

**O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, THAT MY MOUTH
MAY DECLARE YOUR PRAISE**



Cole Hunsicker and Hailey Olson
both of Boulder, MT
hanging out for a few minutes following assembly
Christ's Church in Butte, MT

**“Jesus therefore said, ‘For a little
while longer I am with you, then I go
to Him who sent Me. You shall seek
Me and shall not find Me; and where I
am you cannot come.’”**

John 7:33,34

December 1, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Jay Wilson

Communion Meditation — Jim Mitchell

Preaching — Jay Wilson

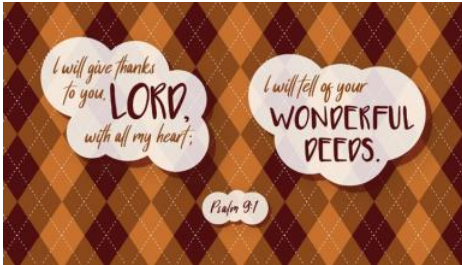
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Gary DiPaolo, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Joseph Shanahan, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
Dec. 4th –
7:00 p.m. –
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
– Phil Sutton

Catch us live or archived:

livestream.com/ccib

christchurchonline.com

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targetingtruth.com

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:

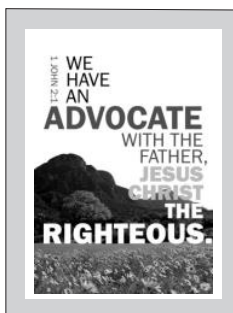
What Psalm says, "Your word I have treasured [hidden] in my heart, that I may not sin against You." ?

Last week's question: What is it, according to the book of James, that a saint in all humility is to receive which will save his soul? *Answer: The word implanted (James 1:21).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 96
Morning Assembly – 114
Evening Assembly – 64

Wednesday Night (11/28) – 51
Butte Lord's Day – 28
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 52,81,30



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

The Advocate with the Father

The issue of man and his relationship to sin can be a bit challenging to explore. Because sin is so pervasive, some have assumed that sin is not a choice, that man is born a sinner or that sin is inherited in the fleshly body. These assumptions are not borne out in the word of God. Passages such as Ezekiel 18:20 make it clear that sin cannot be inherited: "The person who sins will die." Sin is not resident in the body, since Jesus plainly states that it comes from the heart of man (Mark 7:21). Sin is a choice, and God holds each adult-level minded individual accountable for his personal sin. The statement that "all have sinned" does not set aside the point that the decision to sin was a result of each individual's choice. The just God is thusly

fair in holding each person accountable for his own sin and issuing the penalty of second death in the eternal lake of fire, unless that individual is redeemed by Jesus.

- ▼ **Possibility of sin after redemption** — The new Christian can still make the decision to sin after his immersion into Christ; God does not take away his continuing free will. Past habitual thought patterns will often lead the saint into committing a sin, and this is something that is to be overcome. The "old self" must be laid aside, and the "new self" must continually be "put on" (Colossians 3:9,10). The disciple of Christ does not have to sin (it must be re-emphasized that all sin is choice), but the possibility is there that he might sin. That is why the apostle John uses this language: "My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father..." (1 John 2:1). The terminology is significant: the apostle did not say *when* anyone sins; he said *if* anyone sins. The saint can choose to live righteously.
- ▼ **The Advocate** — The non-Christian has no standing before the throne of God. But the one who has obeyed the gospel of Christ now has "an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Jesus, sacrificed as the Lamb of God, ascended to the position of great High Priest and intercessor for His people of faith, is willing to step in as the *Paracletos*, the One called alongside to help. Sometimes translated "Helper," sometimes "Comforter," sometimes "Counselor" (as in legal *counsel*), this "Advocate" is the Lord Jesus Christ who offered Himself as a substitute in paying the price for the sins of the condemned. While there was no redemption in the Old Testament sacrifices, the offering of Jesus once for all satisfies the justice of God.
- ▼ **Cleansing from all sin** — This Advocate is thus more than adequate! "If we walk in the light," John notes, "the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from *all sin*" (1 John 1:7). "If we confess our sins," he adds, "He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from *all unrighteousness*" (1 John 1:9). "He Himself is the *propitiation* for our sins," is John's emphasis on Jesus as the means by which *mercy* is obtained at the throne of justice. The thrust of the conversation is that sin is choice, and the record is that all men made that choice. The antichrist of the late first century tried to tie sin to an evil body, and thus deny his personal accountability for that choice, deceiving himself and thus exhibiting that the truth was not in him. Forgiveness and redemption is possible through Jesus Christ the Advocate. These things are written to help the true children of God to move past sin and to live completely righteously before the Father.

Furthermore, the possibility of Jesus' propitiatory work is potentially open to any of the race of men who desire to be reconciled to God. "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world" (1 John 2:2).

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JAY WILSON