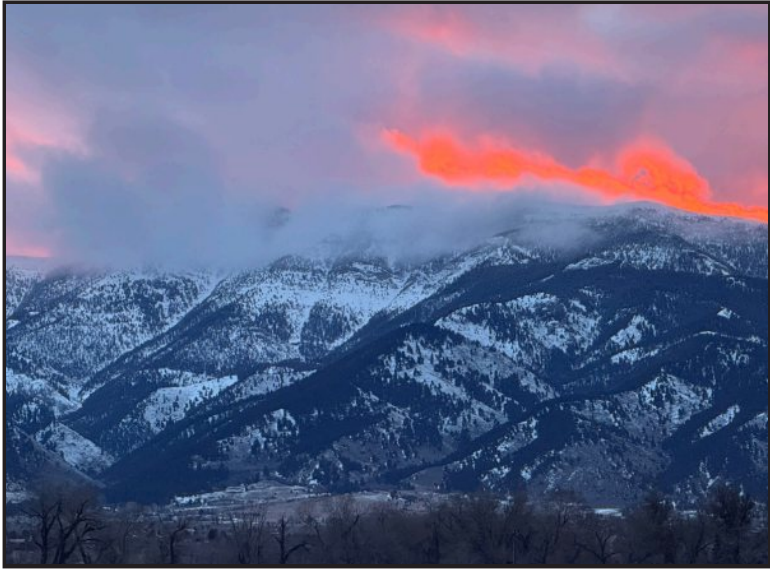


**“COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD,
TRUST ALSO IN HIM, AND HE WILL DO IT.
HE WILL BRING FORTH YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS AS THE LIGHT
AND YOUR JUDGMENT AS THE NOONDAY.”**

-- PSALM 37:5,6



“Fire in the sky”
sunrise over the Bridger Mountains
east of Christ’s Church building
Bozeman, MT

“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

Win one more in 2024 - "...he who is wise wins souls" - Proverbs 11:30

May 12, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Lance Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Eli Odell

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Chris Phillips

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Steve McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Bozeman awards & graduation -

May 22; 7:00 pm

Butte

May 19 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30

pm



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Mentally Tough series

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

Great Falls

Awards and graduation - Wed.

May 22; 7:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lancaster Family Camp - Memorial Day Weekend

Badlands Family Camp - Memorial Day Weekend

Montana Youth Camp - June 9-14 (Fishtail, MT)

Men's "Peaks" - July 25-27, 2024

Family Camp - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2024



**BUT SINCE YOU
EXCEL IN EVERYTHING —
IN FAITH, IN SPEECH,
IN KNOWLEDGE,
IN COMPLETE EARNESTNESS
AND IN THE LOVE
WE HAVE KINDLED IN YOU —
SEE THAT YOU ALSO EXCEL
IN THIS GRACE OF GIVING.**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7, NIV

Question of the week:

Jesus said that Moses' lifting up the bronze serpent on a bronze pole pointed to something. What was it?

Last week's question: The judge Samson tied some foxes together by two's, put a burning torch in between the foxes, and turned them loose into the Philistines standing grain. How many foxes did he catch? *Answer: 300 (Judges 15:4).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 68
Morning Assembly – 106
Evening Assembly – 58

Wednesday Night (5/8) – 37
Butte Lord's Day – 16
GF Lord's Day – 61,87 *Wed. - 59*



Beginning of Warnings

The walk of faith was never proffered as a walk without severe challenges and difficulties. “Consider it all joy, my brethren” was James’ exhortation, “when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance” (James 1:2,3). Faith that is not tested is not really faith. Hence the word of God is full of warnings about obstacles of all kinds which might turn the saint aside from the way of truth, and full of exhortations about keeping on and pressing on.

The church at large in Jude’s day was being infiltrated by schemers who were bringing in teaching that, on the surface, offered an easier way than that of “the faith once delivered.” About such promoters of a shallow and bent gospel and their favorable reception, Jesus had

spoken: “Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to treat the false prophets” (Luke 6:26).

- **First example** – Jude begins a series of warnings for the brethren, concerned that they fall for the temptation to move in the direction of licentiousness and thus eventually experience God’s wrath. “Now I desire to remind you,” Jude says to his obviously scripturally knowledgeable audience, “though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe” (Jude 1:5). It is significant that, of the 603,550 numbered men aged twenty and above at the crossing of the Red Sea, only two maintained their faithfulness to God and His plan. Concerning the 603,448 – their carcasses littered the landscape over the next forty years. This warning should be very clear for the saints, and sufficient to garner attention and willing obedience to God.
- **Second example** – Apparently the deceptiveness and allure of the “certain persons” and their licentious leanings was strongly working on the brethren. So, another warning is tacked on: “And angels who did not keep their own domain,” Jude adds, “but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day” (Jude 1:6). The book of Revelation tells us that the “dragon and his angels” were thrown out of heaven, not before Genesis chapter three, but just before Acts chapter two. With Satan and his fallen angels booted out of heaven’s realm, then these words could be spoken in a loud voice, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come” (Revelation 12:10). The apostle Peter described the same event in these terms: “God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell [literally, Tartarus, a spiritual realm equivalent to the abyss of Revelation] and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment” (2 Peter 2:4). Satan’s headquarters are now Tartarus, from which he continues to tempt all who live on the surface of planet earth, and is described as “having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time” (Revelation 12:12). Both Jude and 2 Peter emphasize that the rebellious angels’ end is “judgment,” what the book of Revelation calls “the lake of fire and brimstone” (Revelation 20:10).

The modern saint needs to pay close attention to these warnings!

The message of Jude to the brethren, then, is that since God destroyed the rebellious in the wilderness of Moses’ day and cast the rebellious angels into darkness to await judgment, He will most certainly harshly judge any saint who gets pulled into the rebellion of those who turn the grace of God into licentiousness. The modern saint, bombarded by massive and continual sensual appeals in the digital age and facing world-wide propaganda barrages from every direction, needs to pay special attention to these warnings from Jude.

It is easily documented that modern churches of what might be called “The Restoration Movement” are caving in to the very temptations so concerning to Jude 20 centuries ago. Not having any plan of evangelism other than inviting people to their assemblies, they compromise the gospel call to repentance and obedience to the gospel, and fill their congregations with weak brethren. The result is a fleshly-minded people, who easily fall into the trap of substituting licentiousness for the true grace of God, and who are thus awaiting the fearsome judgment of God.