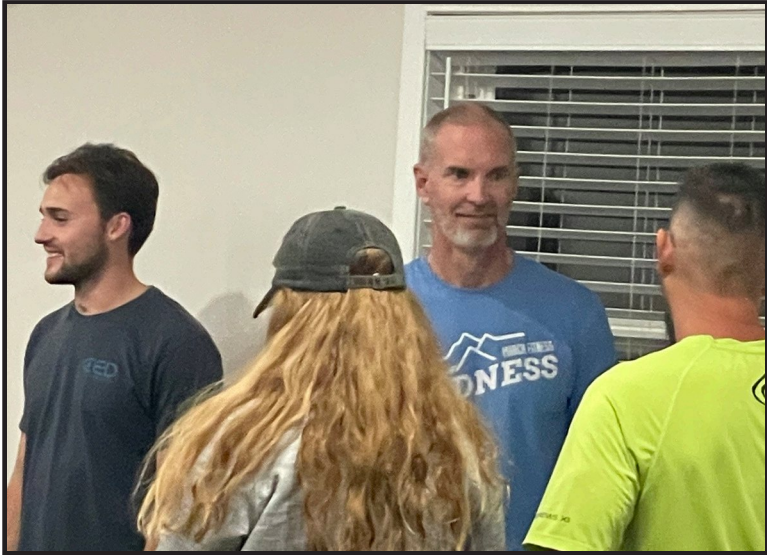


“NOW IT SHALL BE, IF YOU DILIGENTLY OBEY THE LORD YOUR GOD, BEING CAREFUL TO DO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS WHICH I COMMAND YOU TODAY, THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL SET YOU HIGH ABOVE ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

-- DEUTERONOMY 28:1



Lorenzo Serrano and Larry Miller, part of the crowd
along with Katia and Mike Woitaszewski
Grand Canyon Presentation
48th St. Church of Christ
Billings, MT

“Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.”

Mark 11:25

“Victory in 2023!!”

November 5, 2023

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Matthew Wilson
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Prayer med - Jeff Landsgaard
L.S. - Jason Shanahan
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
*** VIDEO - "THE EXODUS CASE"**
L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St'dship - Jon Reijgers
L.S. - Brent Borelli
Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jay Wilson
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman
Prayer and fasting for evangelism -
Nov. 18,19

Fellowship dinner Nov. 19 following
assembly. Theme: Thanksgiving

Great Falls
Fellowship dinner today following
assembly!



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

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 16, 2024
Ladies' Advance - April 18-20,2024, Beartooth
Christian Camp, Fishtail, MT
Men's Peaks - July 25-27, 2024
Family Camp - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2024

Butte
Fellowship dinner - Nov. 19, 6:30
pm



The LORD

by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he
established the heavens;
by his knowledge
the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.

Proverbs 3:19-20, ESV

Question of the week:

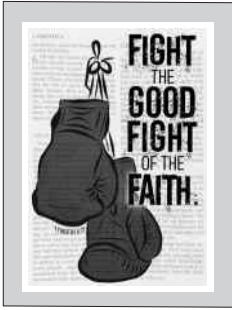
In a vision, as Ezekiel describes it early in the book that bears his name, he is given a scroll to eat. How did it taste?

Last week's question: In Paul's epistle to Titus, in the second chapter the apostle exhorted him in what to speak. What was it? *Answer: The things which are fitting for sound doctrine, and with all authority (Titus 2:1, 15).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 71
Morning Assembly – 92
Evening Assembly – 64

Wednesday Night (11/1) – 76
Butte Lord's Day – 9
GF Lord's Day – 67,91 Wed. - 64



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Chosen, Salvation, Glory

Sometimes those who penned the scriptures under inspiration from the Holy Spirit brought forth massive, awesome, and sweeping concepts in a space smaller than a single sentence! The apostle Paul had told Timothy to be in remembrance of Jesus Christ in all that he did and taught, a Jesus that was risen from the dead, and the truths about Him revealed in the gospel which Paul preached. He then added that it was for these gospel truths that he suffered hardships, hardships which even included being locked up in prison as if he were some sort of criminal. He then adds, "For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are *chosen*, that they may obtain the *salvation* which is in Christ Jesus and with it *eternal glory*" (2 Timothy 2:10). Massive, awesome, sweeping concepts!

- **Those who are chosen** – The issue of "chosen" is one of the major themes of the scripture, and also one which has generated a lot of controversy. Calvinist teaching, which infects almost all Protestantism, inculcates that man does not have a choice in his salvation, that God in His sovereignty cherry-picks who will be saved and who will not. But the scripture is clear and emphatic in its presentation of the gospel that individuals themselves decide whether or not they will obey the gospel. As Peter (and the other apostles) first proclaimed the good news of Christ's being the Messiah and the salvation found in Him, the scriptures records, "And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation'" (Acts 2:40). Every person on the planet is in the process of deciding where he will spend eternity, by intent or neglect. Each is "called" through the gospel of God, and becomes part of "the called" when he obeys that gospel. He also becomes part of "the chosen" in the same process, having met the terms by which the All Wise determines who will be a part of His team. But His "calling" and "choosing" must be sustained by the disciple of Christ or he will be disqualified; he must remain "faithful." "The Lamb," wrote the apostle John in his apocalypse, will overcome all the forces of darkness, "because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are *the called and chosen and faithful*" (Revelation 17:14).
- **The salvation** – The word of God periodically reminds its readers of the dreadful consequences of not obeying the gospel of Christ in repentance and immersion for forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. God will be "dealing out retribution," the apostle saliently pointed out, "to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus." And what is the nature of this retribution? "These 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). Only in processing the penalty of not obeying the gospel can the saint put a proper assessment on the great salvation offered through Jesus Christ. The Lord indeed "loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood" (Revelation 1:5).
- **Eternal glory** – With "the salvation," affirmed the apostle Paul, is "eternal glory." Paul commented that his personal glimpse of Paradise was such that he heard "inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak," and the glimpse was contained in what he called "the surpassing greatness of the revelations" (2 Corinthians 12:4,7). If that terminology was applied to mere Paradise, the temporary stop on the way to heaven, how much more glorious would be the description of heaven itself. Properly understood, the awesomeness of such glory is worthy of all our efforts in attaining to the proper resurrection of the dead.

Paul considers his participation in the gospel as worth all the hardship and imprisonments for the benefits which would accrue to those who heard and heeded his message. For others to be considered "the chosen," to have the "salvation which is in Jesus Christ," and for them to enter into the attendant "eternal glory" was the driving force in his life!

The awesomeness
of glory is worth
all earthly
sacrifice.

JAY WILSON