

**THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SEE GOD'S
UPROOTING THE UNRIGHTEOUS, AND
WILL FEAR**



Jake Dryden, delivering the communion meditation
Christ's Church
Great Falls, MT

**“The Pharisees therefore answered [the
officers who returned without arrest-
ing Jesus], ‘You have not also been led
astray, have you?’ ”**

John 7:47

February 9, 2020!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Joe Shanahan

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Brian Schweitzer

Communion Meditation — Bob Edgar

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Dan Tuck, **Kody Mintyala**

Preaching — Cliff Renner, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
Feb. 19th –
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:

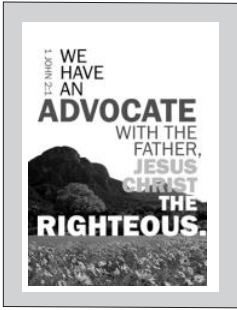
When the glory of the Lord rested on Mt. Sinai, God called Moses into the midst of the cloud. While there, Moses received the pattern for the tabernacle. What were the three articles of furniture in the outer room of the tabernacle?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: Forgive others, or you won't be forgiven (Matthew 18:35).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 99
Morning Assembly – 114
Evening Assembly – 60

Wednesday Night (2/5) – 69
Butte Lord's Day – 17
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 56,94,51



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Truth vs. Lies

Those who teach false doctrine always have to lie at some point. At some point, they have to look at the plain teaching of scripture and say, "It doesn't say that," when in fact it does. Some of the lies are direct, and some are subtle; regardless, they are lies. By contrast, God, in His communication with man, always tells the truth. He may communicate through His Old Testament prophets, or His New Testament apostles, but He always tells the truth. Thus the apostle Paul, in writing to the Ephesian brethren, would note: "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of *truth*, the *gospel* of your salvation ..." (Ephesians 1:13). The forces of darkness use people to twist the truth, and the scripture therefore has many warnings about false doctrine and calls for saints to stand for the truth. Against one such group Paul wrote, "But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the *truth* of the *gospel* might remain with you" (Galatians 2:5). It is always truth vs. lies!

- **"You know the truth"** — The brethren at large to whom John writes had the gospel of truth preached to them. He is writing out of concern that the antichrist/Gnostic movement of the time might pull them away. "I have not written to you because you do not know the truth," he emphasizes, "but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth" (1 John 2:21). It is a harsh but supremely important statement, that "no lie is of the truth," that any deviation at all from the truth is in fact a big lie. The apostle John is reminding these brethren that they know the truth, and that any other doctrine coming into the church is a lie.
- **Specific lying** — The Gnostics were persuasive and working hard to pull the brethren into their camp. John continues to warn about them in very strong language: "Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?" (1 John 2:22). This is one of those simple statements by the apostle that requires considerable processing. The "faith of Christ" is based on the foundational truth and good confession that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." The proof that "Jesus is the Christ" is His resurrection from the dead, as the apostle Paul stated: Jesus "was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared *the Son of God* by the resurrection from the dead ... *Jesus Christ* our Lord" (Romans 1:3,4). If Jesus never came in the flesh, Jesus was never raised from the dead. If a person believes that Jesus was never raised from the dead, he denies that Jesus is the Christ!
- **Antichrist denial** — It is axiomatic, therefore, that if a person believes that Jesus never came in the flesh, he denies that "Jesus is the Christ." This is "the liar." "This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:22). The witness of the scripture is that the Father sent the Son into the world to save the world. If order for that salvation to be accomplished, it required that the Son come in the flesh, that He die on the cross, that He be resurrected, and that He ascend to glory. The one who denies this, then, obviously denies the Father and the Son. The antichrist denied that Jesus came in the flesh, and thus denied all that followed.

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance," asserted the apostle Paul, "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures," he also asseverated, and "He was buried," and "He was raised from the dead on the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3,4). This is the truth! He bore our sins in His *body* on the tree (1 Peter 2:24). To deny that Jesus ever had a body is clearly a big lie, and the basis for many other big lies. Who is the liar? And who is it who tells the truth?

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