

**You, as a wicked man, love evil more
than good, falsehood more than
speaking what is right**



Old river channel and spillway
Post Falls Dam on the Spokane River
Post Falls, ID

**“Still others were saying, ‘Surely the
Christ is not going to come from
Galilee, is He? Has not the scripture
said that the Christ comes from the
offspring of David, and from Bethlehem,
the village where David was?’ ”**

John 7:41,42

January 19, 2020!

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 — Charlie Brown

Communion Meditation — Rick Vaught

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Jeff Landsgaard, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Tommy Widner, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — “Young Bucks”, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
Jan. 22nd –
7:00 p.m. –
Particulars from
1 Peter
– Phil Sutton**

**January 25-26 - Fasting
and prayer for evangelism. Potluck after
assembly Jan. 26**

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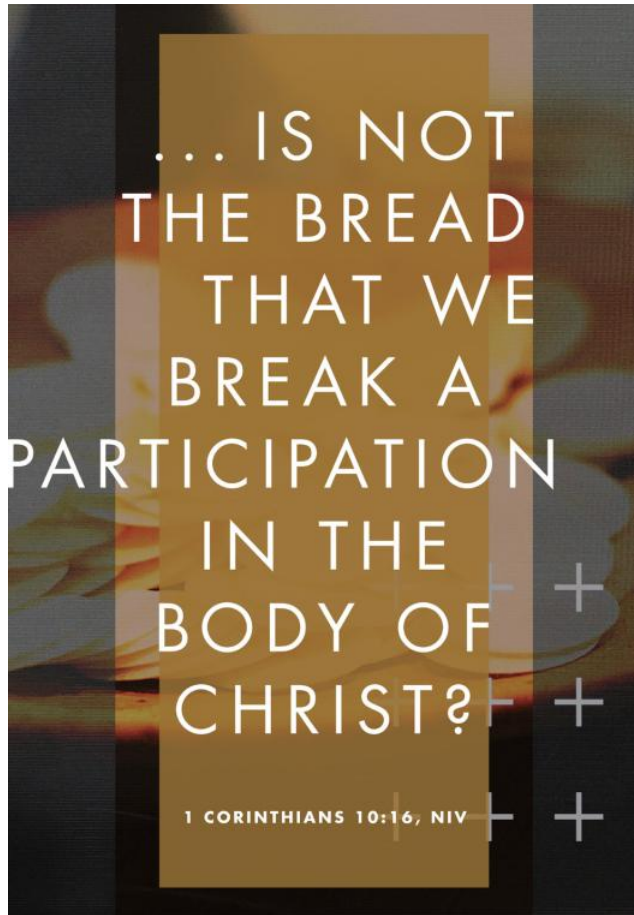
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

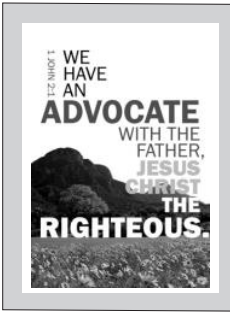
What was the occasion recorded in the gospel according to Matthew where Jesus said, "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners"?

What major promise was renewed with Jacob in Genesis 26 that had been given to both Abraham and Isaac?
Answer: "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 26:4).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 99
Morning Assembly – 114
Evening Assembly – 67

Wednesday Night (1/15) – 79
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 73,99,40



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

"All That Is in the World"

Men often go to great lengths to justify their lusts. The philosophy / religion called "evolution" is one clear example. The apostle Peter, prophesying of those in the future who would deny the Flood and maintain a uniformitarian outlook, noted, "In the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts" (2 Peter 3:4). Their clear motive for kicking God out and maintaining that everything in life results from heaped up random mechanical actions is so that they might justify their lusts. The foundation for Catholicism is that all are born sinful, and the foundation for most of Protestantism is that all are born totally depraved. All these are designed to give man

as a whole a religious / philosophical basis for justifying his continuation in the lusts of the flesh. This, then, is "the world."

- ◆ **Warning** — The pull of the things of the world is powerful, and the scripture is replete with warnings, warnings, and more warnings about its enticements. "Do not love the world," John adds his voice to the chorus, "nor the things in the world" (1 John 2:15). Behind the scenes in the "world operation" is Satan. In rebellion against God himself, he is continually putting the sons of men in a situation where, whether they realize it or not, they are having to choose whose side they are on. "If anyone loves the world," the apostle points out, "the love of the Father is not in him." The choice has always been clear: choose heaven and it will cost you earth; choose earth and it will cost you heaven.

- ◆ **Triple threat** — As mentioned, the world has its allures. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world" (1 John 2:16). While there is some overlap, "*the lust of the flesh*" is directed toward gratifying fleshly or sensual desires (often sexual in one form or another). Even a cursory glance at the behavior of the rest of the human race around us will show how pervasive and powerful these lusts of the flesh are. This is followed with "*the lust of the eyes*." This category is necessarily hugely broad, encompassing every twisted thing that a person might see. Two people can look at the same thing, and for one the lusts of the eyes are generated, and in the other nothing but the good things are noticed. The modern times, with everything from giant screen TV's to "tablets" to "smart phones," are filled with appeals to the lust of the eye. Then there is "*the boastful pride of life*." This one is not so easy to identify as the other two, but it may catch more people in its net than the other two combined. Family pride, national pride, or personal pride will stop an individual from a humble willingness to process the truth. Pride prevents people from admitting that they were wrong, from honestly evaluating themselves, and from submitting to the Lordship of King Jesus as revealed in His word.

"The world is passing away, and also its lusts, but the one who does the will of God abides forever."

The pull of "the things in the world" is an immediate gratification of some kind. The illicit sexual encounter, real or imagined, results in an instantaneous rush. Longing looks at the automobile paraded for sale will result in a person making a stupid purchase, but with a sense of fulfillment "right now." The shout of the man, when confronted with the scriptures about immersion into Christ, saying, "I am Russian, my people are Russian Orthodox, so I must be Russian Orthodox," feels good to him as he defends his country and his faith, but is a clear example of pride's blocking the way to understanding truth. These are temporary, in contrast to the positive picture the apostle John paints. "And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:17). That abiding forever is worth setting aside any of the temporal appeals of the world!

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