

***THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT; A BROKEN
AND CONTRITE HEART, O GOD, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE***



Kody Mintyala, of Boulder, MT
exhorting the brethren with a great communion meditation
Christ's Church in Butte, MT

***“What is this statement that He said, ‘You will
seek Me, and will not find Me, and where I
am you cannot come’ ?”***

John 7:36

December 15, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Elliot Ashley

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Matthew Wilson

Communion Meditation — Harvey McHenry

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Brian Schweitzer, **Kody Mintyala**

Preaching — Gunnar Landsgaard, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
Dec. 18th –
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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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:

Amaziah, the priest at Bethel where the golden calf was first set up, told Amos to quit prophesying. What two things was Amos predicting that bothered Amaziah?

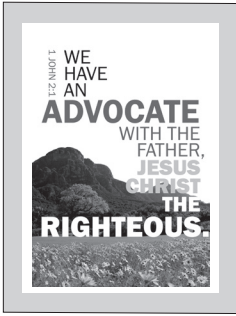
Last week's question: Everyone who has his hope fixed on seeing Jesus as He is at His coming purifies himself _____ . Answer: "just as He is pure" (1 John 3:3).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 89
Morning Assembly – 106
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (12/11) – 75
Butte Lord's Day – 20
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 50,83,75

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...



Keeping His Commandments

There is a lot of confusion concerning new covenant statements about keeping the commandments of God. The modern-day variations of the Judaizers of the first century immediately want to point out that “keeping the commandments” obviously includes observing the fourth of the Ten Commandments of the Law—the Sabbath! Others want to jump on the Old Testament dietary requirements as included in the commandments of God. Others, the nature of man being what it is, find extreme interpretations of the “commandments” to be observed, often pulling some obscure scripture out of context and using it as a basis for their particular religious observances.

Books like 1 John have to be understood in light of other scriptures, such as the book of Acts and Paul’s and Peter’s writings. These other new covenant scriptures make it very clear that there is a clear line of demarcation between old and new covenants, and that the new is not like the old. So the immediate and quick jump to the commandments given at Sinai as recorded in Exodus is not a sanctioned new covenant jump.

- **Jesus’ introduction** — When asked by a lawyer about the greatest commandment in the Law, Jesus’ answer was the one about loving the Lord God with all your heart, soul, and mind. “The second,” said the Christ, “is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Then He added this blockbuster statement: “On these two commandments depend the whole Law and Prophets” (Matthew 22:37-39). In reading through the 39 books of the Old Testament, it would be easy to miss those commandments, especially the second one. The great Teacher could be counted upon to bring those to the fore in His preaching and expounding to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. But as He began to impress the basis of the new covenant upon His disciples, at the time of His institution of the Lord’s Supper, He explained, “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another” (John 13:34). What was new about the commandment was that Jesus was elevating the level of love. From simply loving “your neighbor as yourself,” now the commandment is to love your neighbor enough to sacrifice yourself for the sake of your neighbor’s soul!

- **Knowing God** — It is easy for a person to say that he loves God and that He knows God. The question is whether God acknowledges that. The apostle John initiates some clarification: “And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments” (1 John 2:3). Those commandments are the ones connected with loving God and loving man. “The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected” (1 John 2:4,5). Anything less than loving the other person enough to endeavor to help him have the proper eternity in heaven is not the love of God. Those who really know God are always working to seek and save the lost and conserve the saved.

The Gnostics [antichrists] of the late first century were good salesmen. They were so successful in drawing saints away from the teaching of the apostles that the Holy Spirit had the apostle John write a couple of epistles exposing these men for what they were, and making sure these books were preserved as part of the sacred writ to be passed on to future generations. These Gnostics in no way loved the souls of the brethren; they were interested in promoting these antichrist doctrines for the sake of personal gain and prestige. While they clearly said that they knew God, they by their actions, as measured by the word of God, were liars, and the truth was not in them. Modern antichrists need to be exposed in the same way!

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