

**He will snatch you up, O wicked one, and
tear you away from your tent, and uproot
you from the land of the living**



Sphinx Mountain, with The Helmet on the left
Madison Mountain Range
south of Ennis, MT

**“The officers therefore came to the chief
priests and Pharisees, and they said to them,
‘Why did you not bring Him?’ The officers
answered, ‘Never did a man speak the way this
man speaks.’ ”**

John 7:45,46

February 2, 2020!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Corban Icenogle

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Kaden Reijgers

Communion Meditation — Charlie Jacobs

Preaching — Jay Wilson

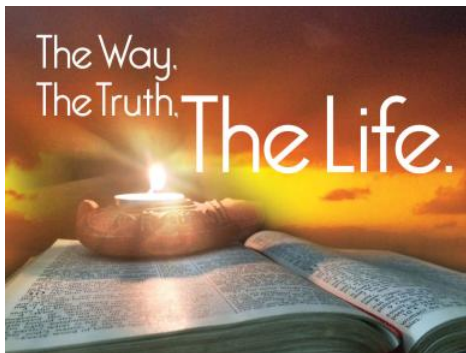
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Gary DiPaolo **Abram McDunn**

Preaching — Phil Sutton, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
Feb. 12th –
7:00 p.m. –
Particulars from
1 Peter
– Phil Sutton

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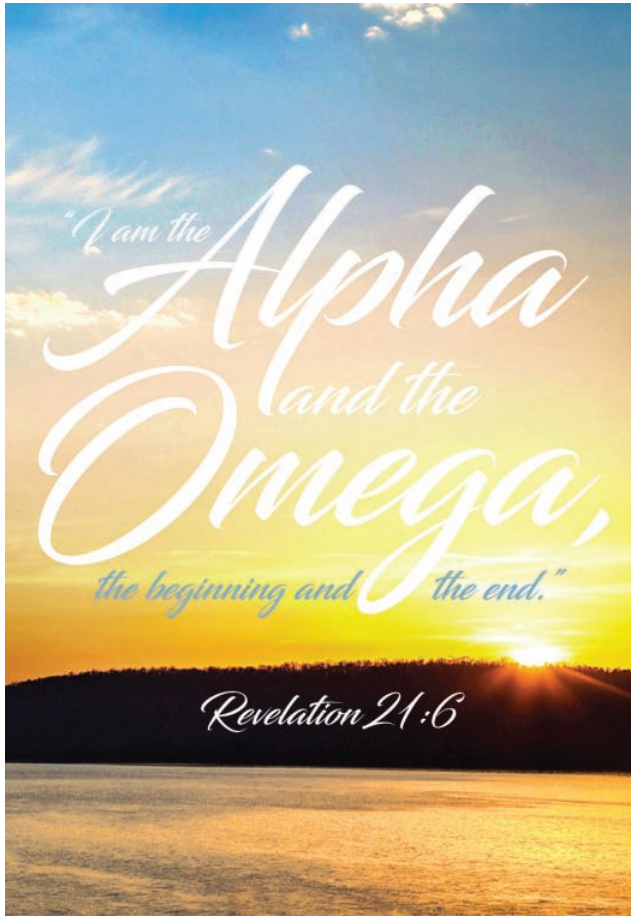
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

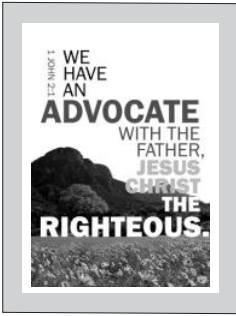
In one of Jesus' parables, He spoke of a man who refused to forgive a small debt that was owed him when he been forgiven a major, and was handed over to the torturers until he repaid all that was owed. What is the lesson for all listeners?

Moses fled to the land of Midian to escape Pharaoh when he was forty; forty years later he was herding sheep there on Mt. Sinai. In what modern country was the land of Midian located? *Answer: Arabia (see Galatians 4:25).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 94
Morning Assembly – 118
Evening Assembly – 70

Wednesday Night (1/29) – 96
Butte Lord's Day – 21
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 63,89,58



“You Have an Anointing”

The apostle John in his letters brings out certain concepts not really talked about in other New Testament writings. For instance, he uses the term “anointing” as applied to Christians. To process this, a brief look at some history is required. God is the One who clearly introduced the practice of anointing kings in Israel, beginning with Samuel’s anointing of Saul as the first king. As the line of kings in Judah came to an end with the Babylonian captivity in 586 BC, the remnant increasingly looked to the prophecies of a coming *Messiah*, “the anointed one,” for hope.

When Jesus was dunked by John the Immerser in the waters of the Jordan, the heavens opened up, the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form upon Jesus, and the voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased” (Matthew 3:16,17). This, in the words of the apostle Peter, is the description of how “God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power” (Acts 10:38). Jesus rightly claims the title *Christ* as the Greek equivalent to the *Messiah*, anointed with the Holy Spirit rather than with oil, and thus begins to fulfill all the Old Testament prophecies of the Coming One.

- ▲ **“You have an anointing”** — The antichrists working inside the church of the first century brought doctrines that denied the incarnation of Christ, and resulted in the turning of many fallen saints in the direction of the world and its lusts. The pressure on the true brethren to bend was powerful. But the apostle John reminds them, “But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know” (1 John 2:20). Underlying this “anointing” was an understanding of the significant untruths of Christianity, as John ties this anointing to his next comment: “I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth” (1 John 2:21).

*“The anointing
which you re-
ceived from Him
abides in you.”*

- ▲ **Anointing abides in you** — The thread of thought here is picked up a few verses later. “As for you,” John reminds his children of faith, “the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and it not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him” (1 John 2:27). There is a lot to unpackage in this verse! Of prime relevance here is that “the anointing abides in you.” This is a clear reference to the indwelling Holy Spirit, granted to the individual at his immersion in Jesus’ name. The picture, then, is that as Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit in His immersion, just so the saint was anointed with the Holy Spirit in his immersion. And as the voice of the Almighty was heard proclaiming Jesus was His beloved Son, just so the voice thundered in the realm of faith at each new birth, “This is My beloved son, in whom I am well-pleased.” John adds this note: “See how great a love the father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called sons [KJV] of God, and such we are” (1 John 3:1).

The immersion of Jesus really illustrates the absurdity of the antichrist belief that Jesus could not have possessed an actual physical body. Luke’s account is interesting here: “Now it came about when all the people were immersed, that Jesus also was immersed, and while He was praying, heaven was opened ...” (Luke 3:21). All the people had bodies, and those bodies ruffled the water as they went down and came up. If Jesus had no body, there would have been quite a stir, starting with John the Immerser himself, at no ruffling of the water when He went down and came up. The focus instead is on the descent of the Holy Spirit and the message of the voice from heaven. “You know the truth,” John reassures the faithful brethren. “The anointing which you received from Him abides in you,” he stresses. And, as a result, “You abide in Him.”

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