

**Hide Your face from my sins, and blot  
out all my iniquities**



Some of the crowd inside the tent  
Family Camp 2019  
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“And look, He is speaking publicly, and  
they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers  
do not really know that this is the Christ,  
do they?”**

***John 7:26***

# October 20, 2019!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at  
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman  
Comfort Inn — Butte

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Elliot Ashley

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Jerry Hoffman

Communion Meditation — Charlie Brown

Preaching — Davis Ashley

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., **Butte - 7:30 p.m.**

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Matt Wilson, **George Stone**

Preaching — Matthew Wilson, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,  
Oct. 23rd –  
7:00 p.m. —  
*Character Traits of  
Jesus*  
— Phil Sutton

Oct. 26,27 - Fasting and  
prayer for evangelism. Potluck Lord's  
Day Oct. 27 following  
assembly.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Spiritual Warriors' Weekend** — Fri., Sat., Nov. 1,2

**Bible Bowl** — Sat. Mar. 14

**Ladies' Advance** — April 9-11, Billings, MT

**Men's PEAKS** — July 23-25

**Family Camp 2020** — Sept. 4-7

For it was fitting  
that we should have  
such a high priest,

**holy,  
blameless,  
undefiled,  
separated**

from sinners, and  
**exalted**  
above the heavens.

HEBREWS 7:26, NRSV

**Question of the week:**

When the second coming occurs as described “with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God,” who is the One described as bringing with Him those who have fallen asleep?

Last week’s question: Jeremiah was beset by a plethora of enemies within Jerusalem and Judah, and cried out to the Lord as he said he heard the whispering of many. But he knew the Lord was with him like \_\_\_\_\_

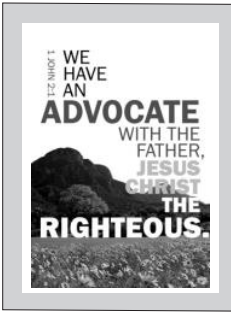
*Answer: a dread champion (Jeremiah 20:10,11).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 97  
Morning Assembly – 113  
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (10/916) – 75  
Butte Lord’s Day – –  
GF Lord’s Day (Wed) – 52,82,48

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...



## Purpose of Proclamation

Jesus, the light and life of the world, was manifested to John and his fellow apostles. But this manifestation would have been worthless unless it could be verified, announced in believable form, and then be able to be acted upon. The new covenant teaching—the apostles' doctrine—is designed to bring all these to the attention of any rational hearer that he may take the appropriate revealed action. Satan and his assistants, in perpetual opposition to the Almighty, work to create massive confusion regarding the manifestation of this Life. This confusion is designed to obfuscate the clear revelation of that which comes through Jesus Christ, and thus misdirect the souls of men into the fires of an eternal hell. Some of those first century agents of the devil were the antichrists, the Gnostics who

denied that Jesus came in the flesh, and therefore set in motion a whole chain of false doctrines.

- ◆ **Verifying the witness** — The apostle John is very emphatic: “What we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled” is his unmistakable statement that he and the other apostles were witnesses of all that Jesus did to bring the message of eternal life to mankind. Backing the eyewitnesses account of Jesus' resurrection, the core of the message of eternal life, were attesting miracles coupled with Old Testament prophecies. For example, as Paul defended his apostleship before the church at Corinth, he stated, “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles” (2 Corinthians 12:12). John likewise had demonstrated his apostleship repeatedly through the years.
- ◆ **The proclamation** — The apostle continually makes the point that his role is in the proclamation of the gospel. “We have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life,” is part of his opening statement. He adds, “What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you may have fellowship with us” (1 John 1:3). That proclamation focuses on Jesus Christ. John is writing to those who are already Christians, so he does not necessarily have to go back over the basics. Jesus, the “life which was manifested,” did empty Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant; “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,” was the way he had previously phrased the point (John 1:14). He was in fact immersed in the Jordan by John the Immerser and He was anointed with the Holy Spirit as He came up out of the water. He was crucified, buried, and subsequently raised from the dead. Following His appearances to “witnesses chosen beforehand,” He ascended to the throne of glory. Having preached that, John and his fellow apostles would announce the terms of salvation, requiring those who believed the message to repent, to confess that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and to be immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins and to receive the indwelling Spirit.
- ◆ **Why he preached** — The apostle had devoted his life to preaching the gospel, saving souls, and setting up congregations. His earnest desire, clearly, was the salvation of people. He explains: “What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3). This fellowship is “life”; apart from this fellowship, there is only eternal death.

The goal is fellowship with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus Himself, in His prayer on the west side of the Kidron before He crossed to the Garden of Gethsemane for the final time, expressed His deep concern about this fellowship. The Father had given Jesus all authority over mankind, He averred in His prayer to the Father, “that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:2,3). For this, John labored, preached, and taught.

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