

**“BUT AS FOR ME, THE NEARNESS OF GOD IS MY GOOD... THAT I MAY TELL OF ALL YOUR WORKS.”**

**-- PSALM 73:28**



Youth team from Bozeman (and Colorado Springs)  
receiving the trophy  
for exhibiting great Christian character  
Bible Bowl  
Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

**“Much more then, having now been  
justified by His blood, we shall be saved  
from the wrath of God through Him.”**

***Romans 5:9***

“Victory in 2023!!”

**April 9, 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

Prayer med- Justin Shanahan

L.S. - Andrew Wallace

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

**\*PHIL SUTTON - PREACHING**

L.S. - Elliot Ashley

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Video pres. - Exodus

**Bozeman**

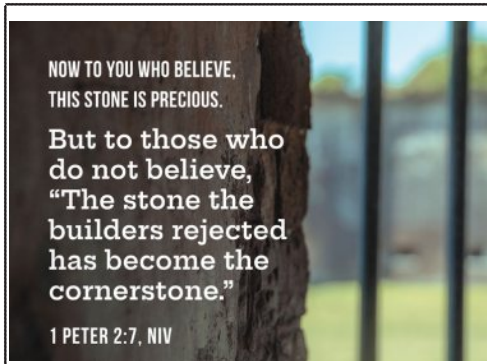
April 22 - Girls’ ages 12-17 study at building 9:00-12:00. Contact Talitha

April 28-29 - Fasting and Prayer

April 29 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: brunch

**Butte**

April 16 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



**BOZEMAN -**  
**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**  
*Book of Hebrews*  
**Luke Wilson**

**GREAT FALLS -**  
**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**  
*PowerPoint - “Mentally Tough -- The secret of winning at sports applied to winning at life and for eternity”*

**Great Falls**

**April 16 - Fasting and prayer for evangelism**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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**

FOR CHRIST ALSO  
SUFFERED ONCE  
FOR SINS, THE  
RIGHTEOUS FOR  
THE UNRIGHTEOUS,  
THAT HE MIGHT  
BRING US TO GOD.

1 PETER 3:18

**Question of the week:**

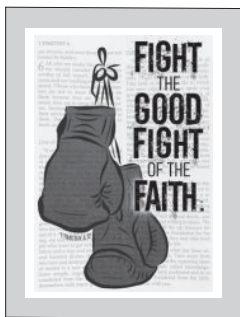
God promised through Moses to scatter the people of Israel because of their disobedience, but He also promised to bring them back "into the land." What was God going to do to their hearts to make this possible, and who actually have this kind of heart?

Last week's question: What will Jesus' response, at His second coming, be toward those who were ashamed of Him and His words? *Answer: Jesus will be ashamed of them (Luke 9:26).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 72  
Morning Assembly – 88  
Evening Assembly – 67

Wednesday Night (4/5) – 67  
Butte Lord's Day – 14  
GF Lord's Day – 61,95 Wed. - 54



## Grace of God Has Appeared

As the apostle John noted early in the opening of his gospel account, “For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). There was grace in the Old Testament period, but it was vague and not necessarily recognized by those who had been covered by its blessing. *Grace* is a separate entity from the Law; there is no grace under law.

With the coming of Christ and His covenant into the world, grace has been clearly defined, and its boundaries have been established. This new covenant could also be called “the apostles’ doctrine,” “the covenant of the Spirit,” or “the faith of Christ” (Acts 2:42 – KJV; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Galatians 2:20 – KJV). As Peter was speaking to the congregation in Jerusalem concerning the requirements to be placed

on the Gentiles (that is, whether they had to be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses), Peter noted, “We [those of Jewish background] believe that we are saved through the *grace* of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also [those of Gentile background] are” (Acts 15:11). Another name for the new covenant is the *covenant of grace*!

- **Grace has appeared** – There are comparatively few verses on the favor of God or the grace of God toward men in the Old Testament writings, especially about His willingness to have grace in regard to sin. A prophetic look about “grace” occurs in Zechariah which, when viewed through the lens of the New Testament writers, is talking about the church: “And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of *grace* and supplication” (Zechariah 12:10). Hence the apostle Paul uses this language in writing to Titus, “For the grace of God has *appeared*, bringing salvation to all men” (Titus 2:11). The arrival of Jesus Christ on the face of the earth was the beginning of the final stage of God’s revelation to man. As Christ then was crucified, buried, raised from the dead, and ascended to the power position as High Priest and King, *grace* now was “realized” as the gospel spread in steps to all mankind. “Let us therefore draw near with confidence,” says Hebrews’ writer, “to the throne of *grace*, that we may receive mercy and my find *grace* to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).
- **Bringing salvation** – Mankind does not deserve to go to heaven. The record is, for anyone old enough to be able to process at an adult level, that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Hence any reconciliation with the Mighty Judge of the universe is going to be by His grace and mercy. Jesus, then, given the name that means “Yahweh saves” before His birth, would be the One to *save* God’s people from their sins. There is therefore much depth in Paul’s words, “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing *salvation* to all men.” What a magnificent plan, to bring salvation to *all men*!

*Grace has appeared and salvation has been brought to all men!*

Consider also what God had to do to make the appearance of Christ and His grace believable. Beginning with Abraham, He laid down the proposition that through one of his descendants all the nations would be blessed. Working through Isaac and Jacob, He brought the physical nation Israel into existence, and thus established a land base for His operations. In that “the Law was given through Moses,” the establishment of regular and meaningful sacrifices impressed on Israel’s mind their sinfulness and thus their need for a Savior. Through the temple and the sacrifices offered there, the foreshadows were in motion for Jesus Himself to be the ultimate sacrifice and High Priest, and the pattern was in motion for the church to come into existence. Progressively, and intertwined clearly in human history, the prophetic basis for the coming of Jesus to the Jewish people was established, and the prophecies given were incontrovertible. Therefore Jesus could say to the apostles, following His bodily resurrection, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem” (Luke 24:46,47). *Grace* has appeared, and *salvation* has been brought to all men!