

***STRANGERS HAVE RISEN AGAINST ME, AND
VIOLENT MEN HAVE SOUGHT MY LIFE; THEY
HAVE NOT SET GOD BEFORE THEM***



Some of the Bozeman congregation
visiting outside after first opportunity to assemble
because of coronavirus lockdown

***“These words He spoke in the
treasury, as He taught in the
temple; and no one seized Him,
because His hour had not yet
come.”***

John 8:20

June 14, 2020!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

401 W. Park St. — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

BOZEMAN 8:45 - Opening (Joe Shanahan)

9:00 am - class

10:00 am - L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Jay Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 3:30 - L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 7:45 - L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BOZEMAN -

Graduation ceremony - Fri.

June 19, 7:00 pm at the church building

Bible school classes will begin next Lord's Day at regular schedule

WITH HIS
LOVE,
HE WILL CALM
ALL
YOUR FEARS.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17, NLT

This Wednesday,

June 17th –

7:00 p.m. –

everyone welcome

Great Falls: GFA awards gathering in Lion's Park after assembly in conjunction with picnic/potluck
Next weekend, fasting and prayer for evangelism

Catch us live or archived:

livestream.com/ccib

christchurchonline.com

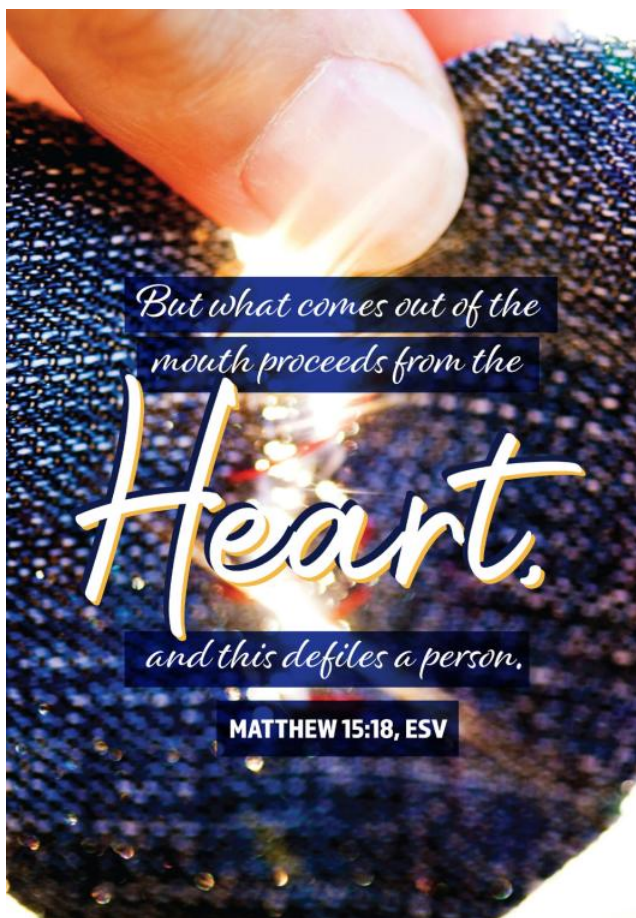
Also check out the youtube videos on targetingtruth.com, and Innerman Radio on youtube

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men's PEAKS (on schedule!) — July 23-25; theme:

"Messages from Babylon"

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



Question of the week:

After Solomon dedicated the temple, the Lord appeared to him with a warning. What did He say would happen to the house of the Lord when He cast it out of His sight?

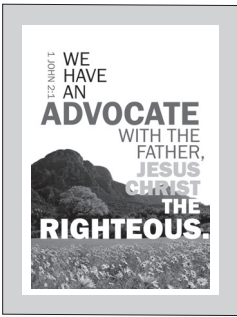
Last week's question: On the Day of Pentecost, Peter accused the Jews of putting Jesus to death. How did he describe the people the Jews used to carry out the crucifixion? *Answer: the hands of godless men (Acts 2:23).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (NO. OF COMPUTERS ONLINE)

Bible School -- (# online)
Morning Assembly – 101 (50+)
Evening Assembly --

Wednesday Night (6/10) – 55 (50+)
Butte Lord's Day – 20
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – --, 20

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...



Getting a “Confident Heart”

The Christian is to examine himself in the sight of God. He is to examine his salvation, his motive, his performance, his method, and his love. Because the bar of performance that has been set is the perfection of Christ, the saint’s heart can quiver a bit and feel as if he is falling short of God’s expectations. While God wants each of His children of faith to make an honest examination, and while He continues to set the performance bar high, He does not want His “child” of faith to wallow in a pit wherein he lacks confidence. Hence God has provisions for mercy, grace, and justification to provide for maximum motivation without regret for the sincere saint. Those who really try to follow the commandments of God as defined by the new covenant writings continue to be welcomed

into the fellowship of God and the council of the holy ones.

- **Of the truth** — The Gnostic/antichrists of the first century were creating doctrinal havoc inside the first century congregations. The apostle John and other solid teachers and preachers of the truth were pulling in one direction, and the forces of darkness were working hard on the saints to pull them in the other. The antichrist movement by definition was immoral, fleshly, and hostile toward the teachings of the scriptures on righteousness. During the infighting that would be taking place in each of those congregations, the antichrists would be engaged in slander and name-calling, derogating the apostle John and those standing with him. Such a one was Diotrephes, whom the apostle describes as “unjustly accusing us with wicked words” (3 John 1:10). In the midst of that kind of confusion, the honest saint would want to make sure that he was still on the right track to have heaven as his eternity. Thus John had listed some things for the brethren: loving the brethren, laying down our lives for the brethren, loving the brethren in deed and in truth. “We shall know by this,” says John regarding his list, “that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before Him” (1 John 3:19).
- **Steadying a quivering heart** — Brethren, as the new testament verifies, do not always live up to the potential God expects of them. A Christian may have had an altercation with another brother and not conducted himself in a manner worthy of Christ; he was not exhibiting the love of Christ as he should. Another brother or sister may have temporarily closed off his heart to another disciple of Christ in need. Perhaps the best words did not flow from the mouth of the one professing faith in Christ, and he at that moment did not even come close to the standard of loving his brother “with word or with tongue,” much less loving his brother “in deed and truth.” Upon reflection, then, his heart condemns him. “We shall assure our heart before Him,” John assists the brethren, “in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart, and knows all things” (1 John 3:20). God knows! That is why He is willing to justify the honest saint who really is attempting to work with Him. “If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light,” the apostle had earlier written, “we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). How reassuring is that for the somewhat struggling saint!

Knowing that the
blood of Jesus
cleanses his heart
from sin gives the
disciple confidence

When the disciple of Christ knows that the blood of Christ has cleansed him from all sin, his heart no longer condemns him. “Beloved,” John writes in endearing terms, “if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God” (1 John 3:21). It is tremendously reassuring to the saint for him to know that all has been forgiven, that there is open communication between him and the Father. In this confidence, which the Father earnestly desires that each of His children of faith possess, the Christian can move forward, victoriously fighting the good fight of faith.

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