

**THEY ARE CORRUPT, AND HAVE
COMMITTED ABOMINABLE INJUSTICE;
THERE IS NO ONE WHO DOES GOOD**



Soren and Gunnar Landsgaard, of Bozeman, MT
getting ready for the preaching
OR Family Camp, Pleasant Hill Church of Christ
Pleasant Hill, OR

**“ ‘Now in the Law Moses commanded
us to stone such women; what then do
You say?’ And they were saying this,
testing Him, in order that they might
have grounds for accusing Him.”**

John 8:5,6a

March 29, 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

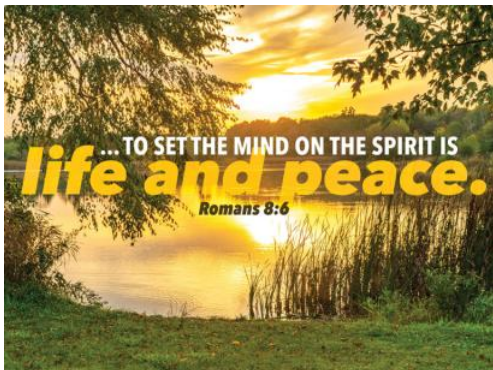
10:00 am

Assembly

Congratulations to **Jacob Reijgers** who was immersed into Christ on Lord's Day Mar. 22 by Phil Sutton.

EVENING SCHEDULE: **CANCELED**

Congratulations to **Chris Gothard** who was immersed into Christ on Lord's Day Mar. 22 by Nick Jacobs.



**This Wednesday,
April 1st –
7:00 p.m. –
christchurchonline.com**

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

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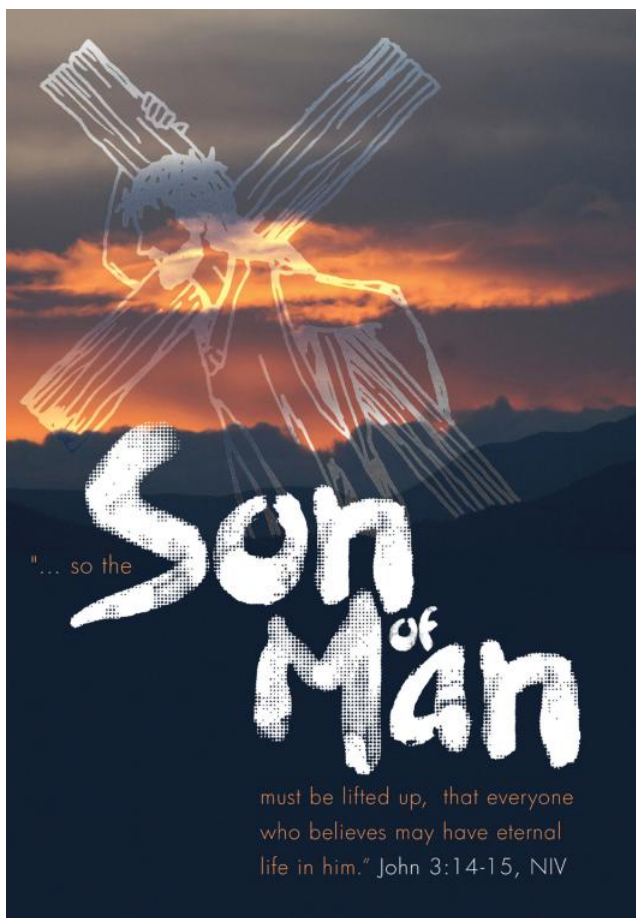
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies' Advance — **Canceled**

Badlands Family Camp — May 23-25, near
Glendive, MT

Montana Youth Camp — June 7-12

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



Question of the week:

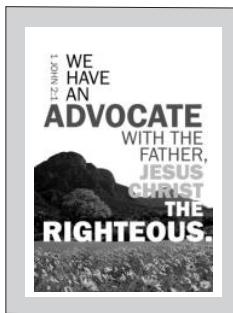
What do the old wine and the new wine represent in Jesus' illustration of wine and wineskins?

Last week's question: What nation was almost destroyed by Israel because that nation listened to the counsel of Balaam? *Answer: The nation of Midian (Numbers 31:1, 16).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (NOTE: ONLINE IS # OF COMPUTERS; # OF PEOPLE GREATER)

Bible School ---
Morning Assembly – 150 online
Evening Assembly ---

Wednesday Night (3/26) – 186 online
Butte Lord's Day ---
GF Lord's Day (Wed) ---,---



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Recognizing Sons of God

When Jesus came into the world, He was not really seen for who He was. What plaintive words are these with which John opens his gospel account! "He was in the world, and world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him." Maybe the Jews, having been entrusted with the oracles of God, would do better than the Gentiles? "He came to His own," is the inspired answer, "and those who were His own did not receive Him." A few, however, did recognize His Messiahship, as the thought continues, "As many as received Him, He gave the right to become children of God"; in other words, to those who would be obedient to the gospel and be born of the Spirit (John 1:10-13).

- ▼ **Challenge in recognizing Jesus** — There were a number of reasons why the contemporaries of Jesus did not recognize who He was during the years of His earthly sojourn. The prophetic word indicates that there was nothing particularly physically attractive about Him; He was not the photogenic type that is needed for the front cover of today's magazines. He was also one hundred per cent human, being a simple carpenter from backwater Nazareth in Galilee. It would take someone exceptionally spiritually interested in the word of God to begin to process Who it was inside that coat of flesh which covered the inner being. It would have to be someone who would watch for consistency in the miracles being performed. It would have to be someone who listened intently to His teaching, and who tried to understand Him. It would have to be someone who would follow His life through the cross to His resurrection and ultimately His ascension who would honestly draw the conclusion that this Man indeed was God appearing in human form.
- ▼ **Next challenge** — Jesus was, and is, *the* Son of God. The apostle John, then, has just pointed out the divine nature of the spiritual children of Jesus, that they are "sons of the Most High" or "children of God." Will they be recognized for who they are by the children of this world? "For this reason the world does not know us," is John's inspired observation, "because it did not know Him (1 John 3:1). The same spiritual inquisitiveness that was required to "know" who Jesus was/is, is the same spiritual inquisitiveness that is required to "know" who the children of God are.
- ▼ **Spiritual evaluation** — "You are looking at things as they are outwardly," the apostle Paul chastised the carnal Christians of Corinth. To look at things properly, to make the proper evaluation, a person has to look at things spiritually, in the realm of the unseen as revealed by the scriptures. The enemies of Jesus were on the right track when they asked the question, "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:7). They simply refused to draw the proper conclusion about the clue that would lead them to examine Jesus from a spiritual perspective. In the same way, the answers to key questions would point to whether a person were indeed a son of God or an imposter. "Do you believe Jesus ascended to glory after His death on the cross and His bodily resurrection?" would be one. "Have you consistently performed deeds appropriate to repentance?" would be another. "Were you immersed according to the terms of Acts 2:38?" would be a third. This is spiritual probing a true child of God would welcome.

**THE SONS OF GOD,
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DIVINE NATURE, ARE
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SPIRITUAL REALM.**

The sons of God, partakers of the divine nature, are magnificent in the spiritual realm. They are children of light, and shining powerfully on the inside, as contrasted to those who are in darkness. They are strengthened by the Spirit in the inner man, as contrasted to those who are still in slavery to sin. They are accomplishing great things in prayer, in edifying the saints, in spreading the gospel to the lost. They are, in the words of Jesus Himself, known by their fruits. But the world does not know for what fruits to look. "For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."

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