

“So [NAAMAN] WENT DOWN AND DIPPED HIMSELF SEVEN TIMES IN THE JORDAN, ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE MAN OF GOD; AND HIS FLESH WAS RESTORED LIKE THE FLESH OF A LITTLE CHILD AND HE WAS CLEAN.”

-- 2 KINGS 5:14



Newlyweds Josiah and Taylor Sutton
at their reception
Christ's Church in Bozeman
Bozeman, MT

“Now why do you delay? Get up and be immersed, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.”

Acts 22:16

Win one more in 2024 - "...he who is wise wins souls" - Proverbs 11:30

January 7

Christ's Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Joe Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Jay Wilson

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - CAndrew Wallace

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Levi DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

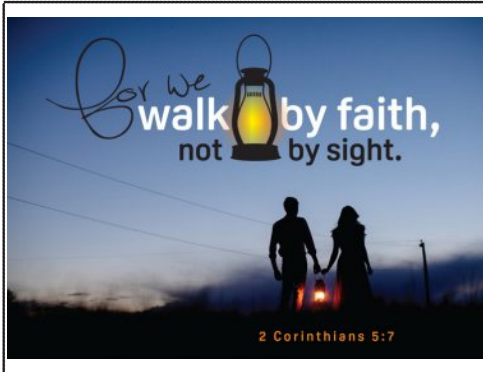
Bozeman

Jan. 21 - after assembly; volunteer crew needed to help work on tearing out old carpet and prepping for new

Congratulations to *Nate and Bella Shoup* on their marriage Jan. 1!

Butte

Jan. 21 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Hebrews

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

Great Falls

Jan. 7 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "Hors d'oeuvres and Charcuteries"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 16, 2024

Ladies' Advance - April 18-20, 2024, Beartooth Christian Camp, Fishtail, MT

Montana Youth Camp - June 9-14 (also at Fishtail)

Men's "Peaks" - July 25-27, 2024

Family Camp - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2024

GRACE, *mercy* and
PEACE from *God* the Father
and from
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
will be with us in
truth and love.

2 John 1:3, NIV



Question of the week:

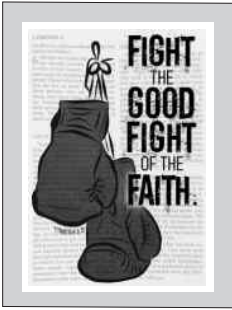
After Jesus faced the temptations from the devil in the wilderness, He started going through the synagogues in Galilee. What three things was He doing?

Last week's question: In Zechariah 8, God promised to do good to a future Judah and Jerusalem; what two things did He tell these in the future to do? Answer: "Speak truth to one another," and "judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates" (Zechariah 8:16).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 85
Morning Assembly – 114
Evening Assembly – 81

Wednesday Night (1/4) – 68
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day – 59,89 Wed. - 53



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Just as Jannes and Jambres...

Difficult times are coming, and modern saints must spiritually prepare. The darkness is on a rampage, pushing against the light as hard as possible. As the “de-Christianizing” of America continues, and Western Civilization in general collapses, the “brutal,” “treacherous,” and other undesirables will become bolder in their denigration of and persecution of anything resembling Christianity. Some of these enemies are openly hostile and try to destroy Christians and Christianity on a person-to-person basis, and others try to destroy Christianity through government oppression. But some are more subtle, and dress themselves in “sheep’s clothing.” The apostle Paul, in his second recorded letter to Timothy, puts some extra emphasis on these enemies; the brutal ones are obvious, but the subtle ones require

extra alertness and sensitivity.

- **Holding to a form of godliness** – After speaking of the general callousness of the unbelieving world, and describing some as “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, the apostle then focuses on those who are “holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power” (2 Timothy 3:5). Those who attend denominational assemblies could be described this way, as well as many who attend congregations making a claim to restoring first century Christianity. True “godliness” has real spiritual power to be involved in saving souls and helping the new creation transformation process to occur. But for those who are interested in the show and the sham, like the Pharisees of Jesus’ day they are whitewashed tombs, appearing righteous but full of rotteness and corruption within. The apostle says, “avoid such men as these”!
- **Captivating weak women** – A man with an outwardly righteous exterior, and who exhibits attractive charisma, can position himself to comb through the ladies in the churches wherein he has influence. “For among them,” the apostle says of such men, “are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses” (2 Timothy 3:6). Jesus said, “He who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst,” and a woman who thus follows the Lord will not be looking for some earthly relationship in order to be fulfilled. (John 6:35). But if a weak woman has not really committed herself to true spiritual growth and true fellowship with Christ, she is still “weighed down with sins,” and, with an empty searching soul looking in the wrong places, she is easy prey for these smooth-talking womanizers. Described as “led on by various impulses,” she often is in the assemblies, eyes wide open but really not hearing and processing what she should. The apostle further comments that she is one of those “always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:7). Her personal resistance to the work involved in her changing for the better blocks her from processing scriptural truth.
- **Opposing truth** – In the days of Moses, the magicians performed some pretty powerful miracles in a weak imitation of Moses to turn Pharaoh’s heart away from the demands of Moses, the servant of God. The indication is that these magicians’ names were Jannes and Jambres, and they are used as examples of those corrupt individuals who hold to the form of godliness and yet are creeping into the houses of weak women. “And just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses,” avers the inspired apostle, “so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected as regards the faith” (2 Timothy 3:8). The names on the church membership ledger are not necessarily the same as the names in the Lamb’s book of life!

“Men of depraved mind,” the apostle terms them. Sooner or later, such sowing to the flesh will yield the harvest of spiritual destruction. “But they will not make further progress,” affirms Paul, “for their folly will be obvious to all, as also that of those two came to be” (2 Timothy 3:9). It is not likely that Pharaoh would have gone into battle with Israel without his magicians; it is implicit that Jannes and Jambres perished with the other Egyptians. The absolute folly of following Satan will be evident on Judgment Day. Modern saints will take heed.

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