant bearing on the following text.

Who alone dwells - The text speaks of "the King of kings and Lords; who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see" (1 Timothy 6:15,16). What is the number here; one or three? Jesus was not using metaphorical language when He said to Philip, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

Jesus is the great God over all, the great I AM the scriptures reveal to mankind. He dwells in this "unapproachable light" also called glory, and no one with physical eye has seen or can see Him. "Beloved, now we are children of God," asserted the apostle John, "and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is" (1 John 3:2). Who is this "God" who is going to appear? The Lord Jesus Christ! "To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen!" (1 Timothy 6:16).

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