

**“Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire
came down from heaven and consumed the
burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of
the LORD filled the house.”**

-- 2 Chronicles 7:1



Some of the folks at Lord's Day evening assembly
Christ's Church in Butte
Meeting at the Holiday Inn Express
Butte, MT

**“He is also head of the body, the church;
and He is the beginning, the firstborn from
the dead, so that He Himself will come to
have first place in everything.”**

Colossians 1:18

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

February 25, 2024

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 - Andrew Wallace

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Daniel Arriaga

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Cody Kruck

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

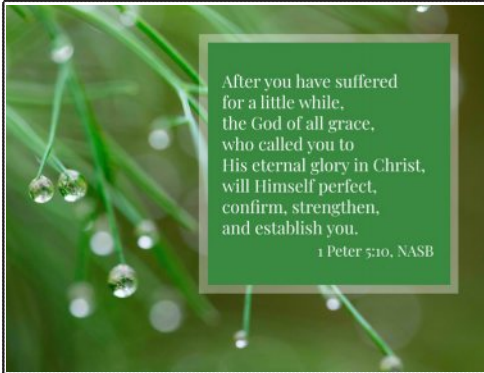
L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Bob Edgar

Bozeman

Butte

Mar. 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

Mar. 3 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: Italian

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

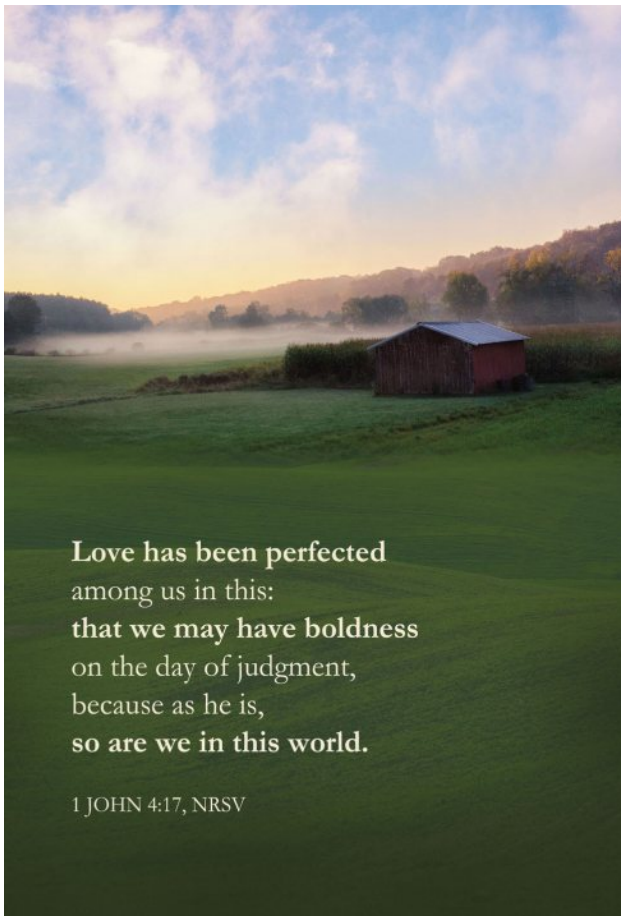
Bible Bowl - Mar. 16, 2024

Missoula "College-ish" Weekend - Mar. 22-24 - Camp Utmost at Greenough, MT

Ladies' Advance - April 18-20, 2024 at Fishtail, MT

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

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



Love has been perfected
among us in this:
that we may have boldness
on the day of judgment,
because as he is,
so are we in this world.

1 JOHN 4:17, NRSV

Question of the week:

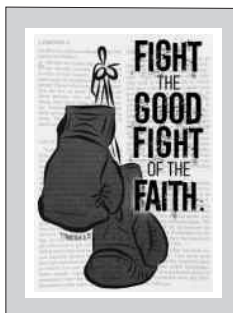
When God destroyed the priests Nadab and Abihu for offering “strange fire,” He explained to the people why this happened. What did He say about “before all the people”?

Last week’s question: Where was the synagogue where Jesus is first recorded as casting out a demon as recorded in the gospel according to Mark? *Answer: Capernaum (Mark 1:21-25).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 82
Morning Assembly – 111
Evening Assembly – 60

Wednesday Night (2/21) – 57
Butte Lord’s Day – 12
GF Lord’s Day – 70,89 Wed. - 47



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort

Nothing of large scale or of significant moment is accomplished without persistent and consistent effort. And nothing is of larger scale than the salvation of one soul, each of which is worth more than the whole world. Therefore nothing is of more significance than the distribution of the gospel around the world. God's desire to have the gospel preached is thus accomplished in the face of tremendous opposition from the forces of darkness and evil because that preaching is exactly what the devil does not want accomplished. Hence the exhortation to Timothy to "preach the word," and to be ready to do so "in season and out of season." Under the heading of that preaching, the apostle gives more information to his charge, saying, "reprove, rebuke, exhort." Persistency and consistency in preaching the word is the core of getting

God's large scale and all-important plan in motion and keeping it in motion.

- **Reprove** – This is a continuation of the thought expressed earlier that the word of God is profitable "for reproof." The core thrust of the comment in this context deals with the necessity of correction in doctrinal matters. Sound doctrine should not be an issue for those who are already Christians, but the record of the new covenant writings shows that people's ignorance or fleshly desires gives an opening to false doctrine's being accepted. The early church initially had to fight the drive to go back under the system of law, and that was clearly a tremendous battle. The church in the latter part of the first century had to fight the doctrines leading to lawlessness, such as that which the antichrists were bringing into the church as dealt with by the apostle John. The brethren also need reproof in maintaining their doctrinal purity in taking the word to the lost. There is tremendous temptation to weaken the gospel message in order to bring in more numbers. Paul, in describing himself and his fellow workers to the church at Corinth, in contrast to those who were enemies of the gospel working inside that congregation, noted that he and his companions were not "walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God" (2 Corinthians 4:2). There were some who were not walking like Paul, and therefore in great need of reproof.
- **Rebuke** – "Rebuking" is more directed toward the correction of moral issues. The "mind set on the flesh" as Paul described in the eighth chapter of Romans is destructive to the individual and is hostile toward God. "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers," was Peter's contribution to this topic, "to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). Clearly, the one who preaches the word of God is going have to "rebuke" the lost as well as the brethren on the issue of righteousness and unrighteousness.
- **Exhort** – In the days of Zerubbabel, the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem came to a halt because of the opposition of those who had come in and occupied the land during the period of Judah's captivity in Babylon. God raised up the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to exhort the people — to encourage and motivate them. The prophets exhorted, and the people heeded their words and "were successful in building" (Ezra 6:14). As important as that exhortation was, the encouragement and motivational efforts of the new covenant preachers are of much more significance in that the saints are building the true temple of the Lord in the face of tremendous opposition.

Paul tells Timothy to "reprove, rebuke, exhort, with *great* patience and instruction." Those whose feet tread the surface of the earth require *great instruction* in order to have the knowledge of what they might need to do differently, and they need great instruction to get the motivation necessary to make the changes to do things differently. Those giving such instruction need great patience in the process. The hearers need time to learn; the hearers need time to be motivated; the hearers need time to decide what to change and when to change it; the hearers need time to implement the mental processes required for such change to be implemented. The preacher/teacher needs greaaaaaaaaaaaaa patience!!

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