

**“SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD;
YOUR BLESSING BE UPON YOUR PEOPLE!”
-- PSALM 3:8**



Fresh late June snow on Sacajawea Peak
Bridger Mountain Range
northeast of Christ's Church building
Bozeman, MT

**“So they removed the stone. Then Je-
sus raised His eyes, and said, ‘Father, I
thank You that You have heard Me.’ ”**

John 11:41

“Victory in 2023!!”

July 2, 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

Prayer med - Joseph Shanahan

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***ANDREW WALLACE SERIES**

L.S. - Dan Tuck

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Brad Smith

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

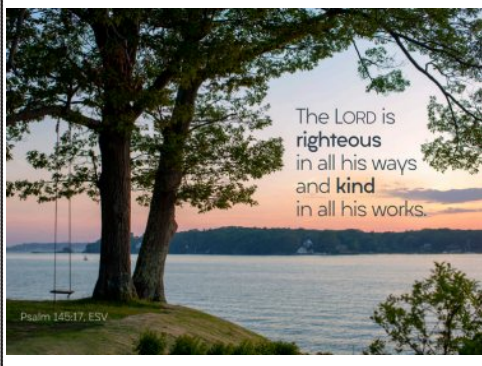
L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

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

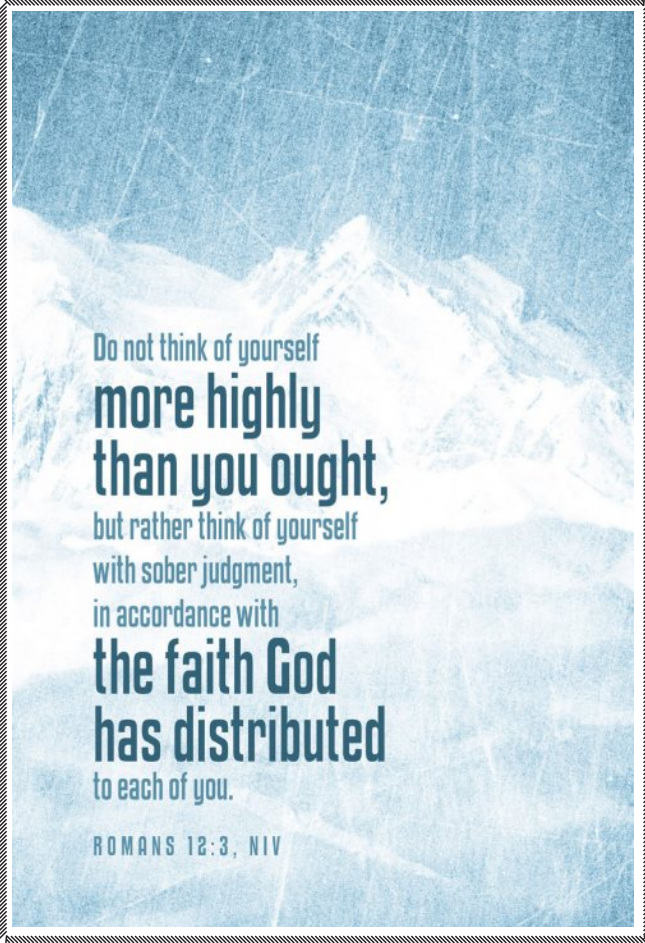
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July 2 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: picnic in the park

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



Do not think of yourself
**more highly
than you ought,**
but rather think of yourself
with sober judgment,
in accordance with
**the faith God
has distributed**
to each of you.

ROMANS 12:3, NIV

Question of the week:

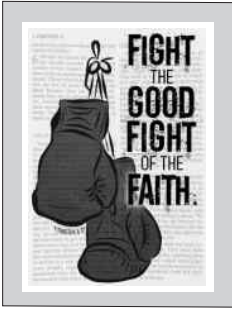
What did Jehu do to Jezebel immediately after she was thrown down from the wall tower at the gate of Jezreel?

Last week's question: After Paul and Barnabas had spent some time preaching in Antioch of Pisidia, they were driven out. What was their response to this action? *Answer: They shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them (Acts 13:51).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 73
Morning Assembly – 106
Evening Assembly – 61

Wednesday Night (6/28) – 61
Butte Lord's Day – 11
GF Lord's Day – 47,66 Wed. - 53



The Epistles to the Evangelists

More on “Good Deeds”

For what purpose did the saint undergo a new birth? For what purpose was he called out of darkness and into God’s wonderful spiritual light? The answers are clear and explicit: 1) “to proclaim the excellencies” of Him who so called, and 2) “created in Christ Jesus for good works” (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 2:10). The new creation in Christ is not merely to bask in the glory of God’s presence and relax in the blessedness of God’s grace; he is to get to work. Saints are not rescued to rest; they are saved to serve!

How awesome it was for Christ to descend from the glories of heaven to interact with man on a personal basis; to leave the majesty of the spiritual realm to leave sandal tracks in the mud of earth’s writing thus states, “The kindness of God our Savior and His love

for mankind appeared.” Not only that, “He saved us,” granting us “the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.” The “justified,” the heirs, those who truly have the hope of eternal life, are to get to work.

- **Confidence** – The capsulation of the expansive plan of God, recorded in this epistle to Titus, Paul called “a trustworthy statement,” one of the five in these epistles to the evangelists. “Concerning these things,” the apostle added, “I want you to speak confidently” (Titus 3:8). The message from God is to be delivered as if heralded from on high, not hesitatingly or merely put forward as a possibility. The preacher first must be certain that he is correct in his presentation, having checked his basic paradigms to make certain that he is in line with God’s overall perspective as revealed in the pages of the New Testament. Then with confidence he is to deliver to the lost and exhort the saints with the message of salvation and hope.
- **Engage in good deeds** – One of the major purposes of teaching the sound doctrines of the new covenant is to help each of the brethren build a solid platform of Biblical faith from which he can operate. Once the stable base has been established, the confidence of evangelists such as Titus radiates to the congregation as a whole. Thus Titus is to “speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds” (Titus 3:8). The “good deeds” are not to be “stand alone” actions; they are *carefully* to be crafted so as to strengthen the local congregation and reach the lost.
- **Good and profitable** – In his epistle to the Roman brethren, Paul described Abraham as one who “believed God” and who therefore acted upon what was directed (Romans 4:3). It wasn’t that Abraham simply “believed in God,” the point was that Abraham *believed God*. The apostle uses the same terminology in depicting the brethren, directing that; “those who have *believed God* may be careful to engage in good deeds.” He then superadds, “These things are good and profitable for men” (Titus 3:8). Undirected good deeds are soap bubbles in the wind, aimless and disappearing quickly. But when good deeds are carefully directed they become “good” and “profitable.” Ultimately, then, the profit accrues for the glory of King Jesus!

The disciple of Christ, then, “constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine,” will be careful to engage in those good deeds (1 Timothy 4:6). “But shun,” says the apostle, “foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law; for they are unprofitable and worthless” (Titus 3:9). One of the main purposes of those who put forward the foolish controversies and waste-of-time discussions is to avoid the thrust of the scriptures pointed straight at them. Sometimes their purpose is to avoid scriptural teachings which destroy their false belief systems; sometimes it has to do with scriptures that would convict these individuals of their moral failures. The instruction for the saint comes in the form of a very strong word: *shun!* Shut the unprofitable discussion down, and redirect the arrows so that they are pointed toward the hearts that need pierced! These are the really good and profitable deeds!

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