

**FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY ACT TO
JUDGMENT, EVERYTHING WHICH IS HIDDEN,
WHETHER IT IS GOOD OR EVIL.**



Local tumbleweeds objecting
to all the out-of-staters
moving into Montana
Belgrade, MT

**“Accordingly, whatever you have said in
the dark will be heard in the light, and
what you have whispered in the inner
rooms will be proclaimed upon the
housetops.”**

Luke 12:3

“Follow through in 2022!!”

January 9, 2022

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 -

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Jason Shanahan

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Bob Edgar

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Jan. fasting (Jan. 29,30). Potluck

Jan. 30 following assembly, Theme:
comfort food

Butte

Fellowship dinner - Jan. 16 at 6:30
pm

Congratulations to **Tony Hering** and
Betty DeMers who were united in
marriage in Boulder on Mon. Jan. 3!

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

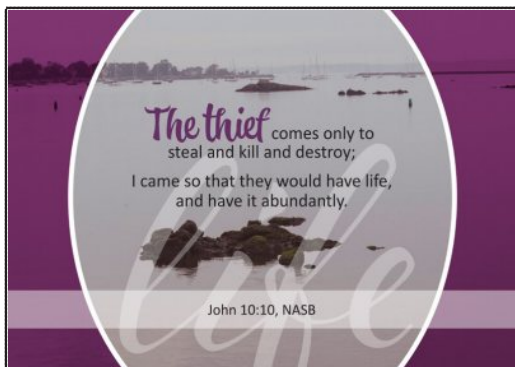
3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Cody Kruck

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 2 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

**“Perfectionism” debate
video presentation**

Great Falls

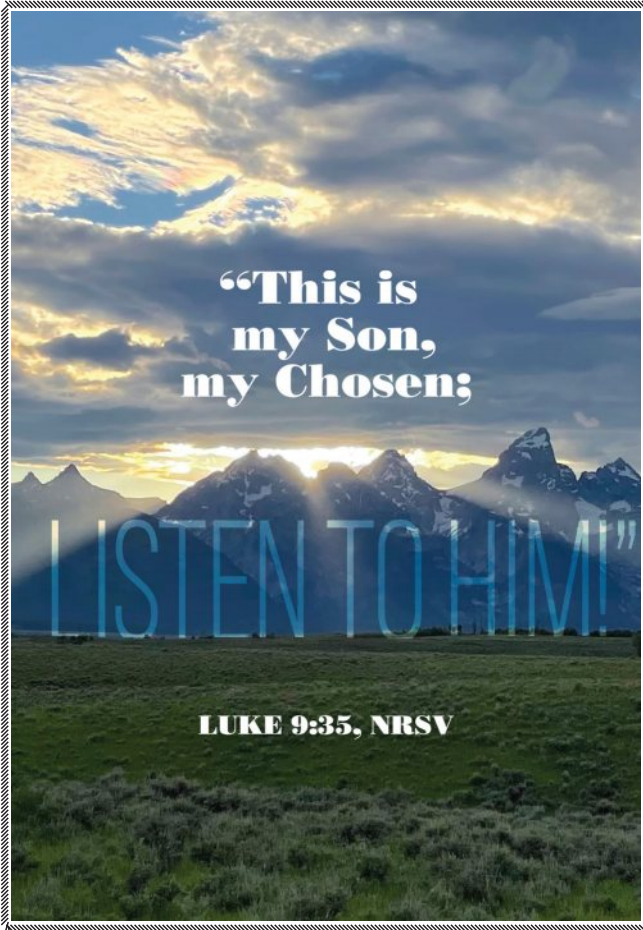
Prayer and fasting for evangelism
is Jan. 16

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 12, 2022

Men's Peaks - July 21-23, 2022

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022



Question of the week:

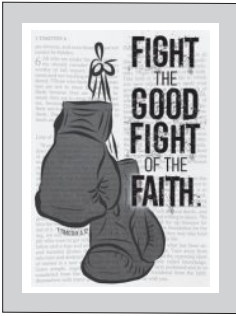
In connection with the birth of Christ, Herod destroyed many babies in the region around Bethlehem. What prophet spoke of this in terms of “Rachel weeping for her children”?

Last week’s question: In Zechariah, the prophet speaks of the future Zion [the church], figuratively describing it as full of old men with staves in their hands, and children filling the streets. What was the city to be called, and what was the mountain to be called? *Answer: “The City of Truth; the Holy Mountain” (Zechariah 8:3).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 76
Morning Assembly – 103
Evening Assembly – 56

Wednesday Night (1/5) – 50
Butte Lord’s Day – 16
GF Lord’s Day – 69,92, Wed. - 54



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Initial Greeting in I Timothy

The apostle Paul wrote the first epistle to Timothy after the closure of the history recorded in the book of Acts, sometime around AD 62 or a little later. Paul had been released from prison, and, as he indicates, he had departed for Macedonia [Philippi, Thessalonica]. Timothy is in Ephesus at the time of this letter, but where Paul was at that time is unknown. The congregation at Ephesus had been started or greatly augmented by the apostle on his third missionary journey, had grown rapidly, and had elders [bishops, or pastors]. Timothy, working as an evangelist in that area, needs this instruction from Paul to do his part in guiding the direction and expansion of the church in Ephesus and all Asia.

- **Paul's apostleship** – "Paul," is the opening word, "an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope..." (1 Timothy 1:1). As indicated earlier, Paul states his authority as an apostle of Christ (of which there were only the Twelve plus Paul). Very possibly Timothy needed that authoritative back-up to solve some issues in Ephesus. When the Lord spoke to Ananias about Saul of Tarsus (his "given" name) on the Damascus Road, He explained that "he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My Name before Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel" (Acts 9:15). This "chosen instrument" was set apart from his "mother's womb" to be an apostle of Christ, and at the right time God "was pleased to reveal His Son" in Paul (Galatians 1:15,16). Hence Paul writes that his apostleship was "according to the commandment of God."
- **Source of Paul's authority** – It is interesting that Paul says that his apostleship derives from "God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope." Sometimes, as in his letter to Titus, he will speak of "Jesus Christ our Savior" (Titus 3:5), whereas here in the opening of his first epistle to Timothy, he uses "God our Savior" separated from "Christ Jesus" by the conjunction *and*. The scripture is non-Trinitarian (separate but equal), but often it shows "interchangeable but not always equal" roles, ultimately using Jesus to give all glory to the Father. The role of God (or Jesus) as Savior figures prominently in the early portion of this letter to Timothy, Paul being very conscious of his own personal need of the Savior. But he also pictures Christ Jesus as being "our hope." The apostle generally uses "hope" as an expression of our ultimate resurrection from the dead. "I am on trial," said Paul to the Sanhedrin, "for the hope and the resurrection of the dead" (Acts 23:6). It is not surprising, then, that he should term Christ Jesus as "our hope," since the Lord Himself stated, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).
- **To Timothy** — This epistle is openly directed to Timothy, but the apostle knows there will eventually be many people looking over Timothy's shoulder to read these words. Timothy, says he, "is my true child in the faith" (1 Timothy 1:2). Timothy was converted in Lystra on Paul's first missionary journey, circumcised on Paul's second, and often traveled as a trusted associate with him from that point on. At one juncture he remarked concerning "his true child in the faith" that he had "no one else of kindred spirit" (Philippians 2:20).
- **The greeting** – "Grace, mercy, and peace," are the standard but not empty words flowing from Paul's pen, "from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." *Grace* has to do with all the good gifts which come forth from the Father, but especially His willingness to give us the spiritual blessings of salvation, the indwelling Spirit, all that derives from those. Mercy is tied to God's willingness to withhold the punishment that is entirely due us because of our initial rebellion against Him and His principles. *Peace* is the result of the cessation of our hostility toward God, and our reconciliation to Him through the provisions of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

These personal and sincere words of greeting to Timothy testify to the genuineness of the letter, and not something made up by a later imposter. These are the "true words of God"!!

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