

***I WILL WAIT ON YOUR NAME,
FOR IT IS GOOD, IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR
GODLY ONES***



Scott and Brian Schweitzer, both of Bozeman, MT
lookin' good and enjoying camp
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***“And early in the morning He came
again into the temple, and all the
people were coming to Him; and He
sat down and began to teach them.”***

John 8:2

March 15, 2020!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Gunnar Landsgaard

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Davis Ashley

Communion Meditation — Steve Icenogle

Preaching — Bob Edgar

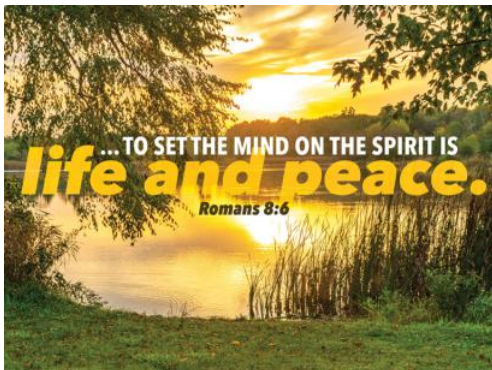
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Brent Dschaak, **Cole Hunsicker**

Preaching — Kaden Reijgers, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
Mar. 18th –
7:00 p.m. –
*Particulars from
1 Peter
– Phil Sutton*

March 28-29 - Fasting and
prayer for evangelism. Potluck after
assembly Mar. 29

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livestream.com/ccib
christchurchonline.com
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targetingtruth.com

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

*For while
we were
still sinners,
at the
right time*

**Christ
died**
for the ungodly.

ROMANS 5:6

Question of the week:

When the high priest asked Jesus if He was the Christ, He answered, according to the gospel of Mark, "I am." What did He then say that they would see?

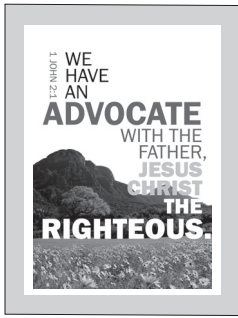
Last week's question: The lampstand, all of one piece of hammered work, according to the pattern God had shown Moses, was to have its lamps mounted so that the light shown toward the front. How many lamps were there? *Answer: Seven (Numbers 8:2).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 97
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (3/11) – 78
Butte Lord's Day – 24
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 62,92,48

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...



The Righteous Connection

“The wrath of God,” averred the apostle Paul, “is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:18). The scripture establishes clearly that the goal of God is to reproduce His righteousness in the thoughts, words, and deeds of those who would claim to be His children. He clothes His holy ones with Christ in their immersions into Him, and continues His teaching, in conjunction with His indwelling Holy Spirit, to produce practicing righteousness in those who make a claim to godliness.

The goal of the devil, as the initial rebel, murderer, and liar, is to reproduce his character in the sons of men. As the ultimate deceiver, he works particularly among those who would claim

to follow Christ by convincing them that being righteous in word, thought, and deed is not possible. “All inherit Adam’s sin at birth,” is a core teaching of Roman and Greek Catholicism, enveloping upwards of 1.4 billion people on this planet. The corollary is that they remain sinners through their deaths. Another teaching, at the core of Protestantism, is that people are born totally depraved, and remain so throughout their earthly lives. Another teaching, particularly among those of what might be called Restoration Movement heritage, is that a saint is engaged in a sanctified struggle depicted in Romans chapter seven, and, try as he might, he is going to remain in bondage to sin. All these doctrines impinge the mind with the pre-set that the individual will always remain unrighteous. And these doctrines all began with the teachings of the antichrists of the late first century with which John is dealing!

- **Introductory thought** — The apostle John introduces the next theme that will occupy a section of his epistle to the late first century church. “If you know that He is righteous,” he posits, “you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him” (1 John 2:29). God is righteous? “Righteous are You, O Lord,” stated the psalmist, “and upright are Your judgments” (Psalm 119:137). That is clear enough, and from a psalm that would be well-known to the first century brethren. What about Jesus’ famous prayer recorded in John 17? “O righteous Father,” began He, “although the world has not known You, yet I have known You” (John 17:25). God is righteous, and the apostle John’s challenge is in the form of a rhetorical conditional: “If you know that He is righteous ...”
- **Practicing righteousness** — Jesus came into the world to save sinners. But He does not expect them to stay in the rotten, destructive condition in which they were called. Those who are “born of Him,” experiencing the new birth in coming up out of the waters of immersion, are called upon to “practice righteousness.” In different words, saints are exhorted to “lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,” and to “put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth” (Ephesians 4:22-24).
- **Born of God** — The new self is the result of a new birth! This is variously described as “born from above,” “born again,” or as it is in this epistle, “born of God.” This new creation is capable, with help from the indwelling Spirit and in renewing the mind, of walking in righteousness, of practicing righteousness.

The antichrist system of thought—whether exhibited in the first century Gnostics, or the 21st century Catholics, 21st century Calvinists, or 21st century Restorationists—that the body is by definition “bad,” creates a mental block or carnal mind-set which prevents the individual from really trying or desiring to “practice righteousness.” In this thought framework, the devil wins. Everyone needs to be reminded that “the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.”

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