

**BUT AS FOR ME, I AM LIKE A GREEN
OLIVE TREE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD; I
TRUST IN THE LIVING KINDNESS OF GOD
FOREVER AND EVER**



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Christ's Church
Butte, MT

**“They answered and said to him, ‘You
are not also from Galilee, are you?
Search, and see that no prophet arises
out of Galilee.’”**

John 7:52

March 1, 2020!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Joe Shanahan

Communion Meditation — Herb Burnell

Preaching — Bob Edgar

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Brian Schweitzer, **George Stone**

Preaching — Jerry Hoffman, **Jay Wilson**



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This Wednesday,
Mar. 4th —
7:00 p.m. —
Particulars from
1 Peter
— Phil Sutton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 14

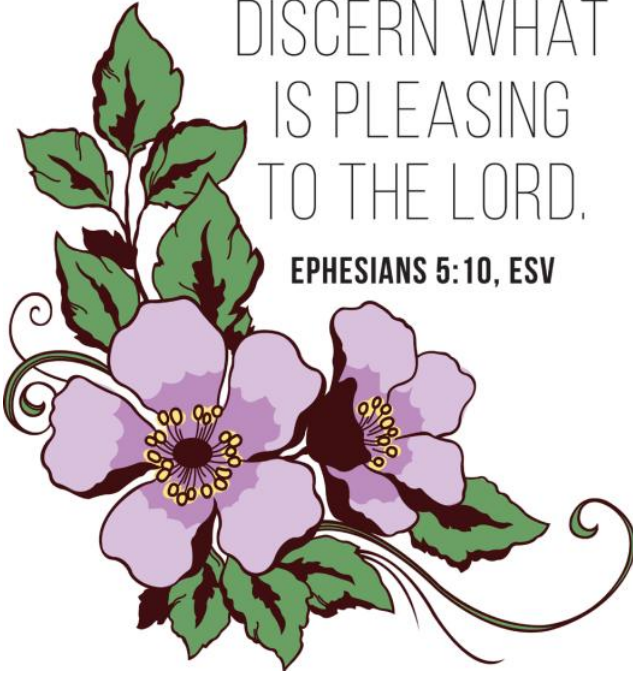
Ladies' Advance — April 9-11, Billings, MT

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

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7

TRY TO
DISCERN WHAT
IS PLEASING
TO THE LORD.

EPHESIANS 5:10, ESV



Question of the week:

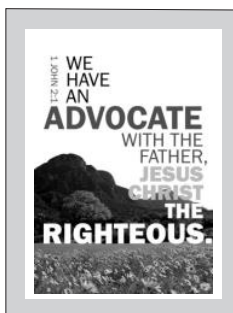
When Jesus told James and John that they would be “baptized” with the baptism with which He was baptized, what baptism was He talking about?

Last week’s question: 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? *Answer: The right ear lobe, the right hand thumb, and the left big toe (Leviticus 9:23,24).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 78
Morning Assembly – 92
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (2/26) – 73
Butte Lord’s Day – 17
GF Lord’s Day (Wed) – 47,63,42



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

The Anointing

The Bible is like a woven tapestry, and the threads must be followed through the entire document in order that God's truth might be defined and understood. One of those great threads or themes is the topic of "anointing." The tabernacle of Moses and its appurtenances were anointed. The priests of the Old Testament were anointed. Some of the Old Testament prophets were anointed. Even some foreign kings were anointed. The Lord spoke to the prophet Elijah the Tishbite, for example, and told him to anoint Hazeal as the next king of Aram (Syria), Jehu as the next king of the northern nation Israel, and Elisha as the prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:15,16).

But the focus is on the anointing of the kings of united Israel and subsequently of Judah. "Fill your horn with oil," God said to Samuel the judge and prophet (1 Samuel 16:1). When David was finally identified as the next king in original Israel, the Almighty again spoke to Samuel, saying, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he" (1 Samuel 16:12). From the descendants of David, it was repeatedly prophesied, the Messiah [Hebrew], "the anointed one," the king or Christ [Greek – Christos] would come.

- ▼ **The anointing of Jesus** – John the Immerser explained a major part of his mission: "I did not recognize Him," John recounted, referring to the fact that he could not officially say that Jesus was the Christ without the proper signal from heaven, "but in order that He might be manifested [visibly shown] to Israel, I came immersing in water" (John 1:31). The signal, as John testified, was the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Messiah. "He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him," were the words from heaven, would be the Christ. Later the apostle Peter, preaching the gospel to the first Gentiles who were to be welcomed into the fold, would say, "God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 10:38).
- ▼ **The anointing of the saints** – The visible anointing of Jesus in the waters of the Jordan, as the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form as a dove, set the stage for understanding what happened as person became a Christian. John introduced the thought, asseverating, "You have an anointing from the Holy One" (1 John 2:20). A little later the apostle adds, "And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you" (1 John 2:27). This anointing that abides in the Christian is clearly the indwelling Spirit. As the anointing to Jesus happened in the physical realm, so also the anointing of the saint happens in the spiritual realm, the realm revealed through the written word. When the individual experiencing spiritual birth is coming up out of immersion's water, the Holy Spirit descends upon him, and in effect there is an inaudible (in the physical realm) voice that says, "This is My beloved child!" Welcome to the realm of the royal priesthood, and welcome to the family of God!
- ▼ **His anointing teaches you** – The apostle John now continues with a thought that has to be unraveled based on the rest of new covenant teaching. "You have no need for anyone to teach you," he posits, "but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him" (1 John 2:27). There are several aspects of "His anointing" that need to be considered. The "anointing" who abides in the saint is the previously mentioned Holy Spirit, who is the ultimate teacher. The Holy Spirit is the author of the scriptures, and the teachings that became the scriptures, and in that sense "His anointing teaches you all things."

The concern of John in this epistle is that the saints remain true to the doctrines of God, and not be carried into the strange doctrines promoted by the Gnostic elements working in the first century church. He wants the true teachings coming from the Spirit of Christ Himself to be held onto by the saints, and that they "abide in Him."

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