

**The enemies of God's people were in  
great fear where no fear had been; God  
scattered the bones of those encamped  
against you**



Winners of the Senior Division, Bible Bowl 2020  
Jacob Martin, Ethan Miller, Emily Miller  
Hannah Danyo, Maddie Miller, and Saidee Danyo  
team from Missoula, MT  
Christ's Church Building, Bozeman, MT

**“Again therefore Jesus spoke to them,  
saying, ‘I am the light of the world; he who  
follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but  
shall have the light of life.’ ”**

*John 8:12*

# May 3, 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

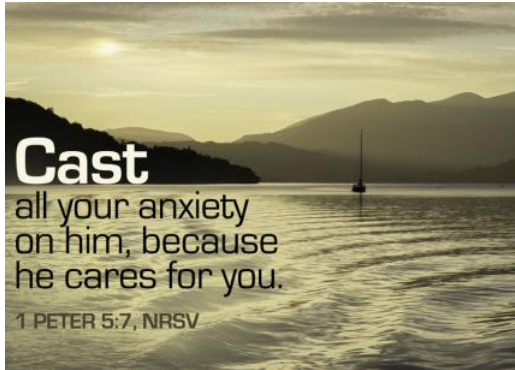
Bible Class

10:00 am

Lord's Supper Meditation —  
Phil Sutton

Assembly

### EVENING SCHEDULE: **CANCELED**



**This Wednesday,  
May 6th —  
7:00 p.m. —  
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)**

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Also check out the youtube videos on  
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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



*Therefore, since we have been*  
**JUSTIFIED BY FAITH,**  
*we have*  
**PEACE WITH GOD**  
*through our Lord*  
**JESUS CHRIST.**

ROMANS 5:1, ESV

**Question of the week:**

What tribe in Israel provided the ancestry for Samson?

Last week's question: What disciples prepared the Passover meal for Jesus and others' to celebrate just before Jesus' crucifixion? *Answer: Peter and John (Luke 22:8).*

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

Bible School ---

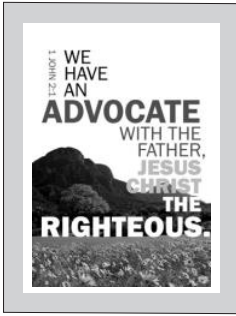
Morning Assembly – 250+ online

Evening Assembly ---

Wednesday Night (4/29) – 130+

Butte Lord's Day ---

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



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## *Destroying the Works of the Devil*

Selfishness is a form of pride, and is thus really the opposite of humility. Time and time again the word of God calls for people to be humble before the great God of creation, the God of Israel, and the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the famous lines from the Old Testament comes from God's response to Solomon at the dedication of the newly built temple in Jerusalem. God had noted that He might send famine upon the land, or locusts, or pestilence, but He said that if "My people who are called by My name *humble* themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). James, writing under the terms of the new covenant, brought an old covenant quotation over, noting that "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the *humble*" (James 4:6). The apostle Peter adds his instruction, "*Humble* yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6,7). The true children of God will humble themselves and do what the One with the mighty hand commands.

- ▲ **Righteousness** — One of the things the righteous God requires of His humble children is that they also walk in righteousness. John has just emphasized that "the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous" (1 John 3:7). The human who is prideful and rebellious will not submit himself to God's jurisdiction, and being deceived in the process, ends up in the domain of the devil. Thus the apostle adds, "The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning" (1 John 3:8). The Gnostics who were contemporaries of the apostle John were preying on church people's desires to do "their own thing" rather than humbling themselves before God. They were the conscious agents of Satan's deceptive activities.

- ▲ **God's purpose** — Sometimes Christians in the middle of controversy are not aware of the seriousness of the issues, often being pulled into an analysis of the people involved rather than the issues themselves. The "antichrist movement" inside the early church was undoubtedly confusing for some of the brethren (otherwise, John would not have written this letter). The apostle narrows the controversy down to this focal point: "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). The false doctrines propagated by the antichrists were promoting the works of the devil, and as such were promoting the very things Jesus came into the world to explode. The warfare was therefore intense, and the apostle is fighting to get the church back on track.

It is important to remember one of the most cogent statements of Jesus, brought forth when He Himself was engaged in a heated verbal dispute with the Jewish hierarchy. "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father," animadverted our Lord. "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies" (John 8:44). The selfishness exhibited in adult-level members of the human race at the core stem from Satan Himself. Their lies, their desires, their bending of events and people to serve their own purposes are just the outgrowth of their having lost their fellowship with God and having been transferred to the domain of darkness. Jesus came into the world to rescue people from that domain, to transfer them into the kingdom of Christ, and in their new lives to destroy the works of the devil. Modern antichrists and their destructive doctrines need to be exposed, and saints need to live and teach the principles of Jesus to a very dark world.

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rescue people  
from the devil's  
domain.*

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