

Cyrus proclaimed: “Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem.”

-- Ezra 1:3



Brayden Miller, currently of Bozeman,
and Elijah Goll, of Billings
looking over some scripture at Caleb Goll's immersion
Christ's Church in Helena, MT

“For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.”

2 Corinthians 2:17

“Victory in 2023!!”

April 23, 2023

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - --

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Mike Kover

L.S. - Davis Ashley

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***ANDREW WALLACE - POWERPOINT**

L.S. - Joe Shanahan

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Nick Liston

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Video pres. - Alphabet!

Bozeman

April 28 - Young Adult Fellowship –

5:30 pm. Spikeball tourney at bldg

April 28-29 - Fasting and Prayer

April 29 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: brunch

Butte

May 21 - 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”

Congratulations to **Kinlee Grace Gersack**, who was born April 18 to *Zach and Megan Gersack* of Livingston!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Badlands Family Camp - May 26-29 Glendive

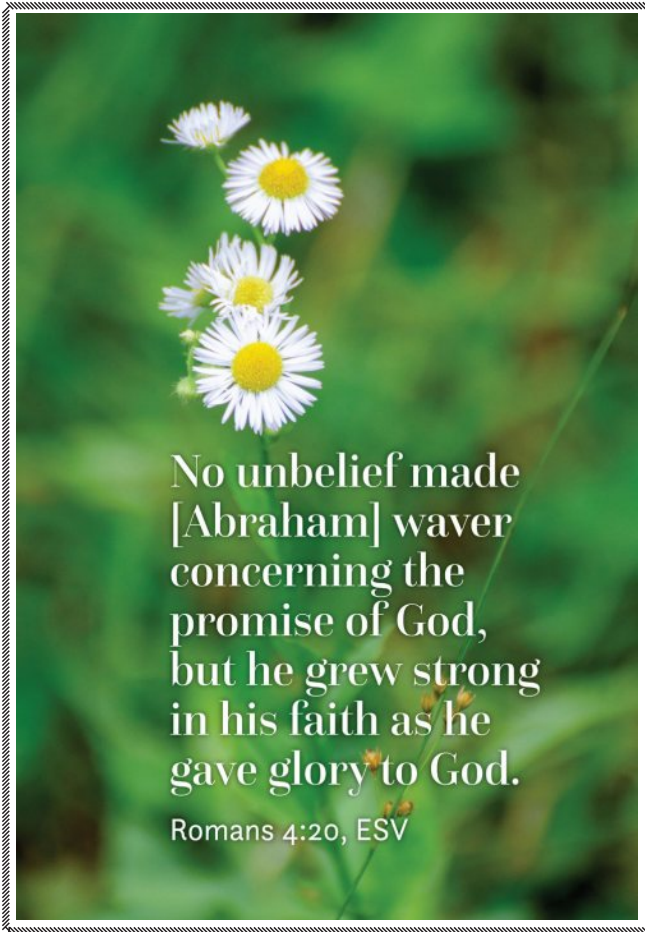
Lancaster Family Camp - May 26-29 in Ohio

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



No unbelief made
[Abraham] waver
concerning the
promise of God,
but he grew strong
in his faith as he
gave glory to God.

Romans 4:20, ESV

Question of the week:

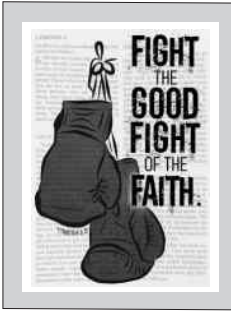
When Joshua neared the end of his life, he encouraged Israel to serve the Lord. What was his advice on how to fear the Lord and serve Him?

Last week's question: When Jesus saw the guests jockeying for position at the table, what advice did He give on picking a place to sit? *Answer: Go to the "last place" (Luke 14:10).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 88
Morning Assembly – 108
Evening Assembly – 83

Wednesday Night (4/19) – 67
Butte Lord's Day – 14
GF Lord's Day – 74,93 Wed. - 45



The Epistles to the Evangelists

What to “Look for”

When a person “looks” is where he is going. That is not only true in the physical realm, it is also true in the spiritual realm. Jesus phrased it this way: “The lamp of your body is the eye” (Luke 11:34). The “clear eye” is focused in the proper spiritual direction; the “bad eye” is focused on earth and destruction. The word of God encourages saints to be “fixing our eyes on Jesus...who has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). “Set your mind on things above,” was another of Paul’s encouragements, “not on the things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2). The goal of God is to motivate His children of faith to follow “the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). “The grace of God,” Paul had reiterated to Titus, instructs us, then, to be “looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our

great God and Savior, Christ Jesus” (Titus 2:13).

- **The blessed hope** – *Hope* is generally tied to Jesus’ second coming and specifically to the saints’ resurrection from the dead. All earthly hope can be stripped away, but the faithful saint has the certain hope of his positive resurrection and entrance into the eternal courts of glory. When the apostle Paul was on trial before the Roman governor Felix, he informed the governor that he and fellow members of the church (which the opposition called a “sect”) have “a hope in God, which these men [specifically the Pharisees] cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked” (Acts 24:14,15). Before the Roman governor Festus and King Agrippa, Paul asked this question, “Why is it considered incredible among you people if God does raise the dead?” He had prefaced that question with this statement, “And for this *hope*, O King, I am being accused by the Jews” (Acts 26:7,8). For the dedicated Christian, this is the *blessed* hope, the “happy” hope of the resurrection to be with Christ forever. Another name, then, for the indwelling Spirit, who is the guarantee of the saint’s resurrection to life, is “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).
- **The appearing of the glory** – There are three Greek words which are pretty much interchangeable in describing Jesus’ second coming: *epiphaneia*, *apokalupsis*, and *parousia*. *Epiphaneia* most directly describes an “appearing,” *apokalupsis* gives the connotation of a “revealing,” and *parousia* gives a picture of Christ’s coming “near.” Notice, then, what is going to “appear” [epiphaneia], according to the apostle Paul, is the *glory* of our great God. This is the tremendous brightness of the Lord, revealed to the saints’ eye of faith through the writings of the apostles and new covenant prophets. This is the glory that will vaporize the material universe, the “face” or the “presence” of Christ at His return. “And I saw a great white throne,” recorded the apostle John in his Apocalypse, “from whose *presence* earth and heaven fled away” (Revelation 20:11).

The saint looks for
“the glory of God in
the face of Christ,”
and the appearing
of that glory!

Who is it whose glory is to appear? Paul says it is the glory “of our great God and Savior.” The scriptures are not “Trinitarian” [separate but equal]. In Trinitarian thought, God the Father is a separate being from God the Son, and God the Father is only approachable through God the Son. But that separateness is not how the word of God pictures the Godhead (KJV). Jude praises “the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Jude 1:25). Pretty clearly “God our Savior” is the Father. But as Paul speaks of “the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior,” he specifies “God and Savior” as being “Christ Jesus.” Definitely not Trinitarian! Jesus Christ, completely understood, not only in the flesh but in His ascension to glory, is the comprehensive revelation of God. This is God’s “face” whom the true child of God is seeking, described by Paul as “the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6). “When He appears,” affirmed the apostle John, “we shall see Him just as He is” (1 John 3:2). The grace of God does indeed instruct us to be “looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.”