

**“...I will not fail you or forsake
you.”**

-- Joshua 1:5



Roger Magalsky making sure fixtures are working
48th Street Church of Christ building
Billings, MT

**“For no man can lay a foundation other
than the one which is laid, which is Jesus
Christ.”**

1 Corinthians 3:11

“Victory in 2023!!”

January 29, 2023

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Gunnar Landsgaard

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Nick Jacobs

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***DANIEL**

L.S. - Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

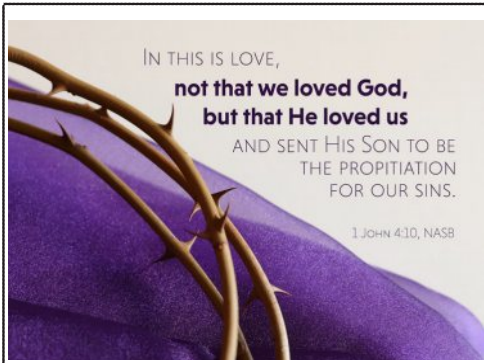
Bozeman

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:

“Good Habits”

Great Falls

Feb. 5 - Fellowship dinner following assembly

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

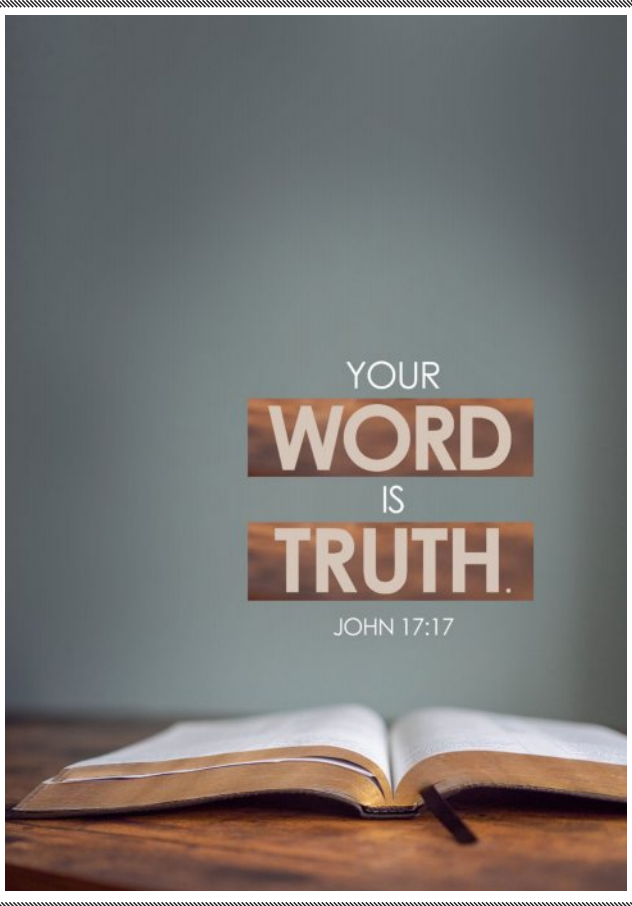
Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023

Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023

Montana Youth Camp - June 11-16

Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



Question of the week:

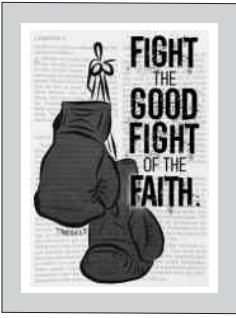
Before Joseph died in Egypt, in talking with his brothers, he referred to an oath that God had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. What oath was that?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: "Whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 12:50).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 84
Morning Assembly – 118
Evening Assembly – 62

Wednesday Night (1/25) – 73
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 59,89 Wed. - 55



Opening of the Epistle to Titus

The apostle Paul, over a period of time, developed a team of evangelists and a network of communication. We see how Luke the beloved physician labored in Philippi and beyond. Aristarchus shows up often, and men such as Tychicus and Trophimus, Epaphras, and many others were part of Paul's preaching companions. Titus appears very early in the record, at the close of Paul's first missionary journey. He traveled with Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem where they met with the apostles and elders over the issue of whether the Gentiles had to be circumcised and keep the Law. It seems he was converted in Antioch of Syria (or at least located there) and was clearly from Gentile background, as is evident from this statement by the apostle Paul concerning the events in Jerusalem: "But not even Titus, though

he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised" (Galatians 2:3). A trusted evangelist, he was sent by Paul to Corinth to help solve problems there (2 Corinthians 7:6,7). It is fitting, then, near the end of Paul's preaching life on earth, that he send some directives for Titus as well as Timothy.

- **Opening greeting** – The apostle has a standard but very important opening greeting for Titus: "Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior" (Titus 1:4). This *grace* and this *peace* is not available under the Law of Moses, or any other system of thought or religion. Hence it is easy to understand how it would become a standard greeting for those functioning under the terms of the new covenant—a greeting in prayer form for those addressed, and glorifying the Father and the Savior Jesus Christ. In this greeting, Paul specifies that he in a general sense volunteered for his duty as embodied in the term "bond-servant of God" (Titus 1:1). And he is willing, even in Titus' case, to emphasize that he is "an apostle of Jesus Christ."
- **For the faith** – When Paul (still known as Saul of Tarsus) met Jesus on the Damascus Road, the Lord delivered the future apostle's mission to him: He explained that He was sending Paul to the Gentiles, "to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by *faith in Me*" (Acts 26:18). Paul was commissioned, as he explained it to the church in Rome, "to bring about the obedience of *faith* among the Gentiles" (Romans 1:5). As perhaps the greatest exponent of *the faith of Christ*, it is fitting that he open his epistle to Titus, noting that his apostleship is "for the faith of those chosen of God" (Titus 1:1). Those who are described as *chosen* are those who hear the gospel, make their decision to believe and obey it, and hence become a part of God's team or Christ's body; this is how He *chooses* His team members.
- **Knowledge of truth** – Man, using his limited reasoning powers and restricted to the boundaries of observation, could never know anything about God other than that He is the Creator. Thus it takes the injection of information into man's sphere of thinking in order that man might be taught (brought into a system of discipleship) about the only God, who is revealed through the gospel of Christ. That which brings about the *obedience of faith* (which equates to *godliness*) is knowledge from on high. Paul, then, an apostle of Jesus Christ, is "for...the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness" (Titus 1:1)

Paul, apostle to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:8), recruited Timothy and Titus to work with him to multiply the efforts to reach the lost. Timothy, whose mother was Jewish, was circumcised so that he had access to preach in the synagogues; Titus, not "compelled to be circumcised," worked as one of Gentile background. Both were given similar instructions in their work, co-laboring in Christ with Paul until his execution. The driving mission: "I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles, that You should bring salvation to the end of the earth" (Acts 13:47).

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