

**GOD WILL RECOMPENSE THE EVIL
TO MY FOES; “DESTROY THEM IN
YOUR FAITHFULNESS.”**



Ezras Tadeo, Cory Christensen, and Owen Miller
having some great fellowship
Missoula Christian School Awards and Graduation Ceremony
Christ's Church in the Clark Fork
Missoula, MT

**“Therefore the Jews were saying,
‘Surely He will not kill Himself, will
He, since He says, ‘Where I am going,
you cannot come,’ ?”**

John 8:22

June 28, 2020!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

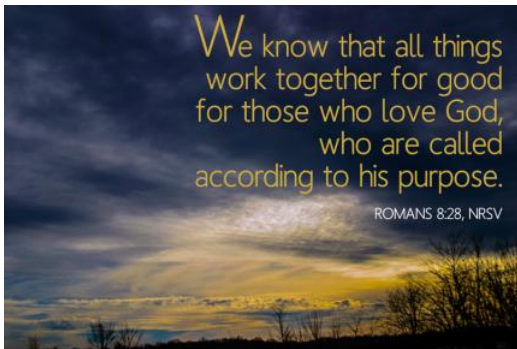
401 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN 8:45 - Opening (Elliot Ashley)
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Stewardship - Gary DiPaolo
L.S. - Herb Burnell
Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Tom McDunn
Preaching - Jay Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Opening
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
Stewardship - Luke Wilson
L.S. - Joe McDunn
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Congratulations to *Joe Shanahan*, who was immersed into Christ on Tues. June 23 by his dad, Jason Shanahan. Joe works for Layton Construction on the hospital expansion.



BOZEMAN -
Class on Wed. night for Mr. Shanahan's group beginning on July 1.
GREAT FALLS -
Potluck picnic July 5th after assembly - Lion's Park

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targetingtruth.com,
and Innerman Radio on youtube

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men's PEAKS (onschedule!) — July 23-25; theme:
"Messages from Babylon"
Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



Question of the week:

When King Jehoram of Israel allied himself with King Jehoshaphat of Judah and the king of Edom, it was necessary to acquire the guidance of Elisha. What did Elisha use as a means of receiving prophetic information from the Lord?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: They strengthened the souls of the brethren (Acts 14:22).*

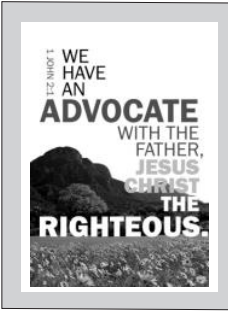
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 87
Morning Assembly – 114
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (6/24) – 62 (50+)
Butte Lord's Day – 10
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – --,56,11

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Spirit of Truth



The apostle John comes back time and time again to the idea that the Spirit of God indwells the Christian. "The anointing," noted he, concerning the saint's receiving the Holy Spirit in his immersion just as Jesus was visibly anointed with the Holy Spirit in His immersion, "which you received from Him abides in you" (1 John 2:27). The disciple of Christ, then, is regarded as "knowing the truth." "But you have an anointing from the Holy One," is John's comment on this point, "and you all know" (1 John 2:20).

In order for the brethren of Christ to know for certain that they know the truth, and to have the security that they received the indwelling Holy Spirit, God went to a lot of work to establish the truthfulness of His word. The prophecies, the types and antitypes, the accuracy of the historical record, the evincing of His long-term plan with Israel, the marvels of Jesus Christ during His earthly sojourn, the bringing in of the Gentiles...and so much more establish to the objective mind that God is the author of the scripture. On that basis, then, the individual knows that when he is immersed into Christ, he receives the indwelling Spirit. John phrases it thusly: "And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us" (1 John 3:24).

- ▼ **Testing the spirits** — It is clear throughout John's first epistle that the forces of evil were hard at work in trying to confuse the saints. The antichrists had developed within the church and were doing as much damage as possible, endeavoring to convince the brethren that Jesus did not come in a physical body that was just as human as theirs. This doctrine created serious overtones, among them that the saints were locked in to leading unholy lives and continuous sinning. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit," cautions the apostle, "but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). The brethren of the first century had to "test the spirits" based on their knowledge of "the apostles' doctrine." Modern saints can compare the messages from these spirits, who are still at work today, against the written word of God. Christians know that they are indwelt by the Spirit of God because of what the Bible says, and they can test any other doctrine against that same word.

- ▼ **A test for first century revelation** — In the first century AD, messages were given under inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes that would make it difficult to determine who was telling the truth and who was lying. When the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he illustrated how the saint could tell who was prophesying under the influence of the Holy Spirit and who was not. "Therefore I make known to you," he emphasized, "that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus is accursed'; and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3). Just because some modern can plaster "Jesus is Lord" on the side of his "Pentecostal pickup truck" does not mean he is operating under the influence of the Holy Spirit. This has to do with someone clearly receiving revelation from somewhere. In modern times it is easy; anyone receiving revelation is not getting it from God. In the first century, they had to run the test the apostle Paul laid out for them.

The apostle John put forth another test for the brethren: "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God" (1 John 4:2). That test would keep the first century Gnostic antichrists from having any credibility with the brethren. But the brethren would have to test those spirits with care and thoroughness. Then, as now, some of the false teachers were very crafty in presenting their false doctrines, and only a precise and exhaustive examination would expose their errors. "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God." Good advice then, and good advice now!!

JAY WILSON

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