

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O
God, You the God of my salvation; then
my tongue will joyfully sing of Your
righteousness



Mike and Patty Tocarczyk,
with son and daughter Matthew and Elizabeth
at the PA Family Camp
Christ Church of Bedford County
Everett, PA

**“The Pharisees heard the multitude
muttering these things about Him; and
the chief priests and the Pharisees sent
officers to seize Him.”**

John 7:32

November 24, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Gunnar Landsgaard

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Randall Ferguson

Communion Meditation — Jeff Landsgaard

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Dan Tuck, **Boaz McDunn**

Preaching — Corban Icenogle, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
Nov. 27th –
7:00 p.m. –
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
– Phil Sutton

November 23, 24 - Fasting
and prayer for evangelism. Potluck after
assembly Nov. 24

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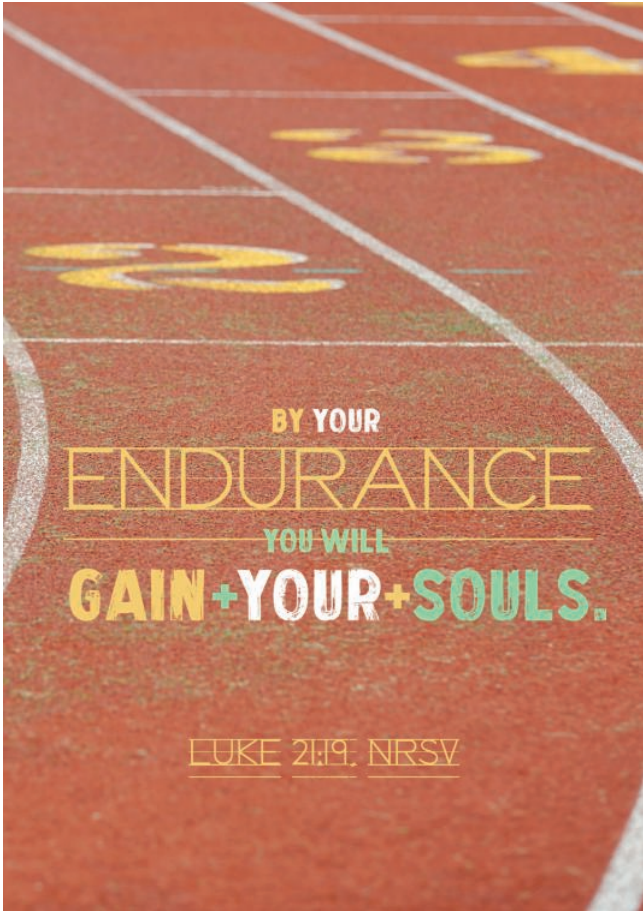
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

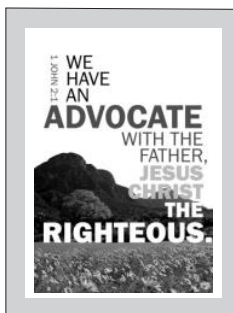
What is it, according to the book of James, that a saint in all humility is to receive which will save his soul?

Last week's question: How tall was the image which Nebuchadnezzar set up on the plain of Dura, and to which he expected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego to bow? *Answer: 60 cubits [90 feet] (Daniel 3:1).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 88
Morning Assembly – 105
Evening Assembly – 77

Wednesday Night (11/20) – 65
Butte Lord's Day – 17
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 53,89,47



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Exposing Darkness

God is sinless, and has no fellowship with sin. Jesus, as the great High Priest of the order of Melchizedek in glory, is thus described as “separated from sinners” (Hebrews 7:26). “The devil,” the apostle John would later say in this epistle, “sinned from the beginning” (1 John 3:8). The devil and his angels’ sins took place in heaven, and it took the entire execution of God’s plan (sending Jesus into the world, His taking the form of a human being, His dying on the cross as the sacrifice, and His ascension to heaven as high priest) to purge sin from heaven. In fact, the first act of Jesus at His ascension was to cleanse heaven. “When He had made purification of sins,” the writer of Hebrews described, “He sat down at the right

hand of the Majesty on high” (Hebrews 1:3). *He purified heaven before He took the throne!!* God has no fellowship with sin.

- ◆ **Origin of sin?** — There is much confusion on the issue of sin and its origin inside the individual. The *antichrists* of John’s time would claim that the body is bad and therefore sinful. Since a person is born with a bad body, sin does not have its origin in the choice of the individual but rather that man’s “sinful nature” sins apart from choice. (Modern antichrists—Catholics and Calvinists—make essentially the same claim!) Jesus, however, is emphatic that sin does not have its origin in the body of man: “For from within,” says the Lord Himself, “out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these things proceed *from within* and defile the man” (Mark 7:21-23). Because sin is choice, the apostle John therefore writes, “My little children, I am writing to you that you may not sin” (1 John 2:1).

- ◆ **Accountability** — From the time of Adam and Eve, the general characteristic of the human race has been to deny personal accountability. The gospel of Christ, as it is delivered to the individual, makes the lost member of the race recognize his own culpability for his actions or his failures to act. Through the exposition of the righteousness expected of people as revealed in the Law, the goal is “that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God” (Romans 3:19). The Holy Spirit’s analysis, in looking at the human race from beginning to end from the viewpoint of being outside of time, is that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The scripture never indicates that the members of the race “just couldn’t help themselves”; the scripture says “all *sinned!*” They were active in the process. Hence John is going to explain to the *antichrist* element of his day that “If we say that *we* have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8). The apostle amplifies the thought, saying, “If we say that *we* have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us” (1 John 1:10). No one gets to say that his *body* did the sinning apart from his choice!

The goal set before each saint is that he “may not sin”; that is, that each may walk in righteousness and holiness before the Lord his God. The probing light of the word of God exposes the evil desires of those who still want to make the claim of being Christians but fulfill the lusts of the flesh and of the mind. Hence the thrust of these words by the apostle: “If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.” The dishonest individual is thus shown to be in the sinkhole of destruction. On the other hand, the honest Christian is shown to be faithful and true, walking in light just as God is light. The difference is where each will spend eternity; one in eternal darkness, and one in eternal light!

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