

**“ONCE GOD HAS SPOKEN;
TWICE I HAVE HEARD THIS:
THAT POWER BELONGS TO GOD”
-- PSALM 62:11**



David Mann and Liam Coull
both of Wauseon, OH area
participating in some good conversation
Lancaster Family Camp over Memorial Day weekend
Lancaster, OH

**“So the church throughout all Judea and
Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being
built up; and going on in the fear of the
Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit,
it continued to increase.”**

Acts 9:31

“Victory in 2023!!”

June 11, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Eli Odell
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
St'dship - Jeff Landsgaard
L.S. - Mike Kover
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
***ANDREW WALLACE SERIES**
L.S. - Scott Schweitzer

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Brad Smith
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St'dship - Dan McDunn
L.S. - Steve McDunn
Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jay Wilson
Slides - “Dev. of W Civilization”

Bozeman

Girls' study - June 24, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Going on hike, meet and pick-up at building. Contact Talitha for more details

June 24,25 - Prayer/fasting. Lord's Day potluck; theme: Mediterranean

Butte
June 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with **the glory that is to be revealed to us.**



ROMANS 8:18, ESV

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

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
“History leading up to the Exodus”
Jay Wilson

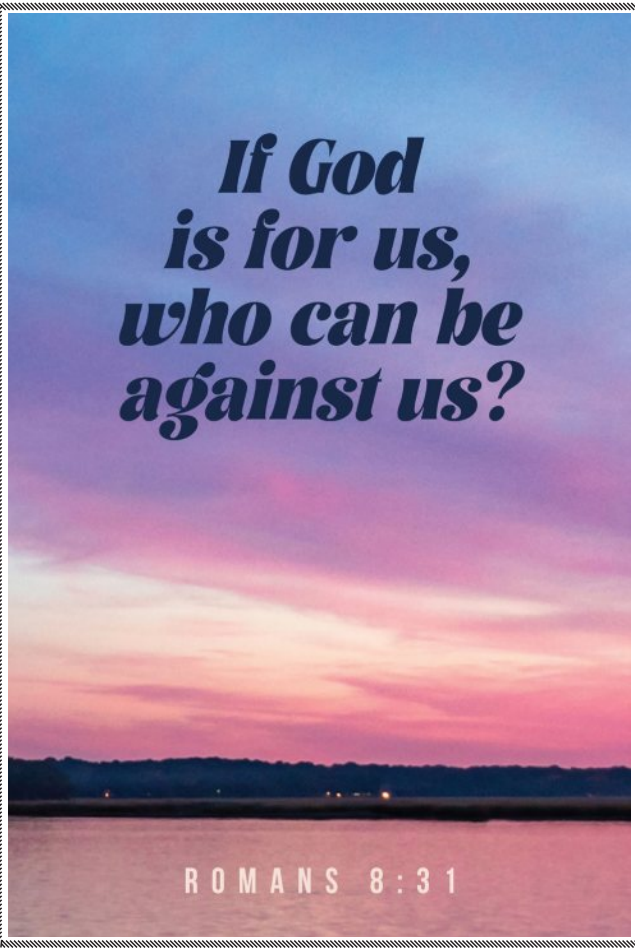
Great Falls

June 18 - prayer and fasting for evangelism

VBS - June 26-29; ages 3-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



***If God
is for us,
who can be
against us?***

ROMANS 8:31

Question of the week:

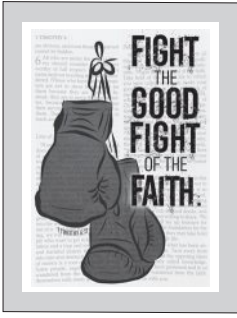
When the apostles were arrested and tried for preaching the resurrection on the temple grounds, Gamaliel persuaded the Sanhedrin not to execute the apostles. What was the punishment instead?

Last week's question: In 2 Samuel 22, David's song of the Lord when he was delivered from the hand of Saul and his enemies recorded. It is also essentially the same as which Psalm? *Answer: Psalm 18.*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 83
Morning Assembly – 117
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (6/7) – 82
Butte Lord's Day – 10
GF Lord's Day – 41,77 Wed. - 45



The Epistles to the Evangelists

He Saved Us!

The dreadfully lost condition of man apart from God must be processed in order for the wonderful awesomeness of the gospel to be appreciated. One sin is all it takes for the struggling earthling to be separated from God. James stated it this way: "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all" (James 2:10). Mankind as a whole may think of that judgment as being overly strict, but mankind as a whole does not make the rules! Those who remain in that guilty condition, whether they "do not know God" or whether they "do not obey the gospel," "will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:8,9). One of the pictures from the Apocalypse

of John is "the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night" (Revelation 14:11). So these are tremendous words of joy and release coming from the apostle Paul, "He saved us" (Titus 3:5).

- **Not on basis of deeds** – One sin, then, separates a person from God. From that point forward there is no amount of "good deeds" that can be done to pay the price for that one sin. Thus when the apostle writes, "He saved us," he also adds for emphasis and clarification, "not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness" (Titus 3:5). Every person must clear the idea out of his head that somehow there is a scale where if enough good things can be put in the pan on one side to outweigh the bad on the other side, the person will go to heaven. Not the way it works!!
- **According to His mercy** – The justice of God requires that all sinners be punished by an eternity in hell. Since the record is that all have sinned, the eternal picture is bleak for all of mankind, except that God has mercy! Mercy is basically God's willingness not to meet out the punishment due, because of the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ and intercessory ministry of Christ as High Priest. "He saved us," Paul reminds Titus, "according to His mercy" (Titus 3:5). Saints in Christ are blessed that Jesus became "a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17). "For God has shut up all in disobedience," explained the apostle, establishing that both Jew and Gentile need the redemption found only in Christ, "that He might show mercy to all" (Romans 11:32).
- **Washing of regeneration** – How, then, is this mercy to be obtained by the lost individual, since it is not automatically granted to the entire mass of humanity? Paul, consistent with his other writings and that of the other apostles, says "by the washing of regeneration" (Titus 3:5). When the apostle penned his epistle to the brethren in Rome, he pointed out that as the old self is buried with Christ in immersion, the new self is raised from the waters "to walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). This is clearly "regeneration," "born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5).
- **Renewing by the Holy Spirit** – Forgiveness and mercy meet the individual as he is lowered into the watery grave, provided he truly believes, is repentant, and has confessed Christ as the Son of God. But the regenerative power must be provided by the Holy Spirit, as Jesus expounded, "It is the Spirit who gives life" (John 6:63). The "washing of regeneration" must therefore be coupled with the "renewing by the Holy Spirit" in order the individual to be a new creation in Christ Jesus.

God has indeed "saved us"! But He did not merely save us from sins by granting us forgiveness; He "regenerated and renewed" the lost by causing them to be born again to a living hope, being called out of darkness into a new abundant life in Christ. The Christian is not only free from past sin; he walks in the liberty of Christ provided by the Holy Spirit, free to walk in the footsteps of Christ and follow the upward call of God.

God regenerated and renewed us!