

**The fool has said
in his heart,
“There is no God.”**



Phil Sutton, of Bozeman, MT and Mike Ferguson, of Williston, ND
finishing up their meal and enjoying each other's company
OR Family Camp, Pleasant Hill Church of Christ
Pleasant Hill, OR

**“And the scribes and the Pharisees
brought a woman caught in adultery,
and having set her in the midst, they said
to Him, ‘Teacher, this woman has been
caught in adultery, in the very act.’ ”**

John 8:3,4

March 22, 2020!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE: CHRISTSCHURCHONLINE.COM

8:45 a.m.

Opening

9:00

Bible Class

10:00 am

Assembly

EVENING SCHEDULE: **CANCELED**

ACTS 22:16, ESV

**“RISE AND
BE BAPTIZED
AND
WASH AWAY
YOUR SINS,
CALLING ON
HIS NAME.”**

**This Wednesday,
Mar. 25th –
7:00 p.m. —
christchurchonline.com**

**March 28-29 - Fasting
and prayer for evangelism,
prayers for God's mercies**

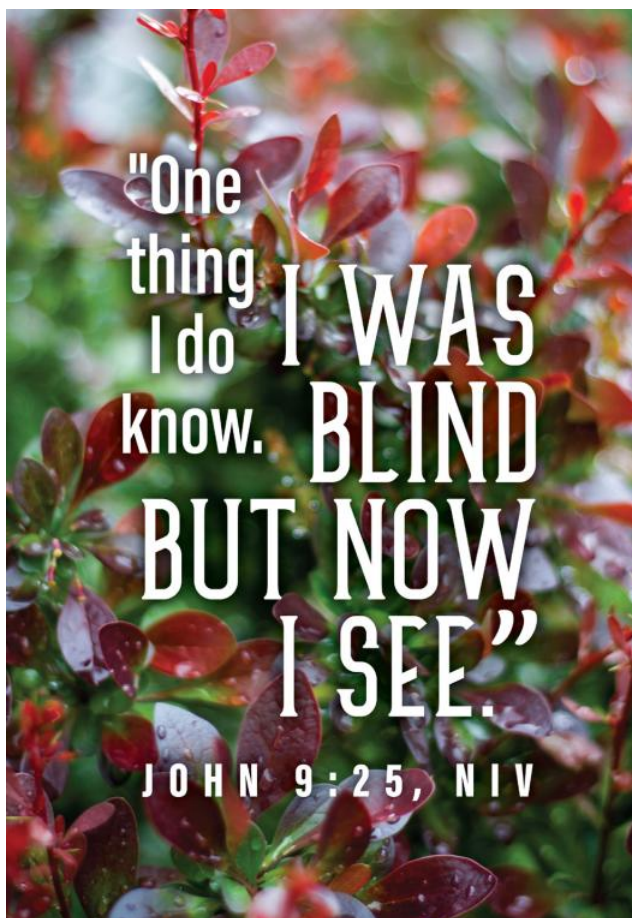
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies' Advance — Canceled

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

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



Question of the week:

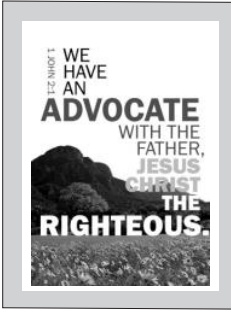
What nation was almost destroyed by Israel because that nation listened to the counsel of Balaam?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: The Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven (Mark 14:62).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 92
Morning Assembly – 101
Evening Assembly – 77

Wednesday Night (3/18) – 135 online
Butte Lord's Day – 15
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 52,70,--



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Exhibition of God's Love

Those who contemplate how the nature of God is revealed in His holy word can only exclaim, "How great is our God!" In the book of Revelation, the twenty-four elders are pictured as giving glory to God for His creative power exhibited in the physical realm. "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God," they utter their praises, "to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created" (Revelation 4:11). But the fullness of their adulation is expressed when they give glory for what was done in the spiritual and eternal realm. "Worthy are You," exclaim they, concerning the Lamb, the Lord Jesus, "for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your

blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. And You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth" (Revelation 5:9,10). It is also noteworthy that His motivation in doing so was His love for mankind. "God demonstrates His love toward us," are words the apostle Paul pushed to the forefront for the brethren, "in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

- ◆ **Come and see** — These are always enticing words, intimating something of mystery or something of interest. In this way the apostle John invites his readers: "See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us," he exults, "that we should be called the children of God; and such we are" (1 John 3:1). Those of the line of Seth in Genesis were called "sons of God," but in a very limited sense, in that they called upon the name of the Lord as contrasted to the rest of the earth-bound and earth-focused members of the human race. The children of Israel were favored of God, but they were never in the new covenant sense "children of God." No one could be "born of God," or "born of the Spirit" before the Spirit was given, and the Spirit was not given until after Jesus was glorified (John 7:39).
- ◆ **How great a love** — It is difficult even trying to contemplate the greatness of God. Solomon, upon completing the magnificent temple of the Lord in Jerusalem, exclaimed in His prayer to the Almighty, "Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!" (1 Kings 8:27). The point here is that God is so awesomely and incomprehensibly huge, and man in comparison is so, so small. It is this type of comparison and contemplation that makes these words come to life, "how great a love that the Father has bestowed upon us."
- ◆ **Children of God** — The only way those who originally were mere sons of men can become sons of God is by participating in a new or spiritual birth. The old man of sin must be buried in the God-ordained waters of immersion, and the new self must come forth by the power of the indwelling Spirit. In receiving "the Spirit of adoption," the new born new creature is ushered into the most awesome and privileged family ever, the family of God.

The new-born new creature is ushered into the most awesome family!

Only in contemplating what it was to be in darkness, to be held captive in the devil's domain, and then to be transferred into the kingdom or family of God can the saint begin to process the power of John's words: "See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God, and such we are!" Why, then, would those so honored be pulled back into being mere sons of men by the antichrists and antichrists' doctrines? Only by keeping the focus onward and upward can the saint maintain his picture of who he is and therefore live victoriously. That is why John says, "SEE how great a love ..." That is why John says, in reference to being children of God, "such we ARE!"

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