

Have the workers of wickedness no knowledge?



Great team traveling all the way from Wauseon, OH
winners of the Spiritual Sportsmanship award
Bible Bowl 2020
Christ's church building, Bozeman, MT

“And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And when they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst.”

John 8:9

April 19, 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

Lord's Supper Meditation —
Scott Schweitzer

Assembly

EVENING SCHEDULE: CANCELED



This Wednesday,
April 22nd –
7:00 p.m. —
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Fasting and prayer — Sat.
and LD April 25,26.
Special emphasis on
wisdom for getting
past coronavirus,
and for evangelism

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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



Question of the week:

What was the location in the Promised Land where the children of Israel first observed the Passover, and where the manna stopped?

Last week's question: Who was willing to attempt to justify himself, with the result that Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan? *Answer: A lawyer who challenged Jesus over the great commandments (Luke 10:25-29).*

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

Bible School ---

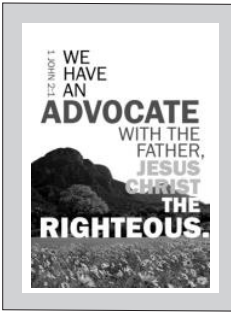
Morning Assembly – 270+ online

FaceBook Virtual FC --

Wednesday Night (4/15) – 170

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Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Jesus and Sin

The antichrist movement that was ravaging the first century church was essentially an immoral movement. It appealed to the flesh, offering the excuse that the body was bad and therefore it had to keep sinning. For those who did not want to do the personal work necessary to “purify” themselves “as He is pure,” this offered a release from what these lawless ones would consider a burden. The whole thought process of these antichrists illustrates the condition of those whose mind is set on the things of the flesh. What begins as a somewhat plausible excuse (the body is part of the material creation and is therefore sinful) actually ends up with a ridiculous conclusion (Jesus did not have a body). But when the fleshly mind wants the excuse, it does not care what is reasonable or what the conclusion is.

- ◆ **Practicing sin** — Sin has been, and is, a major problem. Sin separates a man from his God, and then begins destroying relationships and everything else in its path. Spiritual death, as well as physical death, entered the world through the sin of Adam. That sin separated mankind from the tree of life, and as a result physical death comes to everyone (even babies sometimes die). But spiritual death is separation from God, and this is a result of each reasonably mature individual’s personal sin. Christians, in their immersions, have been released from sin, and are to rise to walk in newness of life; they are to lay aside the deeds of the flesh and put on the new self. The Gnostic antichrists working in the late first century churches were teaching that the exhortation to walk in the footsteps of Christ was not possible. Hence John writes, “Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4). God understands that overcoming any particular sin takes varying degrees of renewing or reprogramming the mind, and is willing to provide grace to the honest saint who is implementing that re-programming. But when the disciple moves away from making honest efforts in overcoming sin to making excuses for his sin, then God ceases to provide grace and calls this “practicing sin.” This is “lawlessness,” and is following the footsteps of the devil.

Process this: “no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.”

- ◆ **Taking away sin** — “Your iniquities,” stated the Mighty One through His prophet Isaiah, “have made a separation between you and your God” (Isaiah 59:2). Since man by his own sin is separated from God, he cannot intercede for himself. God Himself “was astonished that there was no one to intercede.” Because of His love for the sons of men, “His own right arm brought salvation to Him” (Isaiah 59:16). These prophetic sayings began to take fruition in connection with the birth of Jesus. Of the Child who was to be born of Mary, the angel said to Joseph, “You shall call His name Jesus [Yahweh our Savior], for it is He who will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Jesus came into the world to save people FROM their sins, not IN their sins! Thus John reminds his readers, “And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin” (1 John 3:5).

The conclusion the apostle John and the Holy Spirit reach is this: “No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him” (1 John 3:6). The antichrists were saying that everyone must keep sinning because sin is resident in the body, and it is impossible to meet this standard. (Modern antichrists still believe that sin is resident in the body, that belief showing up even in Bible translations such as the New International Version. The term “sinful nature” is their translation of the word “sarx” and the thrust of their thought is that the body is “bad” from birth.) God is calling the saints out of this depraved thinking, putting before them the exordium, “Everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself just as He is pure” (1 John 3:3). Let us, then, with the positive mind-set the scripture sets before us, be in the process of purifying ourselves!

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