

**FOR YOU DO NOT DELIGHT IN SACRIFICE, OTHERWISE I WOULD GIVE IT; YOU ARE NOT PLEASED WITH BURNT OFFERING**



“Mystery girl” teams up with Gannon Schaefer of Billings, MT  
at foosball  
Spiritual Warriors’ Weekend  
Christ’s Church in Bozeman, MT

**“The Jews therefore said to one another, ‘Where does this Man intend to go that we shall not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?’ ”**

***John 7:35***

# December 8, 2019!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Kaden Reijgers

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Ken Rose

Communion Meditation — Matthew Wilson

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Herb Burnell, **Abram McDunn**

Preaching — Kaden Reijgers, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,  
Dec. 11th –  
7:00 p.m. –  
*Character Traits of  
Jesus*  
– Phil Sutton

December 21,22 - Fasting  
and prayer for evangelism. Potluck after  
assembly Dec. 22  
New Year's Eve Party - Dec.  
31 at church building

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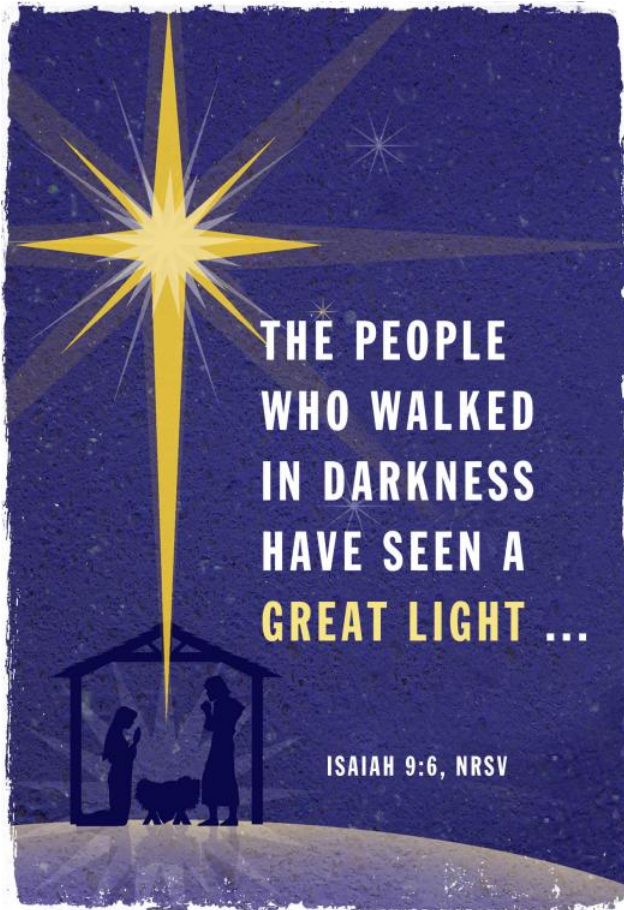
### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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:**

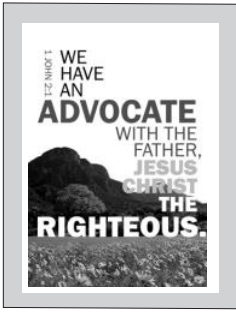
Everyone who has his hope fixed on seeing Jesus as He is at His coming purifies himself \_\_\_\_\_.

Last week's question: What Psalm says, "Your word I have treasured [hidden] in my heart, that I may not sin against You." ? *Answer: Psalm 119:11.*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 90  
Morning Assembly – 109  
Evening Assembly – 57

Wednesday Night (12/4) – 73  
Butte Lord's Day – 28  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 40,65,41



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## More on *Propitiation*

"At the cross, at the cross," are the opening words of the old song, "where I first saw the light ..." These words, penned at an earlier time when Calvinism was more openly paraded than at the present, speak of a special illumination by the Holy Spirit apart from the individual's choice. Only a step or two removed from the theology of the early Catholic thinker Augustine, Calvinism also places an undue emphasis on the cross. Somehow, these expositors proclaim, the work of Christ was finished on the cross, and so those in the process of redemption are taken mystically back to the cross where the blood that spilt out on the ground washes away their sins. Hence, in their thinking, the cross is the point of *propitiation*, the point at which mercy is granted. To think that the work of Jesus was finished on the cross (merely because He said, "It is finished!" in referring to His work in His earthly body), and the corollary that the blood shed at the cross by itself is the means of mercy, is very shallow thinking. It does not take into account what is revealed in the complete picture painted by the word of God.

- **Necessity of the cross** — No one with a modicum of knowledge or belief in the scripture would say that the cross of Christ and the events connected with it are unimportant in the plan of God. "For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness," the apostle Paul would say to the Corinthian brethren, "but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18). The picture of Christ crucified was to the Jews a stumbling block (they had no concept that the Messiah had to die prior to His living forever), and to the Gentiles foolishness (for a lot of reasons). As Jesus would say in instituting "This is My blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). But the cross, in this sense, is the beginning of the story, not the end.
- **Necessity of the resurrection** — The same letter to the Corinthians which emphasized the cross also stressed the importance of the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' death on the cross, had there been no following resurrection, would have been worthless. "If Christ has not been raised," Paul stated in his argumentation, "your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- **Necessity of the ascension** — The great work of Jesus was done at His ascension. One of the aspects of His ascension was His ministry as the High Priest of the order of Melchizedek. As the Old Testament high priest is pictured as entering into the inner room of the tabernacle on the Day of Atonement with the blood of a goat for the sins of the people, so Jesus had to enter into the true holy place with His own blood. The top of the ark of the covenant was called the "mercy seat," for here the high priest in Israel sprinkled the atoning blood, it was the *propitiatory*. Hence Jesus is pictured as offering His own blood in a "greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands" (Hebrews 9:11). This, then, is when the *propitiation* takes place: in heaven and not on the cross.

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This *propitiation* is what the apostle Paul is speaking of when he comments that saints' justification is "through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as a *propitiation* in His blood through faith" (Romans 3:25). Because it was Jesus' own spiritual blood (which was offered by Him as the High Priest in the tabernacle that is "not of this creation") the apostle John uses the terminology "He Himself is the *propitiation* for our sins." Furthermore, in prospect, He is the *propitiation* "not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world" (1 John 1:2). Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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