

**Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the sustainer of my  
soul**



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

**“He said therefore again to them, ‘I go  
away, and you shall seek Me, and shall  
die in your sin; where I am going, you  
cannot come.’ ”**

***John 8:21***

# June 21, 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 (Josiah Sutton)

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - L.S. - Charlie Brown

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**GREAT FALLS** - 3:30 - L.S. - Stan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE** - 7:30 - L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

### **BOZEMAN -**

Regular classes for kids today.

Class for Mr. Ashley's group on

Wed. night, with class for Mr.

Shanahan's group beginning on

July 1.

### **GREAT FALLS -**

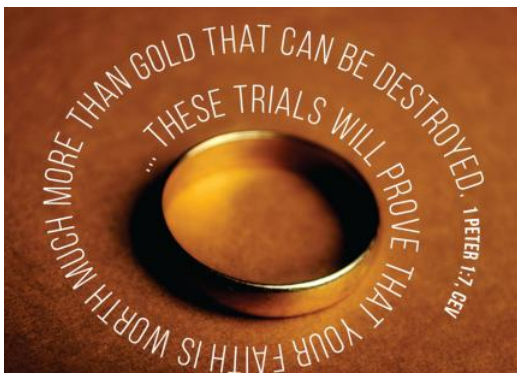
Resume regular schedule next

Lord's Day with opening at 2:45

pm, classes for kids and adults at

3:00 pm, assembly at 4:00 pm

Wed. assembly online



**This Wednesday,**

**June 24th -**

**7:00 p.m. -**

*everyone welcome*

**Great Falls: fasting and  
prayer for evangelism**

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:

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

"Messages from Babylon"

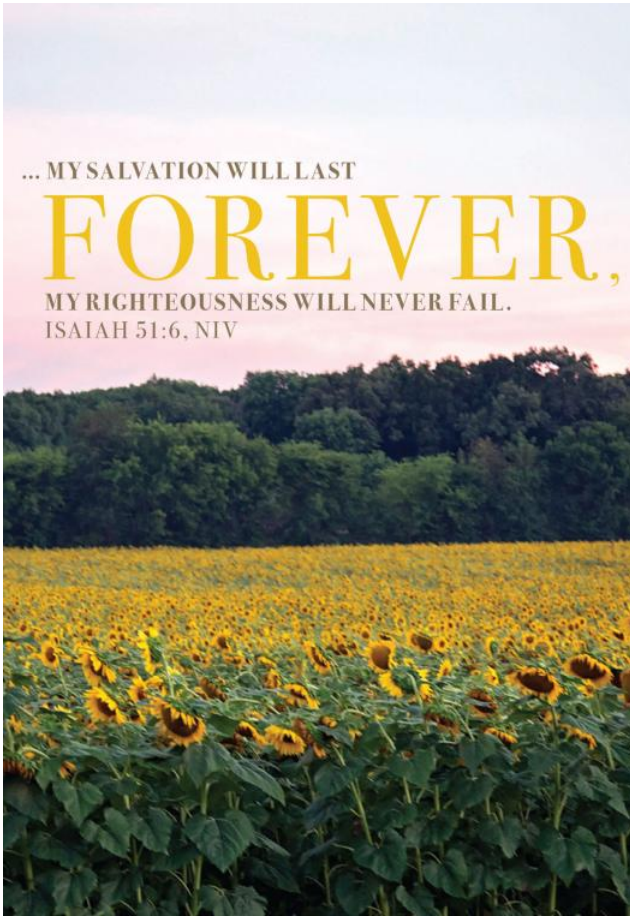
**Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7**

... MY SALVATION WILL LAST

**FOREVER,**

MY RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NEVER FAIL.

ISAIAH 51:6, NIV



**Question of the week:**

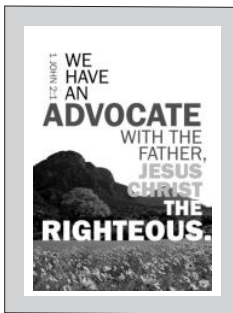
After Paul and Barnabas had established the congregations in the Lycaonian region on their first missionary, they went back through those congregations. The scripture said they did something for the souls of the brethren. What was it?

Last week's question: 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?  
*Answer: it will become a heap of ruins (1 Kings 9:8).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (NO. OF COMPUTERS ONLINE)**

Bible School – 71  
Morning Assembly – 107 (50+)  
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (6/17) – 66 (50+)  
Butte Lord's Day – 20  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – --,58,22



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## Abiding "in Him"

"Confidence" is a major factor in a person's performance. If a saint walks in confidence before his God, he is able to perform and to provide service to Jesus His King. If he is insecure, or his "heart condemns him," he is timid when he should be courageous, he is wavering when he should be decisive. This confidence is also important in a saint's "assurance of faith" in approaching the throne of God. The Father is very interested in each of His children's spiritual success, and He has therefore gone to great lengths to give the saint a "clean heart" and thus also a "confident heart." The apostle John reminds the brethren, "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God" (1 John 3:21).

◆ **Answered prayers** — Jesus Himself averred, "With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). Important challenges that would be humanly impossible to orchestrate can be handled by the almighty God. In the Old Testament, these orchestrations were often carried out in a physical manner and recorded for the benefit of the new covenant saints. The children of light thus understand that God can do great things for them in the realm of spiritual warfare. David, for example, "the man after God's own heart", was trapped on a hilltop as King Saul's army was surrounding him and his men. But Saul suddenly received a message that the Philistines were attacking elsewhere, Saul immediately left off chasing David, and David and his men were spared. God answered David's pleas for help and orchestrated. The new covenant "chosen people" know that God "is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us" (Ephesians 3:20). Brethren are thus encouraged to pray gigantic prayers "on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we might lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Timothy 2:1,2). The saint with the confident heart joins the throng that knows that "whatever we ask we receive from Him..." (1 John 3:22).

◆ **Pleasing in His sight** — The Gnostic antichrists were creating havoc inside the late first century church. These were lawless individuals, parading under the guise of having "inside information" that the rest of the congregation did not have. It is obvious from the modern vantage point that these antichrists were not pleasing to God, although it might have been a bit confusing for some of the early saints caught in the fires of the conflict. John reassures the faithful brethren that "whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight." Doing the right thing is usually simple and straightforward; what confuses it are the forces of darkness. "And this is His commandment," reiterates John, "that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us" (1 John 3:23). Believing "in the name" means to recognize and obey the authority of the King, Jesus Christ.

The antichrists of the first century did not "believe in the name" of the Son of God. They were lawless and rebellious, and smart enough to cover that rebellion with religious terminology. The faithful saint, on the other hand, fighting for his spiritual life under the pressure from these Gnostics who often positioned themselves as leaders and teachers in the local congregations, is reminded that his faithfulness is not without reward. His heart is clean and does not condemn him. "And the one who keeps the commandments," is John's further assurance, "abides in Him, and He in Him" (1 John 3:24). Properly understood, this is the greatest reward of all. The name of the eternal city, chosen by God Himself, is "The Lord is there" (Ezekiel 48:35). To be able to be in the presence of the Lord, and to be in His presence eternally, is to be most earnestly desired by all followers of Jesus Christ. Not only to abide in Him, but to know that He abides in us...forever!!

**"Abiding in Him" is to be most earnestly desired by all.**