

**My soul is bowed down; my enemies
dug a pit for me, but they themselves
have fallen into the midst of it**



Lance Ashley happily shoveling the snow off the walkway
last day of school
May 21, 2021
Bozeman Christian School

The blind man's parents were afraid of the Jews, "for the Jews had already agreed, that if anyone should confess Him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' "

John 9:22,23

“Getting the Lord’s work done in 2021!!”

June 20, 2021

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

400 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Gunnar Landsgaard

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med. - Cliff Renner

L.S. - Charlie Brown

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Cliff Renner

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Bobo Womagno

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Prayer & Fasting, June 26,27. Fellowship dinner following assembly June 27

Butte -



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Unlocking the Mystery of Life (intelligent design video)

Great Falls -

Prayer & fasting - June 20

VBS - June 28-July 1, ages 3-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men’s PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021, Theme: “The kingdom’s sure increase”

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, Theme: “Powerful Pictures from the Prophets”

Jesus answered,
“The work
of God
is this:
to believe
in the one
he has sent.”

JOHN 6:29, NIV

Question of the week:

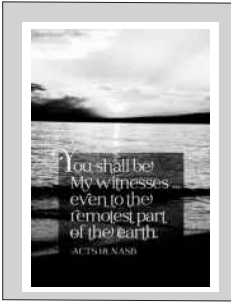
When Ahab became king of the northern kingdom and married Jezebel, a princess of Sidon, worship of what god greatly increased in Israel?

Last week's question: When the apostles were arrested for preaching the resurrection of Jesus as recorded in Acts 5, in what kind of jail were they incarcerated? *Answer: A public (Roman) jail as contrasted to the temple jail (Jewish) where Peter and John were earlier (Acts 5: 18) This indicates that the Jewish hierarchy was making inroads with Roman authority in the persecution of the early church.*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 102
Morning Assembly – 134
Evening Assembly – 51

Wednesday Night (6/16) – 64
Butte Lord's Day – 17
GF Lord's Day – 32,46, Wed. - 26



Acts Alive ...

The Preparation of Paul

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul spoke of how Jesus Christ brought life and immortality to life through the gospel, “For which,” said he, “I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher” (II Timothy 1:11). Thus the three stages in Paul’s growth were stated, occurring in this order:

- Teacher
- Preacher
- Apostle of Jesus Christ

After meeting Jesus on the Damascus road, and being immersed into Christ by Ananias, Paul [who was at first known as Saul] was

primarily a *teacher* of the word. In his letter to the Galatians, he informs us that he received his information by revelation, and that he was set apart from his mother’s womb eventually to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. “I went away to Arabia,” he informs us, “and returned once more to Damascus. Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas [Peter], and stayed with him fifteen days... Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia” (Galatians 1:17- 21). It was from Tarsus in Cilicia that Barnabas brought Saul to Antioch of Syria.

“Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas... and Saul. And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away” (Acts 13:1-3). With the laying on of the hands of the leadership of the congregation at Antioch, both Barnabas and Saul were set aside. From the perspective of the congregation, these two men are *apostles of the church* at Antioch and referred to as such a bit later in Acts. However, from the perspective of the people to whom they are delivering the gospel message, they are *preachers or evangelists*. So Saul is now not only a teacher, but he has been given the office of preacher, as he mentioned in 2 Timothy.

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to preach in Asia and
Europe.**

The final step of Saul’s progression was accomplished on the island of Cyprus, a bit west from Antioch’s coast in the Mediterranean Sea. After preaching the word in the synagogues beginning on the east side of the island, they reached the city of Paphos on the western edge. Here Barnabas and Saul were delivering the word to the proconsul, a man named Sergius Paulus, whom the scripture describes as “a man of intelligence” (Acts 13:7). A Jewish false prophet kept opposing them, trying to turn the proconsul away from the faith. At that point Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit, and said, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time” (Acts 13:9- 11).

The record shows that this false prophet named “Bar-Jesus” (who was also known as “Elymas the magician”) was immediately enveloped by a mist and a darkness, and went about looking for someone to lead him by the hand. This is the first miracle of Saul, and he is now being moved by the Lord to the next step in his progression, to that of apostle of Christ. Luke notes the significance of the event by recording the name change from “Saul” to “Paul.” From this point, he is able to establish his credentials, as he later detailed to the brethren in Corinth: “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you” (2 Corinthians 12:12).

After being filled with the Holy Spirit, Saul the preacher is then known as *Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ*. The preparation of Paul was complete, and this apostle to the Gentiles is now ready to broadcast the word powerfully into western Asia and Europe. The word moves on!

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