

**THE WICKED EAT UP MY PEOPLE AS  
THOUGH THEY ATE BREAD, AND HAVE NOT  
CALLED UPON GOD**



Mr. Matt Wilson, judge of Bible Bowl finals  
with good help looking on  
Bible Bowl 2020  
Christ's Church building, Bozeman, MT

***“And straightening up, Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?’ And she said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more.’ ”***

***John 8:10,11***

# April 26, 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

Lord's Supper Meditation —  
Tommy Widner

Assembly

### EVENING SCHEDULE: CANCELED



This Wednesday,  
April 29th —  
7:00 p.m. —  
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)

Fasting and prayer — Sat.  
and LD April 25,26.  
Special emphasis on  
wisdom for getting  
past coronavirus,  
and for evangelism

Acts 2:32

Catch us live or archived:  
[livestream.com/ccib](http://livestream.com/ccib)  
[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

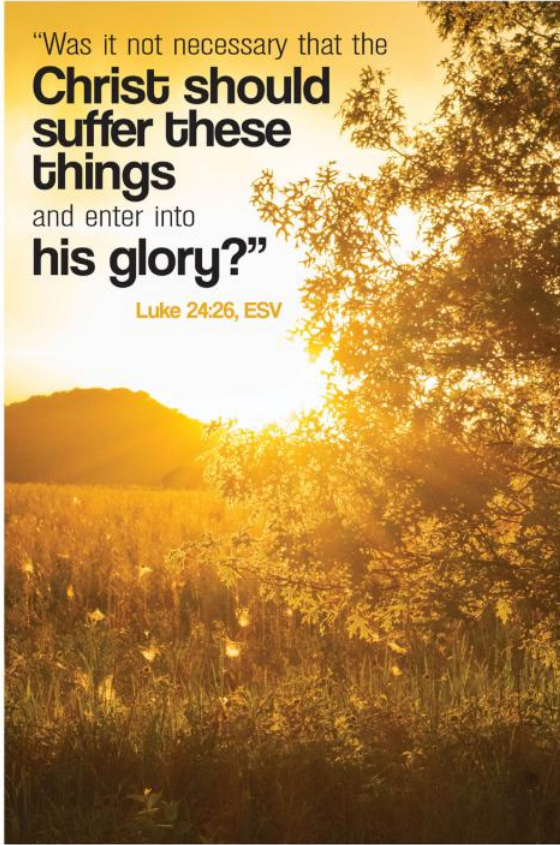
**Montana Youth Camp** — ~~canceled~~; ~~cmpgrd closed~~

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

**Family Camp 2020** — Sept. 4-7

“Was it not necessary that the  
**Christ should  
suffer these  
things**  
and enter into  
**his glory?”**

Luke 24:26, ESV



**Question of the week:**

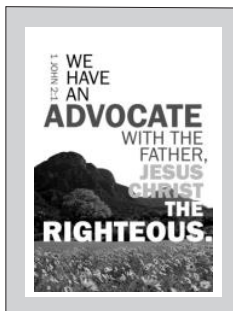
What disciples prepared the Passover meal for Jesus and others' to celebrate just before Jesus' crucifixion?

Last week's question: What was the location in the Promised Land where the children of Israel first observed the Passover, and where the manna stopped? *Answer: Gilgal (Joshua 5:9-11).*

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

Bible School --  
Morning Assembly -- 400+ online  
FaceBook Virtual FC --

Wednesday Night (4/22) -- 200+  
Butte Lord's Day --  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) -- ; --



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## Practicing Righteousness

Make no mistake about it! God does not sin, and He cannot countenance sin. Jesus Christ, our High Priest and Intercessor and Redeemer, is described as “holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners” (Hebrews 7:26). If a person who would style himself “Christian” is insistent that he is clearly and absolutely a sinner, then is Jesus separated from that individual? Recognizing that Jesus is the only intercessor and the only way of salvation, this is eternally serious; no person separated from Jesus is going to enter the glorious side of eternity! The righteous Father, then, is repeatedly insistent that His children of faith are “saints” rather than “sinners.”

This has to do with the way God wired the human brain. Thoughts give rise to words and performance. Human experience tells us, then, that desultory thoughts lead to desultory performance, and truly positive thoughts lead to positive performance. A person who views himself as a loser will lose; a person who views himself as a winner will, over time, win! This is especially true in the spiritual battle: the individual who believes he is a sinner will sin and will continue to lose; the individual who believes in God’s picture for him will overcome.

- ▼ **“In Him is no sin”** — All the spiritual blessings are for those who are “in Christ.” Thus it is written, that in Christ “we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:14). It is also written, that “if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Since “in Him is no sin,” it is incongruous that this new creation be a sinner (1 John 3:5).
- ▼ **“No one who abides in Him sins”** — The mental picture for winning Christians is that they live righteously rather than living sinfully. Any other mental picture would be totally destructive to God’s goal for His saints. “No one who abides in Him sins,” is the logical proposition for the disciples of Christ (1 John 3:6). The sobering corollary follows: “no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.”
- ▼ **“Let no one deceive you”** — The antichrist philosophy circulating in the late first century congregations was that the body was bad and that it was going to continue to sin; the battle, in other words, was lost before it was even begun. “Little children,” the aged John addresses those making a claim of being Christians, “let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning” (1 John 3:7,8). The one who thus views himself as righteous, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit and renewing the mind, practices righteousness is the one who is righteous. And he has the same standard of righteousness as that which was exhibited in Jesus. The antichrists were turning the minds of the saints in the direction of sin; the apostle John is turning their minds in the direction of righteousness.
- ▼ **The devil’s agenda** — “The devil,” John has noted, “sinned from the beginning.” The one who was the deceiver from the beginning has the obvious goal of pulling mankind into his orbit through temptation and propaganda. If he can convince even those who were immersed into Christ that they are sinners, he wins. “The one who practices sin,” says John to these first century immersees, “is of the devil.”

The spiritual war for the mind was raging in these early congregations. Those who lost that war went with the antichrists and lost their fellowship with Christ and His church. “They went out from us,” is the Holy Spirit’s analysis, “but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us” (1 John 2:19). That same spiritual battle is raging today. The propaganda forces of modern antichrists maintain that the body is bad; the individual should try to practice righteousness but he will always fail because sin is somehow resident in his body. This is “doctrine of the devil!”

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