

**“Like apples of gold in settings of silver
Is a word spoken in right
circumstances.”
-- Proverbs 25:11**



Girls from Christ's Church Academy in Billings
an integral ministry of the 48th St. Church of Christ
2nd place in 2025 Bible Bowl
at Christ's Church building
Bozeman, MT

**“And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an
eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth,
and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and
he said with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give Him glory,
because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him
who made the heaven and the earth and sea
and springs of waters.’ ”**

Revelation 14:6,7

Fully ALIVE in 2025 - "It is the Spirit who gives life..." - John 6:63

March 30, 2025

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 - Bob Edgar

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** PHIL SUTTON - ON MARRIAGE**

L.S. - Brian Schweitzer

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Rick Vaught

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Mar. 30 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: taco bar

Butte

April 20 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm before assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies' Advance - May 1-3, 2025 at Fishtail

Badlands Family Camp - May 23-26

Lancaster, OH Family Camp - May 23-26

MT Youth camp - June 8-13 at Fishtail

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

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

Great Falls

April 6 - fellowship dinner following assembly

ISAIAH 53:3, NIV

HE WAS
DESPISED AND
REJECTED ...
A MAN OF
SORROWS, AND
FAMILIAR
WITH SUFFERING.

Quotation of the week:

“Connected with victory over sin is control over the tongue. Words can edify, or words can tear down; words can encourage, or words can deflate. Not only are words which are said to others able to save or destroy, but words which people say to themselves also have this same power. The tongue is a tool, and it has great leverage in the lives of mankind.”
-- James/Jude (*Power of the Tongue*)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 64
Morning Assembly – 108
Evening Assembly – 62

Wednesday Night (3/26) – 54
Butte Lord's Day – 16
GF Lord's Day – 63,80 Wed. - 62



Reasonings from Revelation

Those Clothed in White Robes

In this intermission, as one vision transitions to the next, the “stage play” puts an additional focus on the multitude clothed in white robes. Although they have come from a Gentile background, they are permitted to join the vast chorus of voices, and they are privileged to shout, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb” (Revelation 7:10). They, along with the 144,000 of Jewish heritage (and presumably all in Old Testament times whose sins were “passed over” in waiting for Jesus’ sacrifice to be operative), can sing this song that angels cannot sing: “I have been redeemed.” Conscious of their having been “strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world,”

they are lifting their voices in praise and thanksgiving to Him who called them out of darkness into His marvelous light (Ephesians 2:12; 1 Peter 2:9).

- **“Who are they?”** – As John watches the great spectacle before his eyes, it seems that one of the four and twenty elders approaches him. “And one of the elders answered, saying to me,” is how John records it, ““These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?”” (Revelation 7:13). Now the reading audience as well as John is drawn into the scene, and attention is fixed on those in the white robes. The apostle, in that setting, certainly does not want to have any misunderstanding, so his answer is, “My Lord, you know” (Revelation 7:14). And the reading audience, drawn into trying to understand the vision themselves, is now waiting for the elder’s answer.
- **“Out of the great tribulation”** – This great multitude, standing before the throne with palm branches in their hands, is described as follows: “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). Those with a pre-millennial perspective would describe these as “tribulation saints,” having come through the time of the “antichrist” successfully. This perspective is flawed from the foundation; these are saints who suffer through the trials of being disciples of Christ in a hostile world, as the apostle Paul stated, “And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12). Each individual in the great multitude washed his robe when he was immersed into Christ, and his heart was sprinkled clean from an evil conscience by the blood of the Lamb. His obligation has been to keep putting on Christ, regardless of the persecutions and external circumstances connected with his earthly sojourn.
- **The reward** – Those who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus and who seek for glory and honor and eternal life will be rewarded. The commentary of the elder: “For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them” (Revelation 7:15). What an honor! “They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore, neither shall the sun beat down on them, nor any heat” (Revelation 7:16). All of the difficulties of traveling through the “desert life” of earth’s existence are gone; victory has been won!

Jesus, in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, had stated that everyone who believed in Him would have rivers of living water flowing from within. This, explained the apostle John, was a reference to the indwelling Spirit, given to those properly immersed from Acts chapter two onward. This comment by the elder to John is interesting: “For the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the water of life; and God shall wipe every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:17). In glory, then, the great Shepherd of the sheep continues to be the great Shepherd, and each saint continues in the deep fellowship of the Holy Spirit. The tears are forever gone, and the joyful fruit of the Spirit continues for each triumphant saint who has successfully come out of the great tribulation!

“They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”