

**“Declare with the sound of joyful shouting,
proclaim this,
Send it out to the end of the earth;
Say, ‘The LORD has redeemed His servant
Jacob.’”**
-- Isaiah 48:20



Cat Moreland being immersed
by Andrew Wallace
after some serious Bible study
and serious thought
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“But realize this, that in the last days
difficult times will come. For men
will be lovers of self, lovers of money,
boastful, arrogant...”**
2 Timothy 3:1,2

“Victory in 2023!!”

April 30, 2023

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Corban Icenogle

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St’dship - Phil Sutton

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***SHOTGUN PREACHING-“POWER”**

L.S. - Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Video pres. - Alphabet!

Bozeman

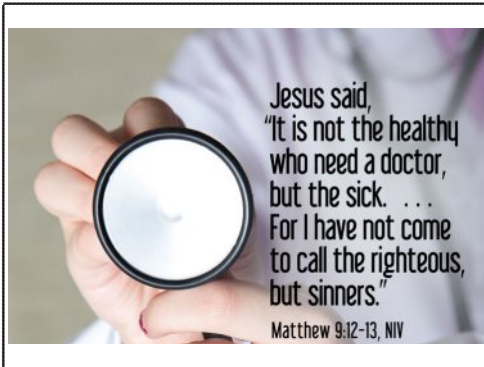
April 30 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: brunch

May 13 - Girls 12-17 study at building 9:00-11:30 am

May 24 - Awards and graduation ceremony - 7:00 pm

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”

Great Falls

May 7 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: “subs and salads”

May 24 - Awards and graduation ceremony - 7:00 pm

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



Question of the week:

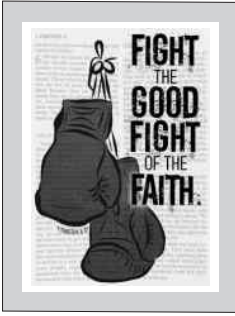
When Jesus was brought before Herod and his soldiers, and they mocked Him and put a gorgeous robe on Him, how are they described as treating Jesus?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: In sincerity and truth (Joshua 24:14).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 73
Morning Assembly – 100
Evening Assembly – 61

Wednesday Night (4/26) – 77
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day – 62,81 Wed. - 48



What Christ Did

The people of God need memorials and reminders. Whether it is God's putting the rainbow in the sky to remind His people that never again will He destroy the earth with water, His institution of the Passover in Israel to remind them of their freedom from slavery in Egypt, or Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper as a reminder of His sacrifice on their behalf, God knows that memorials are critical in keeping key events uppermost in the minds of the saints. Hence the messages in the book of Acts often refer back to historical events that were key in Israel's history, and the writers of the epistles sprinkle the events connected with Christ liberally throughout their pages. The apostle Paul, in encouraging Titus about exhorting the brethren on the isle of Crete, calls attention to

the return of the Lord, speaks of "the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus." In the process, he will call attention to the things Christ did on behalf of the brethren, reminders for their benefit.

- **Gave Himself for us** – As Paul glorifies the Lord Jesus and reminds the brethren, he comments, describing Jesus as the One "who gave Himself for us" (Titus 2:14). This is not to be minimized or trivialized! The word of God in various ways tries to drive this picture home so that its significance is processed sufficiently, and so that it will not get lost in a pile of comparatively irrelevant information. "Greater love has no one than this," was Jesus' emphatic statement, "that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). He gave *Himself* for us! "God demonstrates His own love toward us," Paul superadds, "in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). He gave *Himself* for us! The entire spectacle of Christ's arrest in the Garden, His trials, His journey carrying His cross, His crucifixion, His crying out over being forsaken, and the tremendous signs at His death is designed to punch the message deep into mankind's hearts. He gave *Himself* for us!
- **Redeem us** – So He gave Himself for us. For what purpose? The apostle continues, "that He might redeem us from every lawless deed."

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every lawless deed*

One of the main thrusts of scripture is that men, by their own choices, commit sin and are therefore separated from God. Having thus been lost and thus captured by sin and death, the wayward "sheep" must be redeemed (bought back) or ransomed (purchased from a kidnapper). "No man can by any means redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him," stated the sons of Korah, "for the redemption of his soul is costly" (Psalm 49:7,8). This redemption is *so costly* that the only price that could be paid was the blood of Christ, shed in His death and sprinkled in glory.

Once mere man is conscious that He is answerable to the Almighty and All Knowing God, and that Jesus has paid the redemption price, the question for many is "how much of my sin is paid for?" The apostle Paul is careful to note that the redemption is "from every lawless deed." Forgiveness and mercy are full and complete, with no tiny hold-overs. King David was aware that human nature is not very forgiving; when he sinned in having a census taken of Judah and Israel, he petitioned, "Let us now fall into the hand of the Lord for His mercies are great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man" (2 Samuel 24:14). God, speaking through Isaiah, contrasted Himself with man, having noted, "My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9). Those "higher thoughts" include the concept that if the wicked were to forsake his own ways and the unrighteous to turn his thoughts positive according to God's direction, God stated that "He will have compassion on him," and that "He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7). Jesus indeed gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from *every* lawless deed"! He is certainly worthy of all praise and honor, and our joyful submission to His will.