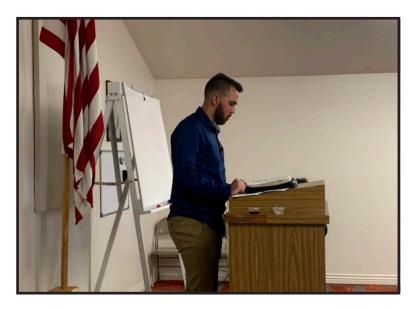
When God restores His captive people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad



Caleb Wilson doing the communion meditation BYOC - "Bring Your Own Communion" first assembly during coronvirus "lock down" Christ's Church in Great Falls, MT

"You people judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me."

John 8:15,16

May 24, 2020!

Christ's Church Meeting at 30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman 2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls 401 W. Park St. — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE: CHRISTSCHURCHONLINE.COM 8:30 - Class online

> 10:00 am - Assembly Lord's Supper Meditation — Jeff Landsgaard

GREAT FALLS: 3:30 PM - ZAC ZECH. (COMM.) BUTTE - 7:45 PM - COLE HUNSICKER (COMM.) Congratulations to *Delores Porter,* who was immersed in Bozeman Monday, May 18 in a combined family operation!! Delores is Lynne Jensen's mom and Denya Jacobs' and Shannon Mamangun's grandmother.

SO IT WILL BE AT THE END OF THE AGE. THE ANGELS WILL COME OUT AND SEPARATE THE EVIL FROM THE RIGHTEOUS.

This Wednesday, May 27th – 7:00 p.m. – christschurchonline. com

Bozeman -- Fasting and prayer for evangelism and overcoming coronavirus this weekend, 23,24.

Catch us live or archived: livestream.com/ccib christschurchonline.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

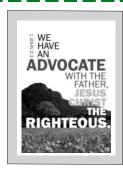


What time of year is the "Feast of Dedication"?

Last week's question: Who prevented Saul's son Jonathan from being executed when he unknowingly violated the king's order on fasting and ate some honey from a honeycomb? Answer: The people (1 Samuel 14:43-45).

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

Bible School — --Morning Assembly — 63 (100+) Evening Assembly — -- Wednesday Night (5/20) – 100+ Butte Lord's Day – 18 GF Lord's Day *(Wed)* – --,68,--



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Life-savers and Murderers

Evil qualities like "pride" and "hate" can be hidden under a careful veneer of geniality and good-naturedness. Sometimes "hate" is explosive, and sometimes "pride" shows itself to public view. But generally both of those are working a long-term agenda, and hence have to be hidden in order to effect their outcome. "Hate" in particular can be a simmering monster, boiling below the surface, waiting for the strategic moment before it pops into the foreground. As the sage of Proverbs noted: "He who conceals hatred has lying lips, and he who spreads slander is a fool" (Proverbs 10:18). The devil, then, the big liar and the father of lies, clearly is concealing his hatred—hatred, especially of God, and of those who follow the commandments of Jesus. The antichrists of the days of the apostle John were these types

who hid their hatred of God and of the disciples of Christ. John is in the process of exposing them for what they are to the view of the saints, those who will see with spiritual eyes.

The world hates you — One of the things that Jesus made very clear to the apostles, as He made His way from the observance of the Passover meal to the Garden of Gethsemane, was that the world hated Him. "If the world hates you," He had taught them, "you know that it has hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18). Why would the world hate the Forgiver of Sins, the Prince of Peace? In simple terms, it is because Jesus holds the world accountable, and mankind as a whole does not like to be held accountable for their actions. "If I had not come and spoken to them," He explained to the apostles, "they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sins! For this

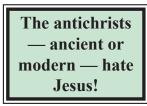
Jesus must die, as He further elaborates: "They hated Me without a cause" (John 15:25). "Do not marvel, brethren," adds the apostle John, "if the world hates you" (1 John 3:13). Through their godly lives and exposition of the gospel, Christians are holding the world accountable and the world hates them. Especially those first century antichrists!

 Death to life — Jesus loves the people of the world, and the world hates Him. Saints love the people of the world, and the world hates them.

Disciples of Christ, in imitation of the One who by the Great Commission sent them, are bringing people to a knowledge of their sins and the solution to those sins (through belief in and obedience to the gospel of Jesus). Any child of light who is knowledgeable enough to do this knows where he stands with the Supreme Judge. "We know that we have passed out of death into life," John also avers, "because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14). The opposite is therefore true also: "He who does not love abides in death." This is true for the first century Gnostic or the twenty-first century propagandist who "perverts the gospel."

Murderers — A preacher or teacher who deliberately distorts the gospel, and thus is in the process of sending his listeners down the wrong road, is a wicked, wicked person. In fact, the scripture calls such proponents "murderers." Hear how the apostle John phrases it. "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer," is his statement concerning the antichrists and other scripture-twisters, "and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 3:15).

The apostle John, in this general epistle to the first century church, is laboring to expose just how wicked and destructive the antichrist philosophy is. The antichrist doctrine that Jesus did not come in the flesh, or its more palatable modern counterpart that Jesus did not have a body like we have, is what gives men the excuse to keep sinning. Jesus, by contrast, made it clear that His words cut off any excuse for sinning. The antichrists—ancient or modern—therefore hate Jesus, and they hate any of His disciples who proclaim the truth that saints are to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Such disciples are encouraged by that knowledge that "we have passed out of death into life!"



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