

**“Mordecai the Jew...one who sought
the good of his people and one who
spoke for the welfare of his nation.”**

-- Nehemiah 13:14



“Packed house”

**Assembly of the saints on the first day of the week
to break bread**

Christ’s Church in Great Falls, MT

**“To these [the apostles] He presented
Himself alive after His suffering by many
convincing proofs.”**

Acts 1:3

"Follow through in 2022!!"

November 20, 2022

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Charlie Brown

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***DANIEL**

L.S. - Daniel Arriaga

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Zac Dschaak

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Prayer and fasting for evangelism -

Nov. 19,20

Fellowship dinner - Nov. 20 follow-
ing assembly; theme: Thanksgiving

Butte

Nov. 20 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Proverbs

Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson, some New

Creation information

Great Falls

*Prayer and fasting for evangelism on
Nov. 20*

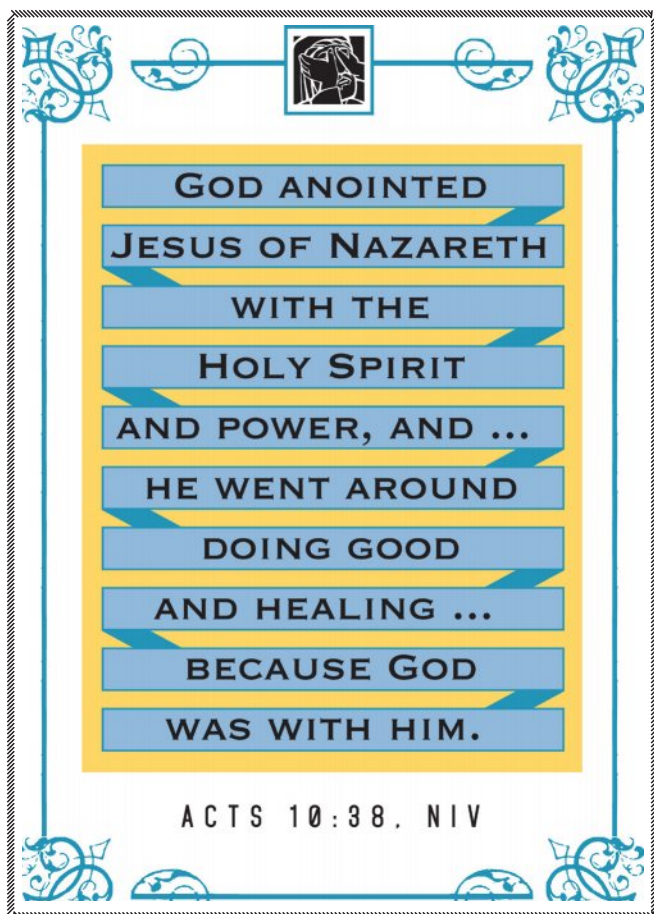
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023

Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023

Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



Question of the week:

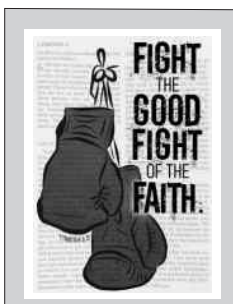
When word came to Ezekiel that Jerusalem had fallen to the Babylonians, what happened to Ezekiel's mouth?

Last week's question: When the author of Hebrews was establishing the high priesthood of Christ, he had two quotes from the Old Testament, one referencing how He is the Son, the other referencing directly that He is a priest forever. Both quotes begin with the same two words; what are they? *Answer: "You are..." (My Son, Heb. 5:5; a priest forever, Heb. 5:6).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 92
Morning Assembly – 118
Evening Assembly – 81

Wednesday Night (11/16) – 67
Butte Lord's Day – 10
GF Lord's Day – 62,91 Wed. - 29



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Constant Friction

The human race always has been a selfish, violent, bloody race. The exhibition of the man of flesh was on full display when Cain refused to master the sin crouching at his door, and spilled Abel's blood upon the ground. Whether it is through physical or verbal abuse, the rebellious man or woman is characteristic of the world gone astray. The problem is that when this rebellious "mere man" becomes a Christian, sometimes those destructive elements in his character do not go away soon, or possibly not at all if there is no continuing repentance. Their throat is still "an open grave," their tongues keep deceiving, the poison of asps is still under their lips, destruction and misery are still their paths (Romans 3:13-16). This rebelliousness will cause a person to advocate false doctrine because the doctrine of Christ brings the individual to

conform to godliness. Such a conceited, non-understanding person is always interested in veering off the course of important teachings from the word of God, and "has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words."

- **Morbid interest at work** – The rebel, when something positive is going on, throws a grenade into the conversation. "Out of which," avers the apostle, "arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constant friction" (1 Timothy 6:4,5). By creating a ruckus, this morally depraved individual (who might be a "member in good standing" in the local congregation) directs attention away from himself and his need to "repent and get right with God." The list of those things which arise from the actions and words of this individual is an impressively bad one. By his fomenting *envy*, good cooperation and teamwork is destroyed. By his generation of *strife*, much effort is expended in patching up broken relationships instead of being focused on evangelism and the edification of the church. By his introduction of *abusive language* and character assassination into the conversations, a general bad attitude sinks over the congregation, and all the positive attributes of Christianity end up in the trash can. By his subtle injection of *evil suspicions* here and there, trust between brothers is destroyed. One such individual can cause tremendous destruction to the name of Jesus Christ and the furtherance of His cause.
- **Result of morbid interest** – All this, in the words of the apostle Paul, might be summarized as "constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth" (1 Timothy 6:5). These people (could be men, and could equally be women), while in the guise of being Christians, are actually on Satan's side, being of a depraved mind. This is not surprising, since Satan's goal is to disrupt. The devil has no positive plan; all he and his minions can do is to attempt to throw as many difficulties in the way of those who are doing God's will. So those who engage in "constant friction" are really hindering the work of God, and the saint needs to recognize one of those when he sees one.
- **"Godliness for gain"** – People have a lot of different motives, some open and some hidden, some good and some devious and destructive. The ones about whom Paul is commenting are those with hidden and evil motives, who parade through the congregations cloaked with the appearance of righteousness. These supposed saints, are "deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain." (NKJV and the Byzantine stream add: "From such withdraw yourself.") (1 Timothy 6:5). They use their appearance to further their personal, petty, or financial goals!

True godliness, however, is a blessing for the godly, and enables the godly to be a blessing to others. "But godliness actually is a means of great gain," affirms the apostle, "especially when accompanied by contentment" (1 Timothy 6:6). Those who are engaged in constant friction are never happy, and often are trying to hurt someone else as an outgrowth of their own frustrations. But those who live godly lives, as defined by the scriptures, really do experience great gain and satisfaction in knowing that their labors contribute are laying up treasure for themselves in heaven, and that God is glorified. When all this is "accompanied by contentment" in the life of one who is living by precious faith, that individual is blessed and happy!

**Godliness is
a means of
great gain!**