"And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, from Egypt, to be a people for His own possession, as today."
-- Deuteronomy 4:19,20



One of the Lord's Day evening meeting groups
meeting at the church building
Bob Edgar in charge
Christ's Church in Bozeman

"Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless."

Ephesians 5:25-27

On Christ our eyes are fixed in 2026 - (Heb. 12:1,2)

November 8, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
LaQuinta Inn — Butte

Bozeman - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
St'dship - Brian Schweitzer
L.S. - Charlie Brown
Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. Evening 7:00 pm -
***Groups: 1 Thessalonians**
L.S. - Peter Ashley

Great Falls - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St'dship - Alex Luxmore
L.S. - Damien Herwick
Preaching - Caleb Wilson

Butte - 2:00 pm - Classes
3:00 pm - Assembly
L.S. - George Stone
Preaching - Jay Wilson

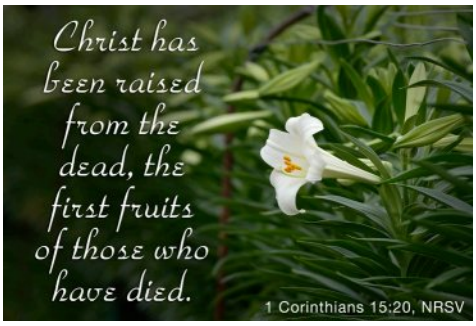
Bozeman

Nov. 22 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "Thanksgiving"

Congratulations to **Eloise June O'Dell**, born on Sat. Oct. 31 to Jon and Glenna O'Dell!!

Butte

November 15 - Fellowship dinner following assembly



Bozeman -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jerry Hoffman - "Song of Solomon"

Great Falls -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Caleb Wilson - *Equipping for the work of service*

Congratulations to **Tyler Zech**, who was immersed into Christ on Sat. Nov. 7 by his dad Zac Zech!!

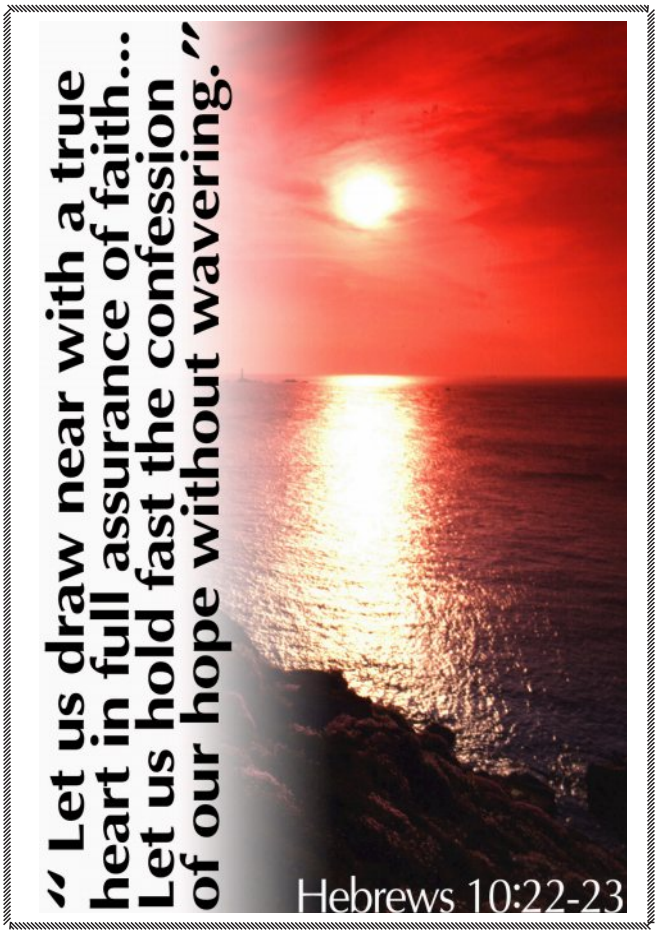
Announcements:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 13, 2027
Ladies Advance - April 15-17, 2027
Men's Peaks - July 22-24, 2027
Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, 2027

Great Falls

Nov. 8 - Fellowship dinner following assembly

Nov. 15 - Prayer and fasting for evangelism

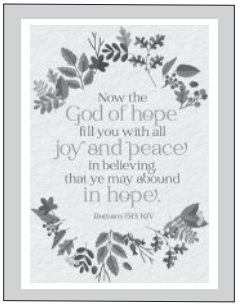


Quotation of the week:

"But those of us who walk by faith through the fires of earthly trial find praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 'Though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls' (1 Peter 1:8-9). It is worth whatever a man must go through to have that happy outcome at the revelation of Jesus Christ." -- *Points from First Peter,* "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

Attendance Last Week:

Bible School — 58	Wednesday Night (11/4) — 44
Morning Assembly — 100	Butte Lord's Day — 12 (ph: 6)
Evening Assembly — 57	GF Lord's Day — 69, 99 - Wed. - 52



"What then?" - Apostle Paul to the Romans

Knowledge of Sin

"Then what advantage has the Jew?" Paul had asked. In his initial response to his question, he answered, "First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God" (Romans 3:1,2). If there is a "first," then there is a "second"; and in the context of this section of the book of Romans the question of what is "second" is answered. But the answer is subtle.

Through the Law, and its subsequent enfolding into the gospel, the entire world becomes accountable to God. What other advantage had the Jew? He didn't need the Law enfolded into the gospel to know the righteous standard of God like the Gentiles did. By heritage and culture he knew, as the apostle had earlier stated, "His will," and had in the Law "the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth" (Romans 2:18,20). The advantage: the Jew knew, in letters originally written on stone and distributed in print by the scrolls in the synagogues, precisely what sin was. It was clearly defined for him, and he ended up under a weight that pointed him to a Savior for relief. The Gentile had to be drawn into the gospel message for him to be able to clearly understand that point.

- **Becoming accountable –** The Jew knew he was accountable to his Creator. He knew that the prophets had foretold the coming of a Day of reckoning, when the unrighteousness of unredeemed man will be exposed in his appearing before the true and righteous God (Isaiah 2:11,12). "For behold, the day is coming," the Lord had informed the prophet Malachi, a day "burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff" (Malachi 4:1). The Jew had known his history, of the successive judgments of God on Israel because of her sins, and that the faithful leaders had always taken time to confess her sins to God prior to making their requests (Nehemiah 9:37). The Gentile was placed on a fast-track learning experience to be "brought up to speed," that he might be able to process what the Jew already had as his background. What the Jew had not fully processed was embodied in this statement by Paul, the conclusion that "because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight" (Romans 3:20). One violation of the principles of the Law was all it took for the Jew to be in a deep spiritual hole, and no amount of keeping the Law was ever going to be a long dangling rope to get the Jew out. By extension, then, the Gentile would also come to understand that he too was lost. The description: "accountable to God."

> *Everything in the O.T. system brought forth "the knowledge of sin."*

- **Purpose of the Law –** Extensive writing in the New Testament helps both those of Jewish background and those of Gentile background understand the effect of the Law. The precepts found in the exposition of the Law, and the lessons of the sacrificial system all point to the unrighteousness of man in general, and of the inability of man to save himself by "good works" as in keeping the Law or in offering sacrifices to appease the wrath of the Almighty. "For the Law," asseverates Hebrews' author, "can never by the same sacrifices year by year...make perfect those who draw near" (Hebrews 10:1). The effect of such offerings, then, is that "in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year" (Hebrews 10:3). The culmination of the deliverance of the statutes and ordinances to Israel, the implementation of the sacrificial system through the Levitical priesthood, and the calls of the prophets for the people to repent is that "through the Law comes the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20).

In Israel's history, it was emphasized that they were to fear God; the record is that they failed miserably. The Gentiles in general fell under the category that "there is no fear of God before their eyes" (Romans 3:18). The necessary beginning ingredients in solving that problem are "the knowledge of sin" that comes through the Law, and what that sinful condition will result in on Judgment Day.

Jay Wilson