# THEN I WILL TEACH TRANSGRESSORS YOUR WAYS, AND SINNERS WILL BE CONVERTED TO YOU



Alan Donnett, Arthur Easton, and Rowby DeBacker all currently from the Wauseon, OH area having a good time at the PA Family Camp Christ Church at Bedford County, Everett, PA

"But many of the multitude believed in Him; and they were saying, When the Christ will come, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?""

John 7:31

## November 17, 2019!

Comfort Inn — Butte



#### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Corban Icenogle

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Jim Mitchell

Communion Meditation — Cliff Renner

Preaching — Jay Wilson

#### **EVENING SCHEDULE:**

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, George Stone

Communion Meditation — Gary DiPaolo, Boaz McDunn

Preaching — Josiah Sutton, Jay Wilson



This Wednesday, Nov. 20th – 7:00 p.m. — Character Traits of Jesus

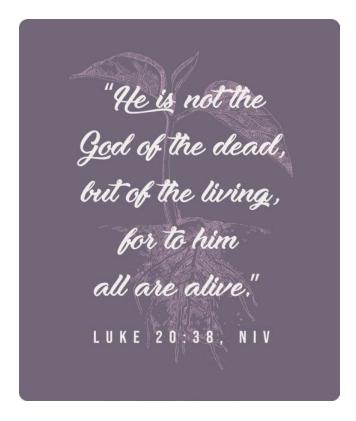
- Phil Sutton

November 22,23 - Fasting and prayer for evangelism. Potluck after assembly Sept. 28

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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



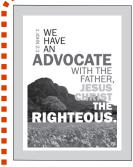
#### Question of the week:

What willfull sin, according to Hebrews' writer, results in a condition where there is no longer a sacrifice for sins, but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment?

Last week's question: Just before the glory of the Lord left Jerusalem in Ezekiel's vision, he prophesied of Israel being gathered from the nations. What did the prophecy say about the purpose of giving them a heart of flesh instead of a heart of stone? Answer: That they may walk in the Lord's statutes and keep His ordinances (Ezekiel 11:19,20).

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 95 Morning Assembly — 107 Evening Assembly — 50 Wednesday Night (11/13) – 79 Butte Lord's Day – 20 GF Lord's Day (*Wed*) – 40,80,48



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

### Light vs. Darkness

God is, from a human perspective, a long-term planner and executor. To set the stage for the ultimate spiritual message He wants to communicate, He created a physical world with its physical attributes. "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' " recorded Moses, "and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness" (Genesis 1:3,4). From the Creation onward, then, man has daily experience with "light" and "darkness." His body operates on the "circadian rhythm," he prepares for the oncoming night, and he greets the dawning day. Thus enveloped in the regular and unceasing cycle, he is thus prepared to deal with "light" and "darkness" in the spiritual realm.

God is totally light — "God is light," the apostle John notes, "and in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). Through the gospel of the glory of Christ, the message that "God is light" is transmitted in a way that the faith-center part of the human brain can process. As the Christ is pictured as moving from the babe in the manger to the awesome radiance of the Father's brightness in glory, those who are interested can follow the process. "This is the message," John states, that "we have heard from Him and announce to you." If God had not made the message known through the complete revelation of Jesus Christ, starting with the apostles,

man would be locked in to spiritual darkness.

• Fellowship — The apostle's goal—God's goal—is that lost man be saved and be joined in fellowship with the sinless God. "We proclaim to you the eternal life," are words which John tenders, "that you may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." Lofty goal, lofty result! But there is a challenge for the new spiritual man: he must maintain that precious fellowship, begun in the waters of immersion. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him," John warns, "and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth" (1

John 1:6). The Gnostics (the "antichrists") were bringing their false doctrines and destructive ways into congregational interactions, and thus attempting to subvert the faith of those who were walking in light. These false doctrines were smoothly introduced into the thinking by deceivers with evil intent. "For certain persons have creptin unnoticed," was Jude's observation, "ungodly persons who turn the grace of God into licentiousness" (Jude 1:4). The saint, then, should be on careful guard at all times against such devilish intrusions.

The key is to "practice the truth."

■ Walking in the light — Christians—as the very, very special people of God—are those who have been called "out of darkness" into the "marvelous light" of the living God (1 Peter 1:9). Taken out of the "domain of darkness," they have been transferred into the kingdom of Christ, and as such are children of light. "If we walk in the light," John informs us, "as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another" (1 John 1:7). "Walking in light" means to uphold and promulgate the sound doctrines of the faith as revealed through the apostles and New Testament prophets, and to live a life that increasingly conforms to those doctrines. "Lay aside the deeds of darkness," the apostle Paul would say, "and put on the armor of light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing or drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy" (Romans 13:12,13).

The key, therefore, is to "practice the truth." God understands the necessity of improvement for the saint coming into the light out of the darkness and offers him grace for the purpose of growth. But if that perspective were to shift over to where the saint now begins to justify poor behavior, then there is a serious problem. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie."