

**“Beware that your hearts are not
deceived...”**

-- Deuteronomy 11:16



Cheery bulletin board
showing a little prejudice for Montana State University
48th Street Church of Christ
Billings, MT

**“Therefore there is now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus.”**

Romans 8:1

“Victory in 2023!!”

January 22, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
St'dship - Charlie Brown
L.S. - Gary DiPaolo
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
***DANIEL**
L.S. - Corban Icenogle

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

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

Bozeman

Jan. 28 - Young Adult Fellowship -
5:00 pm (snowball capture the flag)
Jan. 28,29 - Prayer and fasting
Jan. 29 - Fellowship dinner following
assembly. Theme: Chili, cornbread,
pie

Butte

Feb. 19 - 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*

Butte

Dec. 18 - Fellowship
dinner 6:30 pm

Great Falls

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

We
love
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loved us.
1 John 4:19

Question of the week:

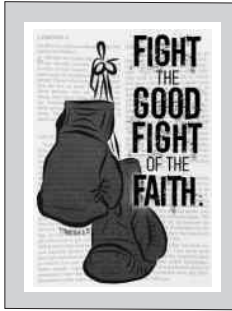
When Jesus' physical mother and brothers sought Him out, seeking to speak to Him, Jesus described to the messengers who His real brothers, sisters, and mother were. How did He describe them?

Last week's question: After Isaac was born, it was said of Hagar and Ishmael, "Drive out this maid and her son," [quoted in the New Testament as "Cast out the bondwoman and her son"]. Who made the initial statement in Genesis? *Answer: Sarah, Abraham's wife(Genesis 21:10).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 91
Morning Assembly – 118
Evening Assembly – 71

Wednesday Night (1/18) – 90
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 71,92 Wed. - 62



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Falsely Called “Knowledge”

Humanist Manifesto I, first published in the May/June 1933 issue of *The New Humanist*, contains fifteen points for the establishment of a *new religion* to shape the thinking of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. (Forces of darkness have been very successful in effecting these fifteen points in Western Civilization, by the way). In that document, the signatories call for the “intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction” of all human associations and institutions (that would include the definition of *marriage!*). “Certainly *religious institutions*,” said these movers and shakers, “...must be reconstituted as rapidly as experience allows” (Thirteenth point). This reconstitution of the church of the living God, for example, is contemplated, and all

this restructuring is going to be couched in the highest of intellectual terms. What is called *science* will be appealed to, with numerous studies pointing to a foregone and anti-God conclusion, and *consensus of scientists* arguments will be trotted out on the stage of public opinion. It is all a big lie, emanating from the big Liar, whether it be from the modern proponents of evolutionism or whether it be from the Gnostic antichrists of the late first century. Timothy, of course, will be warned about these charades by the apostle Paul.

- **Guard what has been entrusted** – As Paul closes his first epistle to Timothy, he makes a serious and deep appeal. “O Timothy,” he begins earnestly and intimately, “guard what has been entrusted to you” (1 Timothy 6:20). The apostle is in prison, and it won’t be many years before he makes his exit from planet earth. He has willingly given up everything for the promulgation of the apostles’ doctrine, and he is thus charging Timothy to continue to carry the gospel message forward.
- **Avoid nonsense** – There is always a sense of urgency about spreading the gospel; time is short, and the lost are dying. “Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders,” the apostle had counseled the church at Colossae, “making the most of the opportunity” (Colossians 4:5). Timothy, therefore, is to be “avoiding worldly and empty chatter.” Conversation is only valuable if it is leading to some important point.
- **“Opposing arguments”** – The devil, said Jesus, “is a liar, and the father of lies” (John 8:44). The big Liar pushes well thought-out arguments and well financed propaganda. In modern times, for example, the myth of “evolution” has been so promoted to the extent that it is believed worldwide, and any belief in a Creator or even “intelligent design” is greatly disparaged. The same type of “hype” was being orchestrated in the first century, and Timothy is to avoid “the opposing arguments of what is falsely called ‘knowledge’” (1 Timothy 6:20). Like the Gnostics of the first century, these purveyors of falsehood position themselves as being the ones “in the know,” and those who have other paradigms are presented as ignorant.

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False philosophies and false paradigms have many proponents and many more adherents, and as such exert tremendous pressure. Weaker saints often fall victim to such pressures and lies (although there has to be a bit of willing participation on their part). Paul is concerned about the loss of those who were once faithful, mourning that the pressure from these “opposing arguments” is such that “some have professed [these arguments] and thus have gone astray from the faith” (1 Timothy 6:21). The words, “O Timothy” underscore the importance of the apostle’s concern about “what is falsely called ‘knowledge.’”

The apostle opened his first letter to Timothy urging him to counteract the “strange doctrines” of certain men in Ephesus, warning him of the dangers of those who really did not understand where the Law of Moses fit in God’s overall plan. The young evangelist is instructed on the issues of elders, deacons, and women in the church. He is forewarned of the coming Apostasy from the church as it was set up by Christ, and of the inherent dangers of “the love of money.” Through it all he is encouraged to “fight the good fight of faith” and to “take hold of that which is life indeed.” Then the letter closes abruptly, “Grace be with you.”

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