

“Now it came about in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt [1406 BC], in the fourth year of Solomon’s reign over Israel [966BC], in the month of Ziv which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.”

-- 1 Kings 6:1



The “red ball” of the sun setting in the smoky haze
Pennwell Bridge Road
Northwest of the church building
Christ’s Church in Bozeman

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.”

Ephesians 5:1,2

On Christ our eyes are fixed in 2026 - (Heb. 12:1,2)

August 23, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Lance Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Jon Shanahan

L.S. - Nick Jacobs

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS AT BUILDING: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Jon O'Dell

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Alex Luxmore

L.S. - Jon Reijgers

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

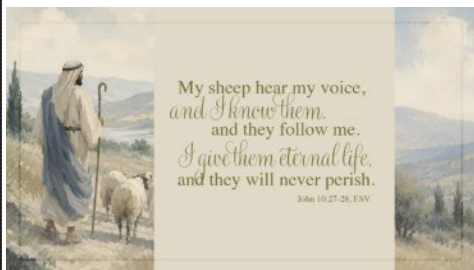
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Aug. 23 - Going away party for the

Suttons, fellowship dinner following assembly

Butte

September 20 - Fellowship dinner following assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Luke Wilson - "The

Minor Prophets"

GREAT FALLS -

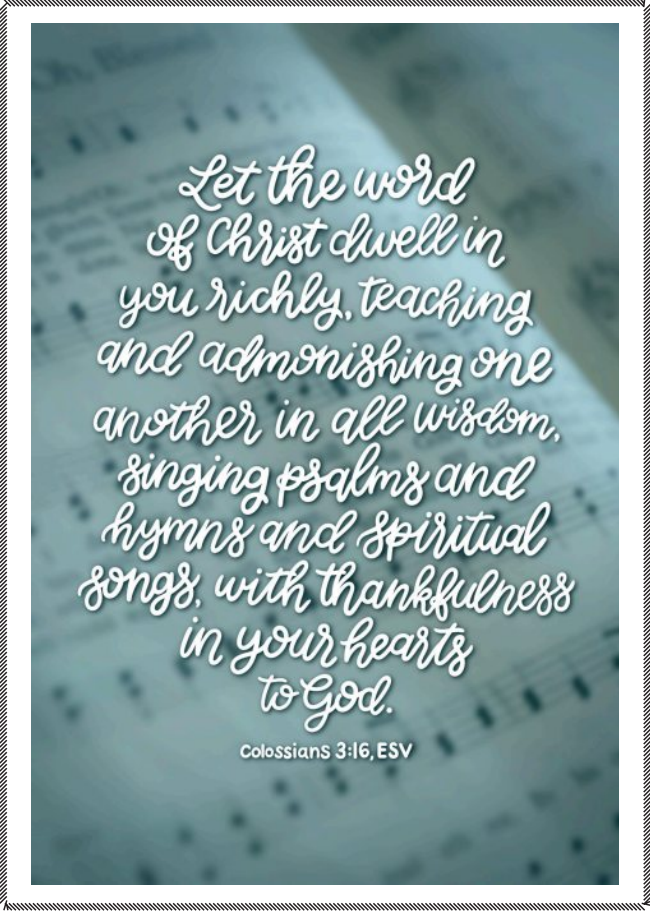
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

**Caleb Wilson - Equipping
for the work of service**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Family Camp - Sept. 4-7, 2026; "Awesome Prophecies from Psalms"

Great Falls



Let the word
of Christ dwell in
you richly, teaching
and admonishing one
another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual
songs, with thankfulness
in your hearts
to God.

Colossians 3:16, ESV

Quotation of the week:

“The pull of the things of the world is powerful, and the scripture is replete with warnings, warnings, and more warnings about its enticements. ‘Do not love the world,’ John adds his voice to the chorus, ‘nor the things in the world’ (1 John 2:15). Behind the scenes in the ‘world operation’ is Satan. In rebellion against God himself, he is continually putting the sons of men in a situation where, whether they realize it or not, they are having to choose whose side they are on. ‘If anyone loves the world,’ the apostle points out, ‘the love of the Father is not in him.’ The choice has always been clear: choose heaven and it will cost you earth; choose earth and it will cost you heaven.” -- *Lots of Love from the Letters of John*, “All That Is in the World”

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 64
Morning Assembly – 108
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (8/16) – 66
Butte Lord's Day – 8 (ph: 2)
GF Lord's Day – 64,83 Wed. - 50



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

Effects of Sin

The apostle Paul is making sure that there is no self-righteousness on the part of any Jew coming into the body of Christ. He has made it clear that “there is no partiality with God,” that the same even-handed judgment will be executed for the Jew as much as the Gentile.

- **Sinning without the Law** – The Jew had a knowledge of the Law dating back to the time of Moses, almost 1500 years prior to Paul’s dictating this epistle. The Gentile world was governed only by its conscience, which demonstrably is a weak guide. The Gentiles, in other words, were “without Law,” having no knowledge of the Law of God unless they had been hanging around the Jewish synagogues. Hence the apostle writes, “For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law” (Romans 2:12). *Perish!* That means an eternity in the fires of hell! The effect of one sin even for those with no direct knowledge of the Law is eternal punishment.
- **Sinning under the Law** – For those of Jewish background, Paul states it differently. He adds, “... and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law...” Is that an escape route? Nope! The apostle made the point clear in his epistle to the Galatian brethren. “For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse,” he pointed out, “for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them’” (Galatians 3:10). The impartial judgment of God is, as Paul is repeatedly emphasizing, that unless the Jew had kept the Law perfectly, he also was condemned.
- **Mere hearers condemned** – David, in asking the question about who might abide in God’s tent and live on His holy hill, gave an interesting answer: “He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart” (Psalm 15:2). Action verbs here: walks, works, speaks. Thus the apostle, in discussing those who live under the Law being judged by the Law, comments, “for not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified” (Romans 2:13).
- **“Doers” justified?** – The apostle Paul subtle here, and taking his readers to a depth they have not previously plumbed. If a Jew had kept the law perfectly, he would not need to be justified; justification is necessary for a person who had previously violated the Law, to have God’s righteousness applied to him. Paul is laying the groundwork for what he is eventually going to get to in Romans chapter eight where he is going to point out “that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” (Romans 8:4). Hence it is not the hearers of the Law who are justified, but the doers – walking according to the Spirit – who are justified. They had to be lost first, then obedient to the gospel and indwelt by the Spirit; they needed to be justified because of their wayward lives before coming into Christ. But in Romans chapter two, Paul is just laying the groundwork for that great point to come.
- **Gentiles’ doing the law** – In Paul’s argumentation with those of Jewish background, the apostle is carefully boxing the Jew in. The Jew was exposed as being a hearer of the law, not a doer. So if the mere hearers of the law are not the ones justified, what about the Gentile who does practice the righteousness embodied in the law? “For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves...” (Romans 2:14).

The groundwork is this: Mr. Jew, you didn’t keep the law, so you are lost. If you had kept the Law, you would be upright before the Lord. So if the Gentile is a doer of the Law, will he not be upright before the Lord?

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