

***THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LAUGH AT THE WICKED,
SAYING, "BEHOLD THE MAN WHO WOULD NOT
MAKE GOD HIS REFUGE."***



Jared DuPaul, visiting with Joe Shanahan
with Caleb McDunn and Lydeea Durnan in the background
Christ's Church
Great Falls, MT

***“No one of the rulers or Pharisees
has believed in Him, has he? But
this multitude which does not
know the Law is accursed.”***

John 7:4,8,49

February 16, 2020!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Ben Boyer

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Jim Mitchell

Communion Meditation — Charlie Brown

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jeff Landsgaard, **Cole Hunsicker**

Preaching — Cliff Renner, **Jay Wilson**



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**This Wednesday,
Feb. 19th –
7:00 p.m. —
Particulars from
1 Peter
– Phil Sutton**

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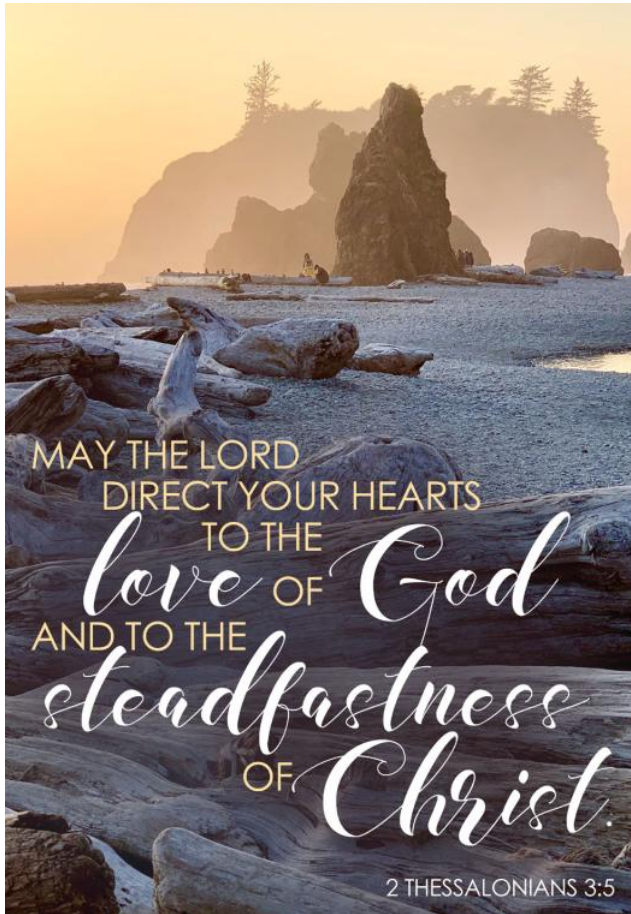
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 14

Ladies' Advance — April 9-11, Billings, MT

Men's PEAKS — July 23-25; theme: "Messages
from Babylon"

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



Question of the week:

Judas Iscariot agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. What event directly preceded that agreement of betrayal?

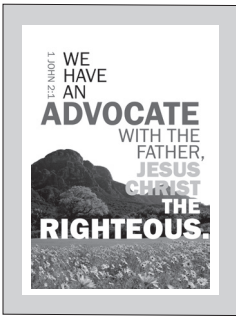
Last week's question: When the glory of the Lord rested on Mt. Sinai, God called Moses into the midst of the cloud. While there, Moses received the pattern for the tabernacle. What were the three articles of furniture in the outer room of the tabernacle? *Answer: The table of "showbread," the golden lampstand, and the altar of incense (Exodus chapters 25 and 30).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 104
Morning Assembly – 121
Evening Assembly – 60

Wednesday Night (2/12) – 74
Butte Lord's Day – 21
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 55,89,52

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...



Abiding in the Son

Lies are always destructive. But lies about things eternal are the worst! The devil, according to Jesus, “is a liar, and the father of lies” (John 8:44). He is also “a murderer from the beginning,” and it is his goal to drag as many people as he can to hell with him. The primary tool, then, that he is going to use is the practice of lying and promoting lies. He lied to Eve in the Garden, and still lies. “But I am afraid,” said Paul to the Corinthians, “lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:3). The Gnostic antichrists of the first century were denying that Jesus came in the flesh, and were thus

twisting the gospel. Lies, lies, lies.

- **Confessing the Son** — There is no middle ground with Jesus; either a person confesses Him, or a person in effect denies Him. “Whoever denies the Son,” says the apostle John of those who deny that Jesus came in the flesh, “does not have the Father.” The contrasting point is evident: “The one who confesses the Son has the Father also” (1 John 2:23). But what does it mean to “confess the Son?”
- **The first confession** — When Jesus asked the apostles to tell them who they thought He was, Peter responded, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). The truth contained in this confession is the “rock” upon which the church of the Lord is being built. While the words are simple, the concepts contained therein are massive in scope.
- **The Christ** — King David had been promised that through His descendants the future *Messiah* or *Christ* would come. Implicit in the confession is that Jesus would be born as a human being, as the apostle Paul explained: He “was born of a descendant of David according to the *flesh*” (Romans 1:3). He did not come into the world as a ghostly apparition; He came into the world as a human baby! But His throne was not an earthly throne; He ascended to heaven to take the eternal throne of David, as the apostle Peter noted in his quotation: “The Lord [the Father] said to my Lord [David’s Lord, the future Messiah], ‘Sit at My right hand [on the throne in heaven], until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.’ ” (Acts 2:34,35).
- **The Son of God** — The Jews understood anyone claiming to be the Son of God was making a claim to divinity. When Jesus healed the cripple at Bethesda’s pool, He stated that not only was He working on the Sabbath, but His Father was working also. The Jews from that point on were trying to kill Him, because He “was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God” (John 5:18). Furthermore, they were correct in that understanding!

The “good confession” contains elements of both Jesus’ humanity and His divinity. In effect, the Gnostic antichrists of the first century denied both, and thus were condemned to hell. That was ultimately why their teaching was so dangerous.

In order to be a Christian, a person has to confess with his mouth that Jesus is Lord, or that “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.” His immersion then immediately follows, and in that moment he is born again; for him that is *the beginning*. “As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you will also abide in the Son and in the Father” (1 John 2:24). As Paul reminded Timothy, “And by *common confession* great is the mystery of godliness: ‘He who was revealed in the *flesh*, was vindicated in the Spirit, beheld by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in *glory*.’ ” (1 Timothy 3:16). Anything else is a lie!

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