

**“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain. ”**  
**-- Deuteronomy 5:11**



Bozeman team, winners of the senior division  
Bible Bowl 2023  
Christ's Church  
Bozeman, MT

**“Some Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to Jesus, and began questioning Him...”**

***Mark 12:18***

“Victory in 2023!!”

**April 16, 2023**

**Christ’s Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

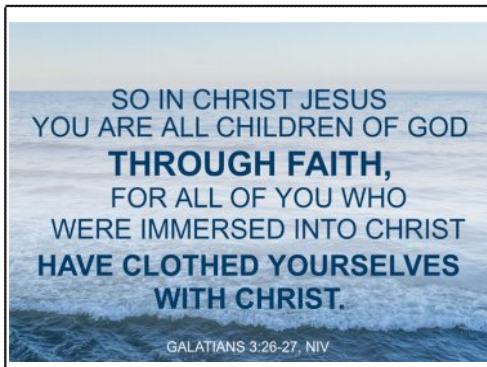
**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace**  
9:00 am - classes  
10:00 am - Assembly  
St’dship - Jim Mitchell  
L.S. - Cliff Renner  
Preaching - Luke Wilson  
**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**  
**\*JOSIAH SUTTON - PREACHING**  
L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**  
3:00 pm - classes  
4:00 pm - Assembly  
St’dship - Zac Zech  
L.S. - Caleb Wilson  
Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**  
8:15 pm - Assembly  
L.S. - Jason Shanahan  
Video pres. - Alphabet!

**Bozeman**  
**April 22 - Girls’ ages 12-17 study at**  
**The Buzz in Belgrade 9:00-12:00.**  
Contact Talitha  
**April 28-29 - Fasting and Prayer**  
**April 29 - Fellowship dinner follow-**  
**ing 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:**  
**Badlands Family Camp - May 26-29** Glendive  
**Lancaster Family Camp - May 26-29** in Ohio  
**Montana Youth Camp - June 11-16**  
**Lima Rally - June 23-25** in Ohio  
**Men’s Peaks - July 20-22, 2023**  
**Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023**

And the Lord shall deliver me  
from every evil work, and will  
preserve me unto his heavenly  
kingdom: to whom be glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

2 TIMOTHY 4:18, KJV

**Question of the week:**

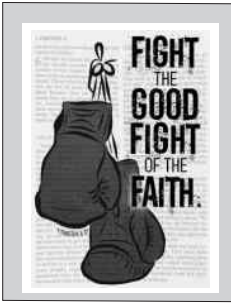
When Jesus saw the guests jockeying for position at the table, what advice did He give on picking a place to sit?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: Circumcise their hearts, and only Christians can have that based on Romans 2:28 (Deuteronomy 30:6).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 82  
Morning Assembly – 111  
Evening Assembly – 59

Wednesday Night (4/12) – 65  
Butte Lord's Day – 14  
GF Lord's Day – 64,83 Wed. - 67



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### Grace “Instructs”

One of the literary techniques used by scripture is “personification.” “Personification” is giving inanimate objects or concepts human characteristics. A simple example would be, “The wind *sighed* as it passed through the forest.” People *sigh*, but the attachment of that characteristic to the wind gives life to the picture. Another personification was used by the apostle Paul in his epistle to the Roman brethren: “We have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand” (Romans 5:2). This is a picture of *faith* telling the newly immersed individual to shake hands with *grace*.

This is a form of personification. Similarly, the apostle writes these words to Titus, explaining that the grace of God is “*instructing* us to deny ungodliness...” (Titus 2:11,12). A scene has been created through this literary device wherein saints see *grace* in front of a classroom instructing the students.

What, then, are some of the instructions coming from the grace of God?

- **To deny ungodliness and worldly desires** – Jesus Himself, during the time of His earthly sojourn, instructed all those who would desire to be His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him *deny himself*, and take up his cross, and follow Me” (Mark 8:34). Grace, not surprisingly, also instructs all those who desire to participate in the salvation of Christ, “to deny ungodliness and worldly desires.” Ungodliness has a powerful pull; if it didn’t, fewer people would participate in those activities which cause so much destruction throughout the human race. The appeal of “worldly desires,” which the apostle John describes as “the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life” is obviously strong; the apostle did attach the word “lust” to those desires. The saint must have his mind firmly set that he will deny himself in any of those areas, and make a consistent and conscious effort to walk humbly with his God.
- **How to live in the present age** – Here is the positive instruction from grace: “to live sensibly and righteously and godly in the present age” (Titus 2:12). It is interesting that Jesus, in listing the evil things that come out of the heart of man, finished with “foolishness” (Mark 7:22). The contrast, of course, is to live “sensibly,” as Paul again stresses. Older men are to be “sensible,” younger men are to be “sensible,” and older women are to teach younger women to be “sensible.” The Father in heaven clearly expects His children of faith to “use their heads” and not be impulse-driven. Doing what is “right” in the face of a hostile world is critical. Being “imitators of God, as beloved children,” is what is expected of those who wear the name of Christ as living examples of what is “godly” (Ephesians 5:1).
- **Looking for Christ’s coming** – Jesus also warned all future disciples to be aware of the possibility of His second coming. “Be on the alert,” were His words, “for you do not know which day your Lord is coming” (Matthew 24:42). The exhortation is for the disciple of Christ to be on good behavior, to be in prayer, to be faithful in the assembly of the saints, and to be spreading abroad the glad tidings. “Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when He comes” (Matthew 24:46). Paul exhorts Titus to encourage the brethren on Crete to be “looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus” (Titus 2:13).

If the saint really believes the scripture that Jesus could come “at a time” when the saint might not expect him, then the saint will be very conscious about consistently denying himself, putting aside ungodliness and worldly desires. The saint will happily work on being sensible and thoughtful, at putting on righteousness. He will determinedly work at renewing or reprogramming his mind so that he will “follow” in Jesus’ steps, dying to sin and living to righteousness (1 Peter 2:21-24). Turn to God, and live!

Be “looking for the blessed hope and appearing of Christ”!