

**“For every firstborn among the sons of Israel is Mine,  
among the men and among the animals...”**

**-- Numbers 8:17**



Nick Parker, five year missionary in Dunedin, New Zealand  
with the young falcon he is training  
good fellowship in Noble, OK

**“For you once were not a people, but  
now you are the people of God; you  
had not received mercy, but now you  
have received mercy.”**

***1 Peter 2:10***

“Victory in 2023!!”

**June 25, 2023**

**Christ’s Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Josiah Sutton series**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St’dship - Tommy Widner

L.S. - Cliff Renner

Preaching - Matthew Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

**\*ANDREW WALLACE SERIES**

L.S. - John Odell

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Ryan Compton

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Zac Zech

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Tom McDunn

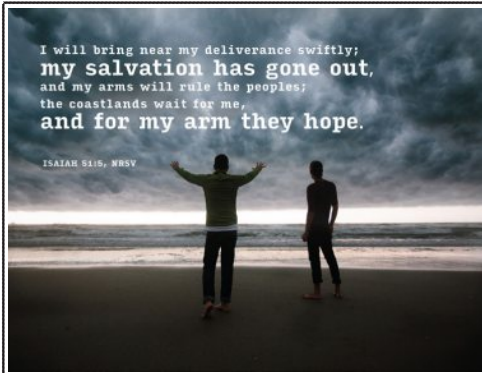
Bozeman

**June 24,25 - Prayer/fasting, Lord’s**

Day potluck; theme: Mediterranean

Butte

**July 16 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm**



**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

**July 2 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: picnic in the park**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Men’s Peaks - July 20-22, 2023 Theme: “The Enemy, the Battle, the Victory” -- 2 Thessalonians chapters 2&3**

**Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023**

VBS - June 26-29; ages 3-12



God has not given  
us a spirit of  
fear, <sup>but</sup> of  
power  
and <sup>and</sup> of a  
lover <sup>of</sup> a  
sound mind.  
2 timothy 1:7, NKJV

**Question of the week:**

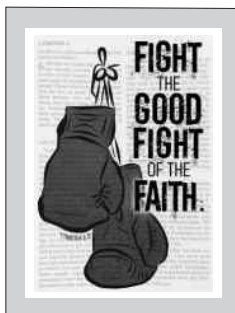
After Paul and Barnabas had spent some time preaching in Antioch of Pisidia, they were driven out. What was their response to this action?

Last week's question: When the glory of the Lord filled the newly completed temple of Solomon, before Solomon turned to face the people, what kind of a house did he say he had built for the Lord? *Answer: A lofty house, a place for God's dwelling forever (1 Kings 8:13).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 82  
Morning Assembly – 108  
Evening Assembly – 70

Wednesday Night (6/21) – 69  
Butte Lord's Day – 15  
GF Lord's Day – 48,79 Wed. - 41



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### “Justified,” “Grace,” “Heirs,” “Hope”

Sometimes the apostle Paul in his wordcraft brings together massive and sweeping concepts in one sentence. After speaking of the Holy Spirit's being poured out on the saints richly, then the apostle superadds “that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:7). The entire picture of the gospel's being preached to the lost individual, his redemption through his obedience to the gospel and his sins being covered by the sprinkled blood of Christ, his acceptance into the family of God, and his expectation of his resurrection and entrance into heaven itself are all covered in just one portion of one dependent clause!

- **Justified** – It is worth the saint's time occasionally to circle back through some of the basic tenets of the faith and pause to reflect on their majestic significance. Consider, then, “justification.” When Christ comes to sit on His glorious throne, there are only two possibilities: the first would be for the trembling soul to attempt to justify himself before the King's awesome presence and power, and the second would be for Christ Himself to provide the justification. The one who would attempt to justify himself and explain to the Judge of all the earth that he should be allowed into heaven, listing his excuses along the way, will find his mouth “closed.” The Lord did not send Jesus to earth and subjugate Him to the humility, suffering, and bearing the sins of the world in His body simply to have all that set aside so that some sniveling wretch could justify himself. The other option: to be justified, to be declared righteous by the intercession of the Christ Himself. That justification is, properly considered, the difference between eternal life and eternal death.
- **His grace** – God's willingness to grant His children the indwelling Spirit, a clean conscience, strength and refreshing within...these are all blessings flowing from His grace. Not to be glossed over or taken lightly, but greatly appreciated.
- **Heirs** – There are, unfortunately, many residents of planet earth who are waiting anxiously for a rich relative to die so that they can shove their way into the family pile and garner their share out of the family inheritance trough. But what about a true inheritance? What about an inheritance that “is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away” (1 Peter 1:4). What about being joint-heirs with Jesus in the spiritual riches of glory? It is worth giving up everything of earth, where necessary, to obtain this inheritance.
- **Hope of eternal life** – Earthly life is short; eternity is long. Those who are separated from Christ by their personal sins have only the prospect of a dark and painful eternity stretching out before them. They are “excluded,” averred the apostle Paul, “from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12). No hope! By major contrast, the saint, in looking to his positive resurrection from the dead at the Lord's coming, has “the hope of eternal life”!

“This is a trustworthy statement...”

The gospel, stated the apostle Peter, does not consist of “cleverly devised tales,” but rather is based on the verifiable eyewitness accounts of Christ's majesty, including the vast panorama of the details of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, appearances to the chosen witnesses, and ascension to glory. Hence these statements concerning justification, grace, the inheritance, and the hope of eternal life are not mere emotional concepts, thrown out into the world for those who have fluffy minds; these are powerful truths to be grasped tightly by the persevering saint, and not ever released. Thus the God who provided such for those, who by their own power would be unworthy, is deserving of the greatest praise and thanksgiving. “This is a trustworthy statement,” emphasizes the apostle Paul, in one of the five times he punctuates a point with those words, “and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently” (Titus 3:8). Confidently spoken then, and confidently spoken now!

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