

**GOD LOOKED DOWN FROM HEAVEN UPON  
THE SONS OF MEN, TO SEE IF THERE IS  
ANYONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, WHO SEEKS  
AFTER GOD**



Some of the crowd for Bible Bowl 2020  
106 student participants  
from OH, ND, WA, and MT  
Christ's church building, Bozeman, MT

**“But Jesus stooped down, and with His  
finger wrote on the ground.**

***John 8:6b***

# April 5, 2020!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE: [CHRISTSCHURCHONLINE.COM](http://CHRISTSCHURCHONLINE.COM)

8:45 a.m.

Opening

9:00

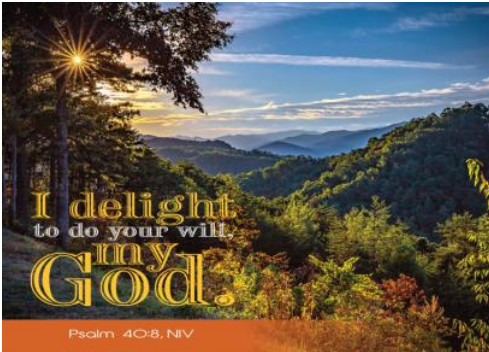
Bible Class

10:00 am

Assembly

Congratulations to **Dave Garlock**, who was immersed into Christ on Lord's Day, Mar. 29 by Matt Wilson. Dave has worked with Blake Baggett, and has studied with Matt since his contact with the church.

### EVENING SCHEDULE: **CANCELED**



This Wednesday,  
April 8th –  
7:00 p.m. –  
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)

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Also check out the youtube videos on [targetingtruth.com](http://targetingtruth.com), and Innerman Radio on youtube

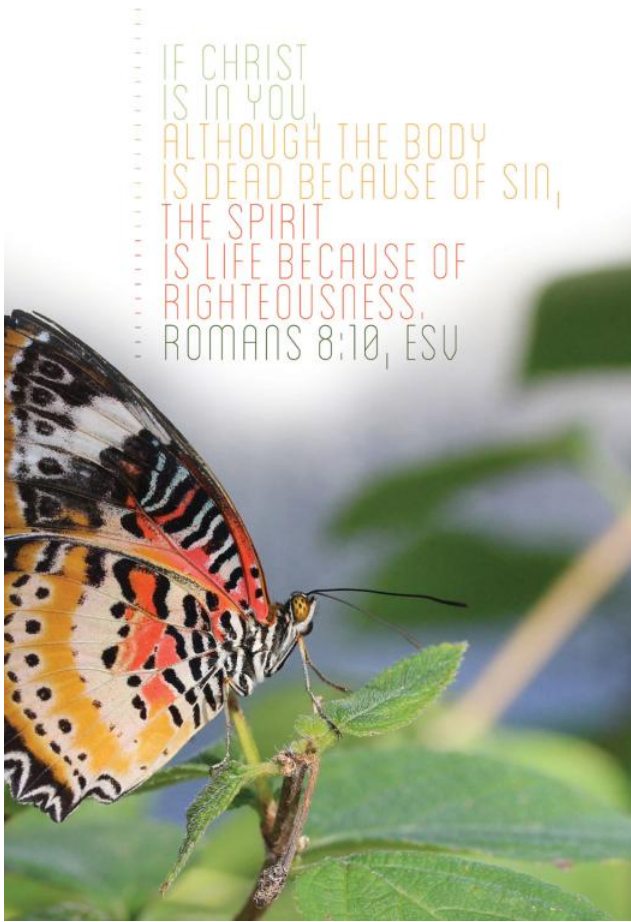
### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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:**

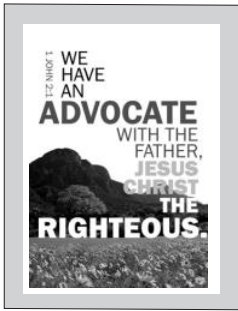
As God was using Israel to prosecute His warfare against idol worship, what did He command Israel to do with the Asherim and the sacred pillars?

Last week's question: What do the old wine and the new wine represent in Jesus' illustration of wine and wineskins? *Answer: The old and new covenants [only clear from rest of the New Testament writings] (Luke 5:36-39).*

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

Bible School ---  
Morning Assembly – 300+ online  
Evening Assembly ---

Wednesday Night (4/1) – 100+ online  
Butte Lord's Day ---  
GF Lord's Day (Wed)---;--



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## Revealing the Sons of God

The physical creation is the mechanism by which the truly spiritual creations come into existence. The process is simply stated by the apostle Paul: "The spiritual is not first, but the natural." After the natural is in place, "then the spiritual" (1 Corinthians 15:46). Natural man is part of the natural process begun at Creation. While God "forms the spirit of man within him" at conception (Zechariah 12:1), the individual comes into existence by the natural relation of male and female, and enters the world without having made the choice to do so himself. The only "creation" that comes into existence by its own choice is the "new creation"! These are the true "children of God."

- **Hidden from plain sight**—Regarding these new creations, the apostle John notes, "The world does not know us." The "sons of God" (by virtue of their immersions into Christ) are not recognized as such because the transformation occurs in the inner man, the realm only revealed by the written word of God. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels," was the apostle Paul's explanation, "that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves" (2 Corinthians 4:7). The outer coat of the human body veils the wondrous special creation of God, a creation involving the choice of the individual to desire that special creative act! "Beloved," John assures the saints, "now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be" (1 John 3:2). Only by the eye of faith can we have an idea of what lies ahead, and that eye of faith, it must be stressed again and again, must be guided by what is written in the sacred pages of the word of God.
- **What we shall be** — "The anxious longing of the creation," averred the apostle Paul, "waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God" (Romans 8:19). It is interesting that the big moment for the entire panoply of Creation—the galaxies, the sun and planets of the solar system, the earth itself, the plant and animals, and unsaved mankind—is when the true sons of God are manifested. The corollary to this point is that this is the reason all these were brought into existence, that the physical creation might serve as the incubator for the "new creations"! The moment, then, of that revealing will be Jesus' second coming. "We know that, when He appears," affirms John, "we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is" (1 John 3:2). That is the moment when the glorious inner man of the saints of God will put on what is called "the glorious body" (1 Corinthians 15:43). This is the fulfillment of what Daniel had prophesied more than 500 years before Christ's resurrection: "And many who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake ... to everlasting life ... And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:2,3).

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It has long been known that "no one can see the face of God and live" (Exodus 33:20-23). When the face of God, the face of the One who will sit on the Judgment Throne, appears, it will vaporize the entire material universe (Revelation 20:11). Hence mankind must be resurrected before this appearing occurs—some to a resurrection of life, and some to a resurrection of eternal judgment—and receive a body that is not part of the material creation. In this way, "every eye shall see Him, even those who pierced Him" (Revelation 1:7). For those, then, whose citizenship is in heaven, their bodies will be transformed "into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself" (Philippians 3:20,21). This, therefore, is the revealing of the sons of God. "We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is."

JAY WILSON