"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD."

-- Leviticus 19:18



Mark Miller of Missoula, MT (in hat) engaged in high level discussion with some of the guys Family Camp 2024 on the grounds of Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

God wants His saints to have the understanding that results "in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Colossians 2:2,3

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

# September 8, 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 - Davis Ashley

L.S. - Jack McGraw

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM \* GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS

L.S. - Brian Schweitzer

**Great Falls -** 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Cody Kruck

L.S. - Jared DuPaul Preaching - Jay Wilson **Butte -** 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

#### Bozeman

Congratulations to **Dawson Logan**, who was immersed into Christ on Thurs. Aug. 29 by Matthew Wilson!!!

### **Great Falls**

**Sept. 15** - Fasting and prayer for evangelism



BOZEMAN -Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Study on Hebrews Luke Wilson

Great Falls - Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Jay Wilson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Spiritual Warriors - TBA Bible Bowl - March 15, 2025

Ladies' Advance - May 1-3, 2025

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 202

#### Butte

**Sept. 15 -** Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm



#### Question of the week:

In Psalm 48, Mt. Zion in the far north is called the city of the great \_\_\_\_\_.

Last week's question: In Romans 14:12, the apostle Paul says that we shall give an account to God. In 2 Corinthians 5, to whom is that accounting made? *Answer: Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)*.

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (EST. 525 FOR FAMILY CAMP)

Bible School — --Morning Assembly — 144 Evening Assembly — -- Wednesday Night (9/4) — 67 Butte Lord's Day — 10 GF Lord's Day — 70 (22 in GF) *Wed. - 63* 



Reasonings from Revelation

## The Living One

The significance of Jesus' resurrection from the dead cannot be overemphasized! The crucifixion of Christ was of signal importance, and cannot be underrated. The bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead on the third day likewise cannot be minimized. But Christ in the ascended position is the most significant. In the words of the apostle Paul: "Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us" (Romans 8:34). It is this Jesus who has risen from the dead and who has ascended who meets with the apostle John in the book of Revelation.

- "Do not be afraid" The Christ appears to John "in the Spirit" as One who resembles the High Priest, and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. "And when I saw Him," says John, referring to what is transpiring in the vision, "I fell at His feet as a dead man" (Revelation 1:17). When any vision of the glory of God appears to any of the prophets or even Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus Road, the awesomeness of that brightness and glory is overwhelming. Saul falls to the ground, Ezekiel falls on his face, and John falls down as a dead man. "And He laid His right hand upon me," the apostle records of his being at the Lord's feet. Then the Christ spoke, "Do not be afraid." The great and awesome Jesus laid His hand on John to reassure him, and then encouraged him in the midst of that brightness, allaying John's fears. The Almighty is communicating that His saints are welcome in His awesome presence!
- The living One Jesus states to John, "I am the first and the last, and the living One" (Revelation 1:18). Before there was time (and what human brain can really process that concept?), the great I AM always was, "Him who is and who was and who is to come" (Revelation 1:4). Jesus, as "the first and the last," is making that claim as well. Furthermore, He adds that He is "the living One." John, in his gospel

account, put it this way, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Jesus, appearing to John in the Apocalypse, is revealing Himself as the source of all true eternal life.

Alive forevermore — "I was dead," reasserts the Lord Jesus, "and behold, am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades" (Revelation 1:18). There were other resurrections recorded in the scripture, but Jesus is the only One who is permanently raised from the dead, "alive forevermore." All

The resurrected Christ used the keys of death and Hades

others await the general resurrection from the dead on the last day. *Hades* (the Old Testament equivalent is *Sheol*) was divided into two parts, according to Jesus in His description of the rich man and Lazarus following their physical deaths (Luke 16:19-31). The "good" part of Hades was termed *Paradise* by Jesus in His conversation with the "good" thief (Luke 23:39-43), whereas *Hades* is the continuing term for the part that contains those who are in agony in the flame. Jesus, with "the keys of death and Hades," opened the way of release to those regarded as faithful. "When He ascended on high," is how Paul quoted from the Old Testament prophecy, "He led captive a host of captives" (Ephesians 4:8). Jesus in His ascension took those who were "down," broke the bars of Hades, and led the captives "up to Paradise" (2 Corinthians 12:2-4). Praise God that the resurrected Christ used those keys; otherwise all saints would be forever locked away from the presence of God!

This powerful and shining One then instructs John, "Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things" (Revelation 1:19). This, then, is the introduction to the seven major visions which follow in the book of Revelation.

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