

YOU HAVE PUT YOUR ENEMIES TO SHAME, BECAUSE GOD HAD REJECTED THEM



Bob and Lydia Edgar, Gary DiPaolo, and Ed Donohue
The “skeleton crew” doing the filming for online broadcasts
during the coronavirus “lock down”
Christ’s Church in Bozeman, MT

**“The Pharisees therefore said to Him,
‘You are bearing witness of Yourself;
Your witness is not true.’ ”**

John 8:13

May 10, 2020!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE: CHRISTSCHURCHONLINE.COM

8:30 - Class online

10:00 am - Assembly

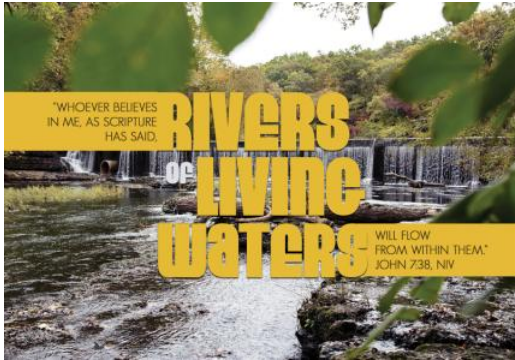
Lord's Supper Meditation —

Bob Edgar

Congratulations to **Jared DuPaul**, who was immersed into Christ on Sat. May 2 by Nathan Zech. Jared is a graduate of the Great Falls Christian Academy, and works for ElectroControls in Great Falls.

GREAT FALLS: 3:30 PM - NATHAN ZECH. (COMM.)

BUTTE - 7:45 PM - GEORGE STONE (COMM.)



This Wednesday,
May 13th –
7:00 p.m. —
christchurchonline.com

Great Falls -- Fasting and prayer for evangelism and overcoming coronavirus this weekend, May 16,17.

Catch us live or archived:
livestream.com/ccib
christchurchonline.com
Also check out the youtube videos on
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



Question of the week:

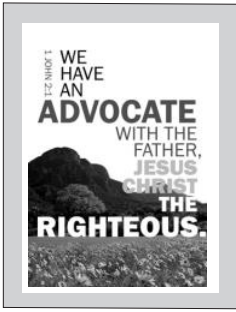
In a hot discussion with the Jewish leadership who were trying to kill Him, Jesus said that if they believed one of the Old Testament prophets, they would believe Him. Who was that Old Testament prophet?

Last week's question: What tribe in Israel provided the ancestry for Samson? *Answer: Dan (Judges 13:2).*

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

Bible School --
Morning Assembly -- 175+ online
Evening Assembly --

Wednesday Night (5/6) -- 100+
Butte Lord's Day -- 18
GF Lord's Day (Wed) --,60,--



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Children of God are Obvious

“The mind set on the flesh is death,” said the apostle Paul, “but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace” (Romans 8:6). It is not uncommon for someone whose mind is set on the things of the flesh to present himself as someone who is very saintly and focused on spiritual things. The Pharisees of Jesus’ day were prime examples. Described by the Lord as “whitewashed tombs,” He noted, “You too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” (Matthew 23:28). So it was with the antichrists that the apostle John exposes in his epistles. They appeared very religious in their discussions, and clearly posed as leaders in the various congregations. But the apostle is

blunt in his statement, exposing these people as just as lawless as the Pharisees. “Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness,” is his simple, straight-forward statement, “and sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4). The antichrist doctrine denying that Jesus came in a physical body and suffered the same temptations as the rest of the human race promoted an underlying lawlessness, and destroyed the mind-set that would result in an individual’s purifying himself in line with the purity of Jesus.

- **Born of God** — The new creation in Christ is often described as “born again,” “born from above,” “born of the Spirit,” or “born of God.” The teaching of the new covenant writings is that when a person is immersed into Christ, an entirely new being is created on the inside, as the apostle Paul noted, “For we are His workmanship, *created in Christ Jesus* for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should also walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10). The “new creation” is just that, an entirely new creative act by the Almighty God, performed in the realm visible only by the eye of faith as guided by the word of God. That this “new creation” would be a sinner or sinful is really unthinkable. “No one who is born of God practices sin,” is John’s way of stating that truth, “because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (1 John 3:9). The picture is that this one who is “born of God” walks in the footsteps of Jesus, and purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

The children of God focus on “walking in the same manner as He walked.”

- **“He cannot sin”** — The belief of the “Wesleyian holiness” people, if a label were to be put on their system, is that once a person has experienced the “second work of grace” (a special second “falling of the Holy Spirit” on the individual), he cannot sin. Underlying that belief system is the idea that a person is “saved” apart from his personal choice—saved by special “cherry-picking election” by God. Since he was born “totally depraved,” his sin is not choice; it happens as a result of his “sinful nature.” The idea, then, that once he has received this so-called “second work of grace,” from that point on he cannot sin; since “to sin” was not choice in the first place, “not to sin” is not a choice in the second place. This is not what the apostle John is talking about when he says of the new creation in Christ, that “he cannot sin.” He is emphasizing the faith picture that the one who is “born of God” imitates the character of God exhibited by Jesus during the years of His earthly sojourn.

“By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious,” points out the apostle. “Anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother” (1 John 3:10). The antichrist philosophy that the body is bad guarantees that its adherents are going to continue in sin, and thus it is obvious that they are children of the devil. The children of God, on the other hand, know that they are born of God, their visual picture is that they cannot sin, and their focus is on “walking in the same manner as He walked” (1 John 2:6).

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