

“Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. Then fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.”

-- LEVITICUS 9:23,24



“Love is in the air”
Heart produced by special jet work
near the building
Christ’s Church in Bozeman

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

II Timothy 3:16,17

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

October 11, 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

St'dship - Jeff Landsgaard

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Cliff Renner

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Justin Schmiedeke

L.S. - Ryan Compton

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

October 18 - Fellowship dinner
following assembly. Theme: German
food

Butte

October 18 - Fellowship dinner fol-
lowing assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jerry Hoffman - "Song of
Solomon"

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Caleb Wilson - *Equipping
for the work of service*

*Congratulations to **Todd
Foster**, who was immersed
into Christ on Sat. Oct. 3 by
Rick Vaught in the Missouri
River!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors Weekend - Oct. 23-24, 2026

Bible Bowl - Mar. 13, 2027

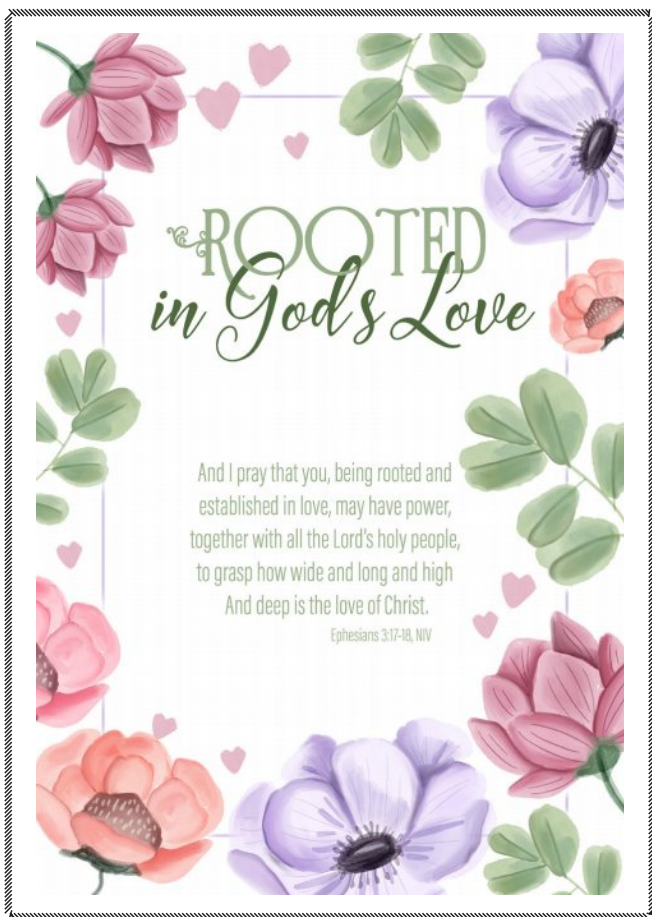
Ladies Advance - April 15-17, 2027

Men's Peaks - July 22-24, 2027

Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, 2027

Great Falls

Oct. 18 - Prayer and fasting for
evangelism



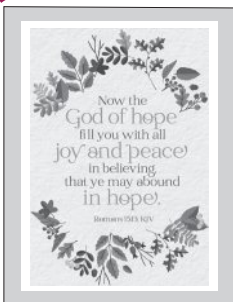
Quotation of the week:

"Jesus did say that He was, in one manner of speaking, delivering a new commandment to the brethren, that they love others as Jesus loves. Calling on the brethren to sacrifice themselves for the truth of the gospel, John explains: 'On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining' (1 John 2:8). Before 'the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,' the concept connected with love was not so clearly defined (Titus 3:4). But now that love is demonstrated, it is more readily understood as specifically sacrificing for the sake of others' eternities. Hence, it is a new commandment." -- *Lots of Love from the Letters of John*, "The Old/New Commandment"

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 56
Morning Assembly — 91
Evening Assembly — 63

Wednesday Night (10/7) — 52
Butte Lord's Day — 11 (ph: 4)
GF Lord's Day — 65,92 - Wed. - 54



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

The Righteous Judge

The gospel, said the apostle Paul, reveals “the righteousness of God” (Romans 1:16,17). Through this gospel, faithful followers of Christ are given the opportunity to have the righteousness of God applied to them, a function of the grace and mercy of Christ. But a point of emphasis is that God Himself is righteous, and His judgments are therefore righteous and fair. “Righteous are You, O Lord,” an unknown psalmist pointed out, “and upright are Your judgments” (Psalm 119:137). Righteous judgment requires that a person cannot be regarded as guilty for a crime which he did not commit, or held accountable for circumstances which were beyond his control. It is likewise true, then, that righteous judgment from a righteous God

requires that a person cannot be regarded as guilty for sins which he did not commit, or held accountable for circumstances which were beyond his control.

- **The person who sins dies (spiritually)** – One of the great foundational principles of God’s justice and great aids to understanding sin and its consequences is brought forth in God’s argumentation through Ezekiel in Ezekiel 18:20: “The person who sins will die,” is the blunt basic statement. “The son will not bear the punishment for the father’s iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son’s iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.” Adam’s sin cannot be inherited by anybody, nor can any other sins be passed off to another person. The wickedness of the wicked is indeed upon himself!
- **God is not unrighteous** – Paul’s rhetorical question is key: “The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He?” (Romans 3:5). Far be it from the righteous God to be unrighteous! Thus if God’s wrath is to be inflicted, it is inflicted because His justice requires it. Hence if the wicked dies spiritually (and possibly for all eternity), it is because of sin he has willfully committed; his sin, by intent or neglect, was committed as part his decision-making processes, and he is therefore responsible before the righteous Judge.
- **Only those who are old enough are accountable** – Small children, those who are as yet unable to walk or talk, are clearly not accountable for their actions. So who does God hold accountable? Those who are capable of functioning at an adult level, as evidenced in Samaria under the preaching of Philip, “But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being immersed, men and women alike” (Acts 8:12).
- **God’s foreknowledge** – The apostle Paul’s famous statement in Romans 3:23, that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” is sometimes used to show that man really has no choice, that he must sin. This statement, a Holy Spirit-inspired statement (since Paul could not make that statement based on his comparatively limited experience), looks at the whole human race from beginning to end and sees that, yes, all sinned. That means that they all made the decision to sin. God’s foreknowledge does not block human free will.

*No one is
unfairly
condemned!*

How is it possible for God to orchestrate in the affairs of the world and yet for man to have free will? He somehow feeds the hungry and sends away the rich empty-handed. He somehow brings down the rulers from their thrones and exalts those who are humble (Luke 1:52,53). He somehow does those things and leaves man’s free will intact! “How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!” exclaimed the apostle. “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?” (Romans 11:33,34).

The fact is, therefore, that all have sinned by their own free will. God’s justice is duly and fairly meted out, and no one is unfairly condemned. Furthermore, any attempt to unfairly judge or blame God definitely fails. He indeed is “justified in His words, and prevails when He is judged” (Romans 3:4).

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