

***EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS TURNED ASIDE; TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME CORRUPT; THERE IS NO ONE WHO DOES GOOD, NOT EVEN ONE***



Gavin Mamangun and Caiden Doty, both of Bozeman  
chillin' at 2020 Bible Bowl  
Christ's church building  
Bozeman, MT

***“But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, ‘He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ ”***

***John 8:7***

# April 12, 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

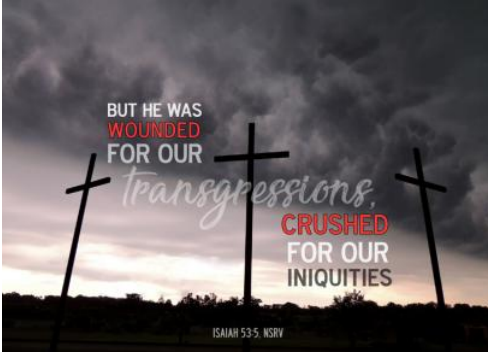
Bible Class

10:00 am

Assembly

Congratulations to **Lance Hawkins**, who was immersed into Christ on Thursday April 9 by Jay Shoup!! Lance works with Jay at Firestone.

### EVENING SCHEDULE: **CANCELED**



This Wednesday,  
April 15th –  
7:00 p.m. —  
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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"

**Family Camp 2020** — Sept. 4-7



# Resurrection Lord's Day

## Question of the week:

Who was willing to attempt to justify himself, with the result that Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: Smash the sacred pillars and burn the Asherim (Deuteronomy 12:3).*

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

Bible School ---

Morning Assembly -- 300+ online

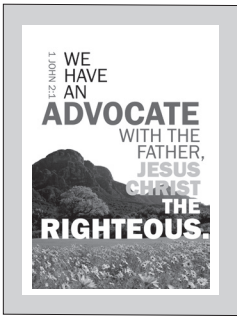
FaceBook Virtual FC -- 2k+ views

Wednesday Night (4/8) -- 2 K+ views

Butte Lord's Day ---

GF Lord's Day (Wed) ---,--

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...



## “Pure” as He is “Pure”

“When He appears,” the apostle John had noted, “we shall see Him just as He is” (1 John 3:2). And while every eye shall see Him, even those who pierced Him, only those who have been immersed into Christ—and have maintained and have developed their faith—will be able to see Him as He is, in all His glory. One of the key issues in this individual’s development of faith is His purity of motive. When “the Lord comes,” affirmed the apostle Paul, He “will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men’s hearts” (1 Corinthians 4:5). It is clear that if a person has hidden motives and an impure agenda, that he will end up on the wrong side of that judgment. It is not

surprising, then, that the Lord Jesus Himself would say, “Blessed are the *pure in heart*, for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8).

- **Call to purity** — The word of God affirms, as would be expected, the purity of Him who reigns on high. The sweet psalmist of Israel noted, “With the pure, You show Yourself pure” (Psalm 18:26). There is no deception in the One who loves men’s souls, who tells them up-front in His scripture what it is going to cost them to be real followers of Jesus. There are no “bait and switch” scams going on with the Lord and what is written in His word; He is unchanging, the same today and yesterday and forever. Since Jesus volunteered to undergo the gruesome and challenging death on the cross for the sins of mankind, His motive is clearly established as clean and pure; He desires that mankind be redeemed and spend eternity with Him. Clearly the price was high enough that had He any other motive for His suffering, the benefits to be gained would not have been worth it! God is pure. “And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him,” John animadverts, concerning seeing Jesus at His second coming, “purifies himself, just as He is pure” (1 John 3:3).
- **Hope fixed** — It is the intention of God that each of His spiritual children be looking forward to Jesus’ second coming. The Lord Himself, in the days of His flesh, praying before crossing to the Garden of Gethsemane, expressed His personal earnest desire to the Father: “I desire that they also [all Christians and Old Testament saints] whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me” (John 17:24). That glory, of course, will not be revealed until His second coming. Jesus wants His people to see His glory, and He has worked very hard to produce a people who earnestly desire likewise to see that glory. These are the ones who have their “hope fixed” on His return.
- **The test** — The test, then, of whether the disciple really is eagerly awaiting the Lord’s return is whether he does the work on his part to purify himself, to be holy in word, thought, and deed. “To the pure,” the apostle Paul observed, “all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled” (Titus 1:15). Being wholly pure in motive and mind is not only desirable, it is a necessity.

But can it be done? Essentially the command is to be as pure as God is pure. Many have contended that even the child of God, born of water and Spirit, is still a sinner and cannot ever be anything but a “filthy garment saved by grace.” But scriptures set forth a picture of a new creation, born from above, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, capable of walking in the footsteps of Jesus. John had already stated that “the one who says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same manner as He walked” (1 John 2:6). Here, in the next chapter, the apostle and the Holy Spirit add that the saint “purifies himself as He is pure.” How pure is that?

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