

“NOW ON THE NEXT DAY MOSES WENT INTO THE TENT OF THE TESTIMONY; AND BEHOLD, THE ROD OF AARON FOR THE HOUSE OF LEVI HAD SPROUTED AND PUT FORTH BUDS AND PRODUCED BLOSSOMS, AND IT BORE RIPE ALMONDS.”

-- NUMBERS 17:8



Elliot Ashley and Kaden Reijgers
engaged in high level conversation following opening
Christ's Church in Bozeman

“For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

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

October 13, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Jon Odell

L.S. - Davis Ashley

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Jon Reijgers

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Oct. 20 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "German food"

Butte

Oct. 20 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm before assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Study on Hebrews

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors - Fri, Sat, Oct 25,26

Bible Bowl - March 15, 2025

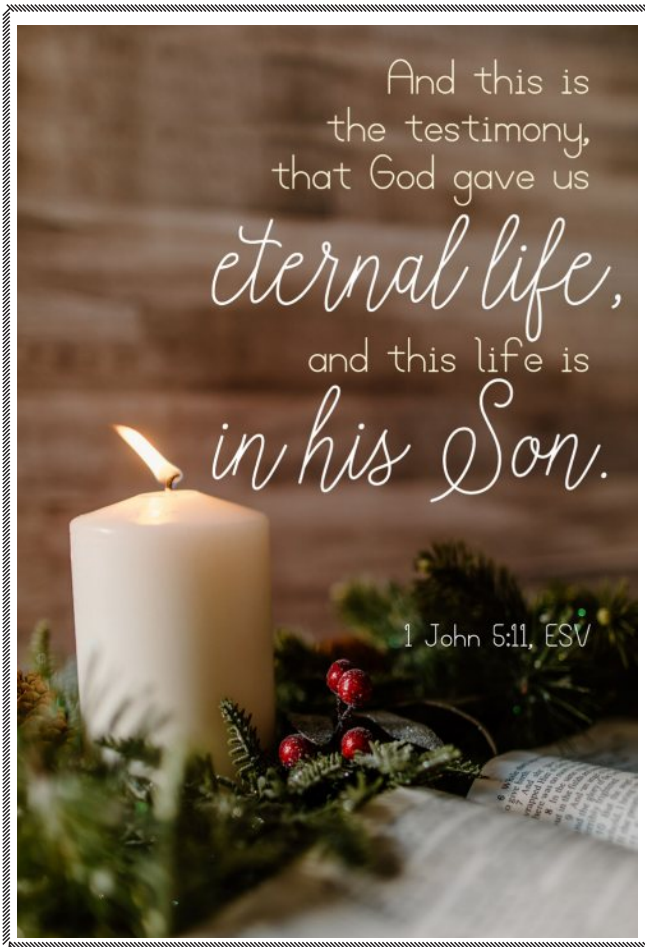
Ladies' Advance - May 1-3, 2025

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025

Great Falls

Oct. 20 - Prayer and fasting for evangelism



Question of the week:

According to the apostle Paul in Colossians 3, what is to rule in the hearts of the saints?

Last week's question: In the last chapter of Isaiah, the Lord said He would extend a certain kind of peace to Jerusalem [the church]. What kind was it? *Answer: "Peace like a river" (Isaiah 66:12).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 74
Morning Assembly – 110
Evening Assembly – 49

Wednesday Night (10/9) – 57
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 64,83 Wed. - 63



The Church in Thyatira

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," re-asserts the Lord Jesus, "and behold, I 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 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!

He does search
"the minds
and hearts."

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.