

**Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me**



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starting to school in Learning to Read  
Bozeman Christian School  
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, teaching  
and saying, ‘You both know Me and know where  
I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but  
He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.  
I know Him, because I am from Him, and He  
sent Me.’ ”**

*John 7:28,29*

# November 3, 2019!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Ben Boyer

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Jeff Landsgaard

Communion Meditation — Bob Woodburn

Preaching — Jay Wilson

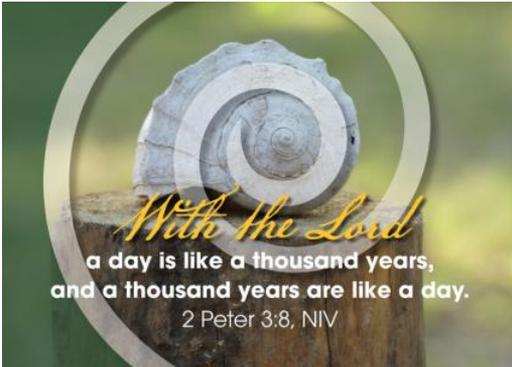
### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Jesse Edgar, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jason Shanahan, **Cole Hunsicker**

Preaching — Bob Edgar, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,  
Nov. 6th –  
7:00 p.m. –  
*Character Traits of  
Jesus*  
– Phil Sutton

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Bible Bowl** — Sat. Mar. 14

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

**Men's PEAKS** — July 23-25

**Family Camp 2020** — Sept. 4-7



**He is the**  
**HEAD** of the  
**BODY** the church;  
**he is the beginning,**  
**the firstborn from the dead ...**

**Colossians 1:18, NRSV**

**Question of the week:**

The apostle Paul told Titus (and future congregations) to reject a factious man after a first and second warning. Why?

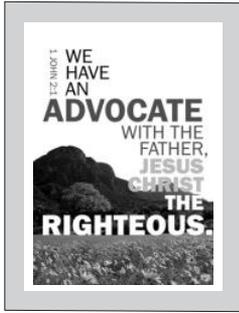
Last week's question: When Nebuzaradan, captain of the Babylonian guard, came into Jerusalem, what did he burn? *Answer: The house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem (Jeremiah 52:13).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 87  
Morning Assembly – 106  
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (10/30) – 88  
Butte Lord's Day – 19  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 50,87,48

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...



## The Message

Simple words, big concepts! The apostle John's concepts are so sweeping that it can be difficult to follow his thought processes, because, in part, the readership thinks "too small." As he presents the picture of Jesus, he calls Him "the Word of life." The truth of eternal life, and the means of attaining eternal life, are revealed only through Jesus Christ. "What was from the beginning," is terminology the apostle uses to denote that the incarnate Word existed from all eternity and before the foundation of the world. Processed properly, these concepts stagger the mind! These concepts, then, were revealed to John and his fellow apostles, and they were to proclaim (as witnesses

of Jesus' resurrection and ascension to the right hand of power) them to the peoples of the world, that individuals among those peoples themselves might possess eternal life. This, therefore, says John, is "our joy."

Following his sweeping introduction, the apostle makes this blockbuster statement: "And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:15). *This is the great summary verse of the whole Bible!* The core thought expressed in these simple words can be brought to the attention of the hearers of the word of God by using italics and an ellipse: "This is *the message* ... God is light." That's it! The core truth of the word of God is that "God is light." It takes the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, to set the stage for, and the matrix for, mankind to understand and believe the message revealed through Jesus Christ about who God is.

Many things that the Old Testament introduced could only be understood though the teaching introduced into the world by the apostles. The apostle Peter's comment is instructive here. "As to this salvation," he emphasized, concerning that which only came under the terms of the new covenant, "the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry." The prophets, such as Moses, Samuel, or his successors onward, did not understand what they wrote down. They were "seeking to know what person

or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow." That the Christ had to suffer and die before He could live forever is one of the things hidden from the prophets of old. But not only was the suffering and death of Christ spoken of, *the glories to follow* were significantly emphasized! "It was revealed to them," Peter added, "that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you." The awesome truths of the Christ were for those "upon whom the ends of the ages have come." As Peter continued, he noted that the things announced to the new covenant brethren came "through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven," things so lofty that into them "even angels long to look" (1 Peter 1:10-12). Thus the apostle Paul would comment that what he called "the mystery: Christ in you, the hope of glory," was manifested only because "it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and [new covenant] prophets in the Spirit" (Ephesians 3:5). That is why John says, "This is the message which we heard from Him."

But this message of life given to the apostles, if it remained only with the apostles, would be essentially worthless in carrying out God's eternal purpose. Hence the missive, given by Jesus (or the Spirit of Jesus) to the apostles, "we announce to you." The message and its terms are *announced!* They are not sold at auction, they are not bartered in the marketplace of men's ideas. They are announced on a non-negotiable, a "take it or leave it," basis to the world. Those who "take it" enter into the eternal life which John proclaimed; those who "leave it" enter into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

*The message of  
the gospel and  
its terms are  
announced!*

JAY WILSON