

**“FOR YOU ARE NOT BEING SENT TO A PEOPLE  
OF UNINTELLIGIBLE SPEECH OR DIFFICULT LAN-  
GUAGE, BUT TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.”**

**-- EZEKIEL 3:5**



When the table space is crowded....  
young ladies implementing the principle “the last shall be first”  
2023 Ladies’ Advance  
hosted by the ladies of Christ’s Church in Great Falls

**“Again I say to you, it is easier for a  
camel to go through the eye of a needle,  
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom  
of God.”**

***Matthew 19:25***

“Victory in 2023!!”

## May 7, 2023

### Christ’s Church

Meeting at

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

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Brayden Miller  
9:00 am - classes  
10:00 am - Assembly  
Prayer med - Elliot Ashley  
L.S. - Jason Shanahan  
Preaching - Luke Wilson  
**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM** -  
**\*MATTHEW WILSON**  
L.S. - Phil Sutton

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

**BUTTE** - 7:30 pm - Classes  
8:15 pm - Assembly  
L.S. - Jay Wilson  
Video pres. - Exodus Crossing

#### Bozeman

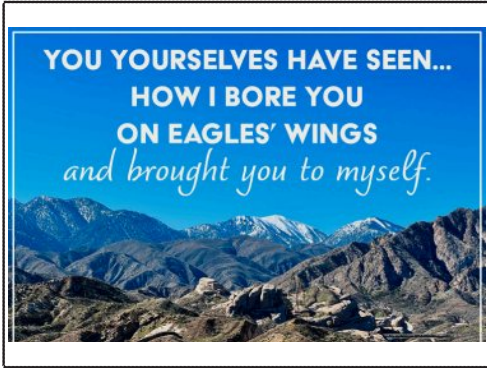
**May 13** - Girls 12-17 study at building 9:00-11:30 am

**May 21** - Memorial service for *Tom Burnell* at church building at 1:00 pm following potluck

**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**

**May 20-21** – Fasting and prayer for evangelism;  
**May 21** - Potluck after assembly. Theme: Asian

**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

*The grace of the Lord*  
**JESUS  
CHRIST,**  
*the love of*  
**GOD,**  
*and the communion of*  
**THE HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
*be with all of you.*

**2 CORINTHIANS 13:13, NRSV**

**Question of the week:**

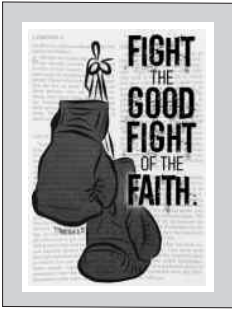
A man named Abimelech killed 70 of his brothers, and had himself proclaimed king before he was finally killed by a woman's throwing an upper millstone on his head. Now, who was his father?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: with contempt (Luke 23:11).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 87  
Morning Assembly – 118  
Evening Assembly – 64

Wednesday Night (5/3) – 83  
Butte Lord's Day – 11  
GF Lord's Day – 59,76 Wed. - 40



The Epistles to the Evangelists

## A People for Himself

God has had a long-term plan, very broad in scope and in motion before the foundation of the world. As the apostle Peter expressed it, Jesus “was *foreknown* before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God” (1 Peter 1:20,21). God began working with Abraham, bringing Isaac into existence by miraculous, or very special, action. Through Isaac and then Jacob came the twelve tribes of Israel, and thence the nation. By God’s working as recorded in Israel’s history, His establishment of the types and foreshadows, and His speaking through the prophets, God laid the basis for Jesus’ coming into the world, and for that coming to be believable. Finally,

the apostles’ eyewitness accounts of the earthly life of Jesus—including His death on the cross, His resurrection, and His ascension into the cloud—followed with their revelation of Jesus’ exalted position in heaven established the new covenant doctrine. Salvation has come to all men, and they can be born again through water and Spirit. God indeed “raised Him from the dead and *gave Him glory*.” The result, then, for any willing to be true disciples of the Lord, is that their “faith and hope are in God.”

- **Purify for Himself** – God’s goal in sending Christ into the world was not simply to grant forgiveness of sins. The words of the angel to Joseph were, in giving the Child the name Jesus, “It is He who will save His people *from* their sins” (Matthew 1:21). The goal was beyond forgiveness; it was to deliver people from the power of sin! In Paul’s comments to Titus, he records that Jesus gave Himself to redeem us from every lawless deed and “purify for Himself a people for His own possession” (Titus 2:14). The *purity* that is God’s goal is not a mere “imputed” purity wherein God sees the saint as pure when in fact he is not. As noted earlier, everyone who has his hope truly fixed on Jesus’ appearing “purifies himself, just as He is pure” (1 John 3:3). Using slightly different vocabulary, the apostle exhorted the brethren in Corinth, “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Corinthians 7:1). God, through their faith in Christ and obedience to His gospel, initially cleanses/purifies the saints, but He also expects the saint to continue to be active in the purification process “until we all attain...to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

God has purified for Himself a people for His own possession.

- **Zealous for good deeds** – Personal holiness and purity definitely are qualities that God wants His children of faith to possess. The apostle Paul, however, takes it another step further, extending the focus beyond the saint himself, adding “zealous for good deeds.” The good deeds for the Christian are not just helping little old ladies across the street or helping someone jump-start his vehicle; while those things should be done, the disciple of Christ is really looking to help a lost soul get his eternity correctly lined up with scripture. When Jesus introduced what He called “a new commandment,” He defined the “love” in that commandment in terms of “as I have loved you” (John 13:34). Jesus loved the souls of mankind, and sacrificed Himself for that purpose. The purpose of the “good deeds” is to save the lost and edify the brethren.

God, when He gave orders for Israel’s encampment in the wilderness, had the intention of having the tabernacle in their midst, and for Him to dwell in their midst. “Let them construct a sanctuary for Me,” stated the Almighty, “that I may dwell among them” (Exodus 25:8). But from the beginning, Israel went into idolatry, and God never did dwell among them; the tabernacle was pitched “outside the camp” (Exodus 33:7). God, under the new covenant through Jesus Christ, has truly redeemed a people from their lawless deeds and purified them “for His own possession.” This is the people of whom it is written, “I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people” (2 Corinthians 6:16). !

JAY WILSON