

**“Save us, O LORD our God,
And gather us from among the nations,
To give thanks to Your holy name
And glory in Your praise.”
-- Psalm 106:47**



Luke Ferguson, Indiana Icenogle, and Leah Renner
good fellowship on a Wed. night
Grand Canyon Presentation
Christ's Church
Williston, ND

**“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in
it with an attitude of thanksgiving.”
*Colossians 4:2***

“Victory in 2023!!”

November 19, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Jim Mitchell

L.S. - Phil Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** VIDEO - DATE OF EXODUS?**

L.S. - Elliot Ashley

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Cody Kruck

L.S. - Caleb Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

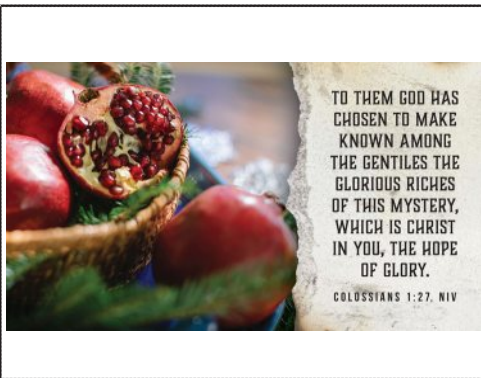
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Fellowship dinner Nov. 19 following assembly. Theme: Thanksgiving

Great Falls

Prayer and fasting



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Driving through history
video: "Thanksgiving"

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson

Butte

Fellowship dinner - Nov. 19, 6:30 pm

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



PEACE

PEACE I leave with you ...
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

Question of the week:

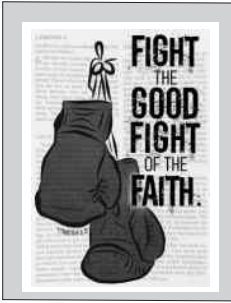
In Psalm 106, the psalmist uses the expression “gather us from among the nations.” This is propetic reference to what?

Last week's question: The words “will,” “testament,” and “covenant” are generally interchangeable in the scriptures. In Hebrews 10, Jesus is described taking away “the first in order to establish the second.” Which one of those three words is used in English translations? *Answer: “Will” (Hebrews 10:10).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 88
Morning Assembly – 112
Evening Assembly – 74

Wednesday Night (11/15) – 65
Butte Lord's Day – 15
GF Lord's Day – 61,81 Wed. - 56



The Epistles to the Evangelists

The Main Thing ...

It has been well-said that “the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” It is so easy for focus to be lost, for discussions to drift into the irrelevant, and for honest enquirers to be turned aside because of nonsensical wastes of time. Timothy, as an evangelist, has to be very conscious of this, both in his presentations of truth on an individual basis, as well as maintaining “crowd control” in group settings. To do that effectively, Timothy would have to exhibit the “power, love, and discipline” mentioned earlier in the epistle.

● **Another reminder** – The apostle Paul had just mentioned that Timothy should have a focus on remembering Jesus Christ and the gospel of God. Then followed the poetic exhortation that would encourage the brethren to endure in living for Christ, knowing that

the reward of reigning with Him would come with that endurance and faithfulness. “Remind them of these things,” Paul instructs Timothy (2 Timothy 2:14).

- **Solemnly charge** – The apostle then superadds, “and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless, and leads to the ruin of the hearers.” This must be a very significant point: an emphasis on “solemnly charge” indicates that some of the brethren have a tendency to hone in on petty points, and thus miss (maybe deliberately so) the thrust of the issue being discussed. In addition, the apostle calls to mind that these discussions are done “in the presence of God,” putting further weight on this exordium. In the first epistle to Timothy, Paul warned about the type of person who has “a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions” (1 Timothy 6:4). There is no reason for the person with the “morbid interest” — a spiritual death wish — to drag

everyone else down also. Just creating controversy and wrangling about words to fill up class time does indeed lead to the ruin of the hearers. “Killing time” leads to “killing” people’s eternities.

- **Workman** – Paul therefore urges Timothy to “be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). The expression “handling accurately” as the NASB translates it, has its roots in the idea of making a “straight cut.” A picture of a skilled stone-cutter, for example, making his precise cut in the quarry rock comes to mind. If he doesn’t execute correctly, the whole piece is ruined, and he has to start over. A young man would have to be willing to serve his apprenticeship and learn what was necessary to be able to handle the tools effectively, and to develop the attendant skills as well. This is a great picture of the process of being able to handle the word of God effectively, to know how to begin from the proper beginning point in dealing with a question or issue, and how to “exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict” (Titus 1:9). “Be diligent,” in this, says Paul. Being a skilled workman and able to handle accurately the word of truth is no minor point!
- **Another warning** – Speaking of the tongue, James stated, “the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity” (James 3:6). “How great a forest,” he said, “is set aflame by such a small fire” (James 3:5). Thus the apostle Paul follows up his exhortation to Timothy in proper handling of the word of truth by warning about people’s undisciplined tongues. “But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene” (2 Timothy 2:16,17). A clear picture...

“The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” Worldly and empty chatter, wrangling about words, and morbid interest in controversial questions are destructive diversions, getting the important discussion and teaching off course, and leading to the destruction of the hearers. Since these are “words of eternal life,” these injunctions of Paul to Timothy should resonate with all those who desire to teach and preach today, as well as for those who participate in those settings.

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