

The wicked trusted in the abundance of his riches, but it failed him, but still was strong in his evil desire



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“Nicodemus (who came to Jesus earlier, and who was one of them) said to them [the chief priests and Pharisees], ‘Our Law does not judge a man, unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?’ ”

John 7:50,51

February 23, 2020!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Matt Wilson, Corban Icenogle

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Tommy Widner

Communion Meditation — Bob Woodburn

Preaching — Bob Edgar

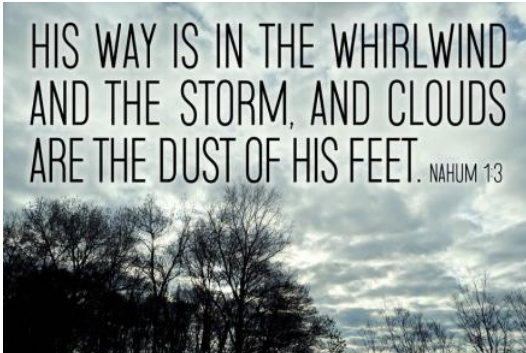
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Bob Edgar, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jim Mitchell, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Marshall Harbour, **Nick Jacobs**



This Wednesday,

Feb. 26th –

7:00 p.m. –

Particulars from

1 Peter

– Phil Sutton

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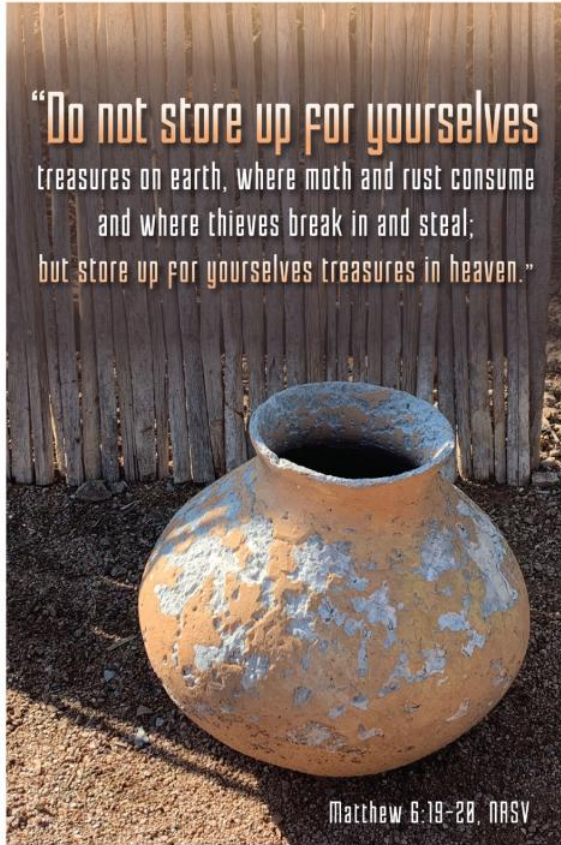
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

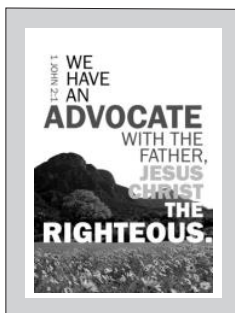
The blood of a ram was used in the consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests by Moses. Where was the blood applied to those being consecrated?

Last week's question: Judas Iscariot agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. What event directly preceded that agreement of betrayal? *Answer: Lazarus' sister Mary pouted out perfume on Jesus and Judas in particular objected (Matthew 26:6-13; John 12:1-8).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 99
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 60

Wednesday Night (2/19) – 75
Butte Lord's Day – 21
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 55,77,46



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

The Promise of Eternal Life

God has given His saints a number of promises. Because of His character, He keeps His promises, as the One who is faithful and true. "For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him [Christ] they are 'yes,' " (2 Corinthians 1:20). God is faithful indeed. "Repent," said Peter and the other apostles to the crowd assembled on the Day of Pentecost, "and be immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). This was the inspired response to the question, "What shall we do?" when the gospel message was preached for the first time. Then was added these words: "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself"

(Acts 2:39). *The promise* is a reference back to "the gift of the Holy Spirit," the indwelling Spirit who makes it possible for the newly born again individual to belong to Christ (Romans 8:9). God is faithful, and He keeps that promise.

- ◆ **The Spirit and life** — Spiritual life comes from the Holy Spirit; without the indwelling Spirit, the adult-level individual is spiritually dead. Jesus Himself emphasized, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life" (John 6:63). Hence it is that the spiritual blessings for the Christian flow from the indwelling Spirit.
- ◆ **All of God** — Jesus told the apostles that the Spirit of truth would be in them (John 14:16,17). He also stated "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). The general thrust of the scriptures is that, through the Holy Spirit, all of God lives in the Christian! The Giver of life moves into the cleansed vessel upon his immersion and gives him that spiritual life. "In Him was life," was part of the opening of John's gospel account, "and life was the life of men" (John 1:5).
- ◆ **Eternal life** — The idea, then, is that, as the Father and Son abide in the Christian through the Holy Spirit, so also the saint abides in the Father and the Son. "If what you heard from the beginning abides in you," affirms John, "you will also abide in the Son and in the Father" (1 John 2:24). Then he adds, "And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life" (1 John 2:25). This promise of eternal life likewise flows from the indwelling Holy Spirit. "The letter kills," the apostle Paul had noted, "but the Spirit gives life" (2 Corinthians 3:6). In another place the apostle also commented, "The one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life" (Galatians 6:8). The promise of eternal life comes from *the promise of the eternal Spirit!*
- ◆ **Deception unto death** — The devil, the great deceiver, has a goal of pulling everyone possible into the lake of fire—the second death—with him. Hence he was working through the antichrists inside the first century church to destroy as many as possible by diverting them away from the true teachings concerning Jesus Christ. The apostle John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, is very aware of the massive threat posed by these operatives. "These things I have written to you," he emphasizes, "concerning those who are trying to deceive you" (1 John 2:26).

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eternal life."**

John belabors the point: "And this is the promise *He Himself* made to us: eternal life." Every saint should periodically stop and consider this promise of eternal life as contrasted to eternal death. When people's focus is too much on earth, eternity drifts into a distant, hazy, and "unimportant" background, which is the devil/deceiver's goal. God's goal is for His children to see the value of eternity. If they continually set their minds on the Christ in glory, then they will have the promise of eternal life realized. Worth doing!!

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