

**“The mountains rose; the valleys sank down
To the place which You established for them.**

**“You set a boundary that they may not pass over,
So that they will not return to cover the earth.”**

-- Psalm 104:8,9



Full house at the opening of PA Family Camp
sponsored by Christ Church of Bedford County
Everett, PA

**“We sailed from Philippi after the days of
Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas
within five days; and there we stayed seven days.**

**On the first day of the week, when we were
gathered together to break bread, Paul began
talking to them, intending to leave the next day,
and he prolonged his message until midnight.”**

-- ACTS 20:7,7

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

October 18, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Peter Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Justin Shanahan

L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Alex Luxmore

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Damien Herwick

L.S. - Levi DuPaul

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Bob Edgar

Bozeman

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

Butte

October 18 - Fellowship dinner fol-
lowing assembly

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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"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors Weekend - Oct. 23-24, 2026

Bible Bowl - Mar. 13, 2027

Ladies Advance - April 15-17, 2027

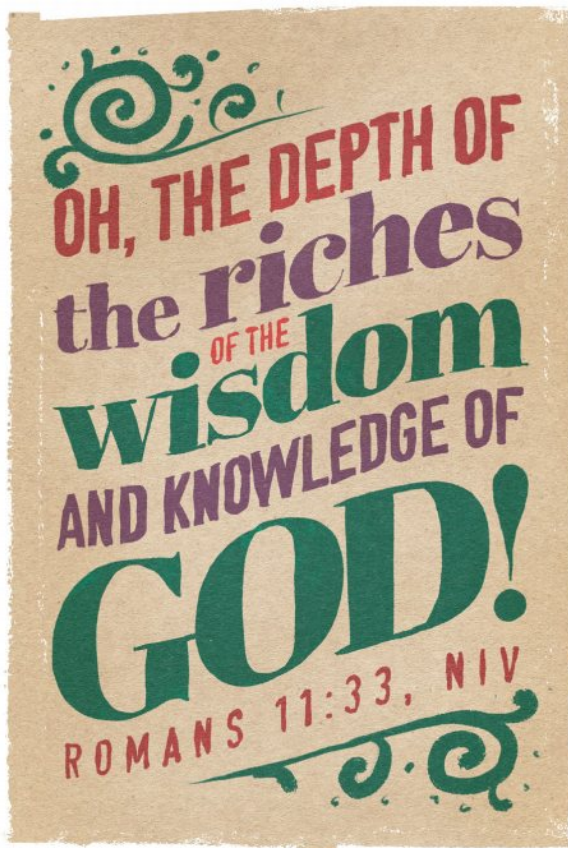
Men's Peaks - July 22-24, 2027

Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, 2027

Great Falls

Oct. 18 - Prayer and fasting for
evangelism

Nov. 8 - Fellowship dinner follow-
ing assembly



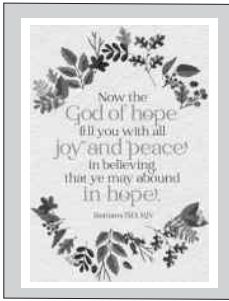
Quotation of the week:

“For those who have come under the blood of the Sacrifice, their sins are forgiven and their souls are redeemed. ‘How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,’ exulted David the king, ‘whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity’ (Psalm 32:1-2). ‘Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness, to deliver their soul from death’ (Psalm 33:18).” -- *The Gospel According to Psalms*, “Blessed Are the Forgiven”

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 63
Morning Assembly — 110
Evening Assembly — 61

Wednesday Night (10/14) — 52
Butte Lord's Day — 17 (ph: 6)
GF Lord's Day — 61, 86 - Wed. - 41



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

Jews and Greeks Are All under Sin

In his “literary device” argument with an imaginary Jew, the apostle Paul is closing all loopholes. His challenge is helping those of Jewish background understand that just being a Jew and being circumcised is not going to solve their sin problem, but their obstinacy makes them look for excuses. Hence the closing of their loopholes.

One of the excuses proffered is “if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God,” why does God have a problem with that (Romans 3:5)? The answer is that the righteous God is going to righteously inflict His wrath unflinchingly on the unrighteousness of man. A similar thought is expressed in a follow up question: “But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to

His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner?” (Romans 3:7). Of course, the answer is unchanging, that just because some benefit results from the lie doesn’t justify the lie. Another objection to the righteous wrath of God against even one sin goes like this: “And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say), ‘Let us do evil that good may come?’” (Romans 3:8). Clearly people make up ridiculous excuses to justify their continuing in their sins, even charging the apostles with making up the same excuse. But, no, the wrath of God is still unflinching. “Their condemnation is just.”

- **The broad brush** – The thrust of the last half of Romans chapter one is that the Gentile world is lost (some small percentage would have been declared righteous if they had looked to the God of Israel to justify them). The thrust of Romans chapter two is that the Jewish world is lost (a larger percentage would have been declared righteous if they had looked to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to justify them). But the individual of Jewish background is still clinging to some comparison that would get him through heaven’s door. Paul is about to destroy that thinking also. “What then?” is his signature question. “Are we [Jews] better than they [the Gentiles]?” The answer is going to be consistent, “Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin” (Romans 3:9). The apostle is step-by-step leading his readers down the narrowing chute that all are in need of the justification that only comes through the obedience of the faith of Christ.

**There aren’t any
“good people”
outside of Christ.**

- **Old Testament scriptures** – The individual of Jewish background, possessing the advantage of having been entrusted with the sacred oracles of God, is not going to be convinced without Old Testament scriptures’ backing the truthfulness of Paul’s points of argumentation. Paul, having trained under the tutelage of Gamaliel, and as a skilled Pharisee, is going to bring out of his Old Testament treasure words which verify the teachings of the New. The apostle therefore introduces his next points in his closing the loopholes, averring “as it is written” (Romans 3:10). His first series of thrusts are derived from Psalm 14 and Psalm 53: “There is none righteous, not even one” (Romans 3:10). So, who is going to heaven based on their own righteousness? Next point: “There is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God” (Romans 3:11). Nicodemus was a ranking Pharisee, a good-hearted man, and one Jesus in positive fashion called “the teacher of Israel.” But when Jesus brought up a few things about being “born from above” and “born of water and Spirit,” Jesus’ analysis was that Nicodemus did not “understand these things” (John 3:10). If Nicodemus did not understand, it is certain that no one else did either, and they all need direction to even begin seeking.

God’s reckoning concerning the race of men reads as follows: “All have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one” (Romans 3:12). What about the idea of all those “good people” who will go to heaven apart from obedience to the gospel of Christ? The answer is simple: there aren’t any of those!”

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