

**“The Mighty One, God, the LORD, has spoken,
And summoned the earth from the rising of the
sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God has shone forth.”
-- Psalm 50:1,2**



W. Billings and the Yellowstone River valley
seen from the rim
west of the Billings airport

**“And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together
with all who were in his house. And he took them that
very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and
immediately he was immersed, he and all his household.
ACTS 16:32,33**

Fully ALIVE in 2025 - "It is the Spirit who gives life..." - John 6:63

August 17, 2025

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

Prayer med - Joe Shanahan

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Jay Wilson

L.D. EVENING 4:00 PM -

***JOE SHANAHAN**

L.S. - Jon Odell

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Levi DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Caleb McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Butte

Aug. 17 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30

pm before assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

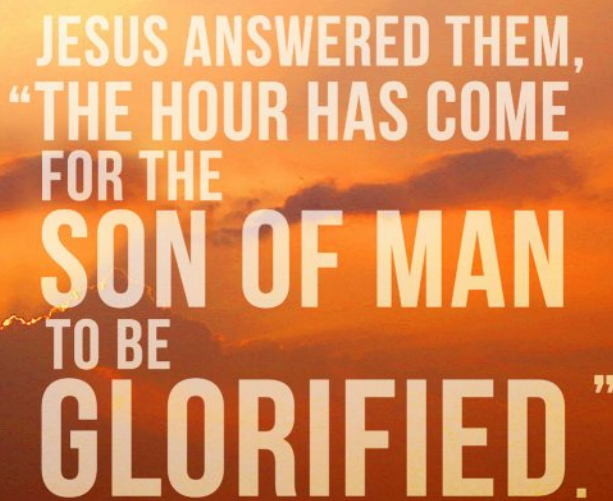
Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025. Theme:

"Instructions from an Elder in Jerusalem"

Great Falls

Aug. 17 - fasting and prayer for evangelism

Assembly Lord's Day August 31 at 3:00 pm. No classes



JESUS ANSWERED THEM,
“THE HOUR HAS COME
FOR THE
SON OF MAN
TO BE
GLORIFIED.”

JOHN 12:23, ESV

Quotation of the week:

Worship of God, then, is the grand, imposing topic of the scripture in terms of man's response to God...The goal of the Most High is to seek and prepare for Himself a people who will “worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). The subject of worship, therefore, is not a merely interesting intellectual side-note in the Bible. It is critical that everyone making a claim to being a child of God understand worship, as the Lord Himself said, “The true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers” (John 4:23). -- *Cleansing the Inside of the Cup*
-- Chapter 4

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 67
Morning Assembly – 108
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (8/13) – 56
Butte Lord's Day – 9 (ph: 5)
GF Lord's Day – 61,86 Wed. - 44



Reasonings from Revelation

"The Beast from the Earth"

The battle from the beginning, and even before the beginning, is over "worship," the total humble submission to a greater authority. The devil, then, does everything he can to turn mankind away from the type of worship that God wants from a truly spiritual people to anything else. Hence man in general is turned to worshiping images "in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures," and even the "host of heaven" (the sun, moon, and stars) (Romans 1:23; Acts 7:42). Pressure and power even, according to John's vision, result in "all who dwell on the earth" to worship the first beast, tyrannical government. That is a turning of mankind away from the true worship of God in a major way.

- **The second beast** – "And I saw," records John, "another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). Looks like a lamb, but speaks like a dragon?? What a pretender! Later this second beast is illuminatingly called "the false prophet" (Revelation 16:13; Revelation 19:20). While the first beast is connected with raw political and military power, the second beast is associated with all false religion, any view other than the true Christianity revealed in the pages of the New Testament.
- **Authority and symbiosis** – These two beasts work together. "And he [the second beast, the false prophet] exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence" (Revelation 13:12). An illustration: The Russian Orthodox Church gave a spiritual legitimacy to the Czar, with the Czars even being coronated by the Orthodox priests; the Czar, with the power of the sword, essentially gave the Russian Orthodox Church a monopoly on religious practice in old Russia. The second beast — false religion — gets its power from the first beast.
- **Quid pro quo** – What does the first beast get in exchange for the appearance of legitimacy in its tyranny? "And he [the second beast] makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed" (Revelation 13:12). Those "who dwell on the earth" [non-Christians] are directed by the false prophet to continue in their obeisance to government, giving the glory and honor and obedience to it rather than God. This is a continuation of the age old struggle: does the follower of God stay firm in his faith, or does he compromise in the face of persecution and privation?
- **Great signs from the false prophet** – By the time that the book of Revelation is written, and in the times ahead to which it looks, there are no more miracles or signs from God. The purpose of those signs was to "confirm the word" (Mark 16:20). Once the word was confirmed, the signs ceased. That should make it easy. But many are and will be deceived. "And he [the false prophet in the vision] performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast..." (Revelation 13:13,14). Unless a person is really committed to searching out and following the truth, he will be deceived by the signs and clever lies of the false prophet. A good example of the work of the "false prophet" is found in 2 Thessalonians where, with a little work, it can be shown that the apostle Paul is speaking of the coming of Catholicism and the development of the papacy. The apostle writes of one whose coming is "in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:9,10).

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The false prophet and his agents are very deceptive. "And no wonder," stated Paul, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14). The saint must be firmly grounded in sound doctrine!

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