

**“Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity
And passes over the rebellious act of the
remnant of His possession?”**

-- Micah 7:18



Alex Luxmore talking things over with Michayla Odell
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**“For this reason it says,
‘Awake, sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you.’ ”**
Ephesians 5:14

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

January 28, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Brayden Miller

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Elliot Ashley

L.S. - Su Nguyen

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

* **GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Brent Borelli

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

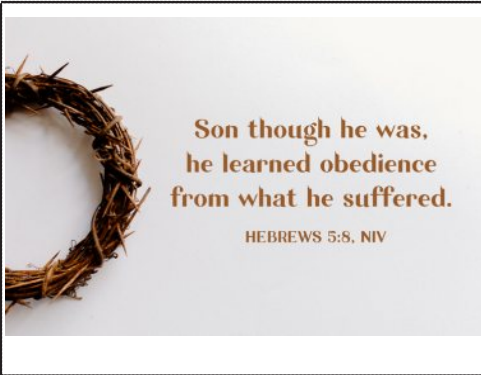
Bozeman

Prayer and fasting for evangelism -
Jan. 27,28

Jan. 28 - Fellowship dinner; "chili
and pie"

Butte

Feb. 18 - 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

Feb. 4 - Fellowship dinner following
assembly. Theme: Mediterranean

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

JOHN 12:23, ESV

Question of the week:

After Jacob died in Egypt, where was he buried?

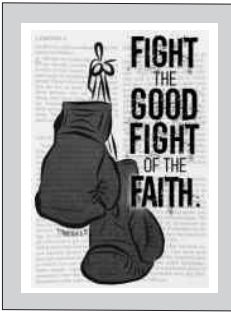
Last week's question: In Jesus' parable, what did the merchant do when he found the pearl of great price?

Answer: He sold all that he had and bought it (Matthew 13:45).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 63
Morning Assembly – 90
Evening Assembly – 53

Wednesday Night (1/24) – 66
Butte Lord's Day – 20
GF Lord's Day – 69,86 Wed. - 51



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Key to Victory

Ever since Satan was able to bring his rebellion successfully to earth, the righteous in God's eyes have unavoidably encountered conflict and challenges. The devil, said Jesus, "was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44). This was exhibited in a very physical way when Abel, the righteous son, was slain by the one whose mind was influenced by the tempter. But as the gospel has come into the world with its capacity to deliver men from the clutches of the prince of darkness, so Satan has ramped up his deception and persecution. "The whole world lies in the power of the evil one," commented the aged John, and that whole world is increasingly coming together in its goal to wipe the name of Jesus Christ off the face of the earth, and eliminate the gospel's ability to call the lost out of darkness.

The saint has to ponder the point of the apostle Paul, where he simply points out that "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." And he has to ponder the point from the perspective concerning how he will spiritually strengthen himself so that he can come through such persecution victoriously.

- **Deception** – The scripture, in describing the great dragon who was thrown out of heaven in connection with Jesus' resurrection, terms him as the one "who deceives the whole world" (Revelation 12:9). He is "the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience," and he does work through those who pay "attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons" (Ephesians 2:2; 1 Timothy 4:1). In this way the outcast angel is able to get his anti-God propaganda into the world and engage in his warfare against Christ. The apostle Paul warns Christians, especially of our era, that "evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13). This world is not going to get better; it is going to get worse until the day of the Lord's appearing. The deception is so great that the evil, deceptive, lying agents of Satan are themselves deceived, not realizing that they have been lured into the lake of fire.
- **Continue** – Timothy, having chosen to follow in the footsteps of the great apostle Paul, was thrown into a spiritual world where there is the possibility of being "tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming" (Ephesians 4:14). Paul encourages Timothy with these words: "You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them" (2 Timothy 3:14). Timothy was convinced by the preaching that came to his home town of Lystra on Paul's first missionary journey, believing that Jesus really was raised from the dead and becoming obedient to His gospel.
- **Solid basis for that belief** – The gospel, in the words of Paul, went "to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). The Jew with the honest and good heart was prepared for the message of Christ with many things in the Law and many prophecies pointing directly to the overall story of Jesus. "From childhood," the apostle reminds the younger man, "you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

"Then what advantage has the Jew?" Paul queried in provoking thought among the brethren in Rome. "Great in every respect!" he responded. "First of all," he pointed out, "that they were entrusted with the oracles of God" (Romans 3:1,2). (The modern equivalent is to be raised in a home where the Bible is honored, and it is accepted as the authoritative word of God.) "The sacred writings" are the only source of information which produces the Biblically defined "faith of Christ," in which are found the truths which must be believed and obeyed for the salvation of the soul. The understanding of the conviction about those truths is what guides saints such as Timothy through the confusing maze of false doctrine, the strength to withstand Satan's pressures. This faith, then, "is the victory that has overcome the world!" (1 John 5:4).

The "sacred writings" are the only source for sound doctrine.

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