

WILLINGLY I WILL SACRIFICE TO YOU



Awards and Graduation Ceremony
Missoula Christian School
Christ's Church in the Clark Fork
Missoula, MT

**“And He was saying to them [the Jews],
‘You are from below, I am from above;
you are of this world, I am not of this
world.’”**

John 8:23

July 5, 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 - Op. (Kaden Reijgers)

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med. - Bob Edgar

L.S. - Steven Doty

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Opening

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship -

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Congratulations to *Hannah DuPaul*,

who was immersed into Christ on

Mon. June 29 by Nathan Zech in

Great Falls. Hannah works at Wee

Disciples day care, and is looking to

train as an EMT.



BOZEMAN -

GREAT FALLS -

Potluck picnic today
after assembly - Lion's
Park

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



*“AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU,
SO YOU MUST
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”*

JOHN 13:34, NIV

Question of the week:

When Paul was rescued by Roman soldier from the temple courtyard, Paul explained to the centurion in charge that he was a citizen of “no insignificant city.” What was that city and its province?

Last week’s question: 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? *Answer: He used a minstrel (2 Kings 3:15).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 84

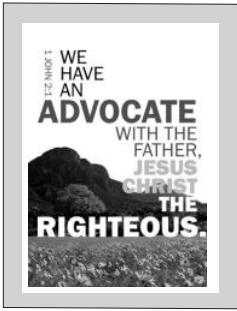
Morning Assembly – 99

Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (6/24) – 68

Butte Lord’s Day – 16

GF Lord’s Day (Wed) – -39,72,19



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

False Prophets

Every century has false doctrines introduced by false teachers and false prophets. Jesus Himself warned, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Filled with some sort of selfish ambition, these wolves feast on the sheep, shake people's faith, and destroy congregations. Utterly ruthless, they smile and joke and flatter people for the sake of gaining advantage. They look like sheep, but these are the wolves about which Jesus said, "You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). The key is to know what kind of "fruit" for which to look. "Test the spirits," the apostle John had said. "Do not believe every spirit," was part of the sincere

exhortation. "Many false prophets have gone out into the world." The spirits need "testing," and the fruit needs "inspecting."

- **Finding Gnostics** — The Gnostic antichrists were assiduously working in the last part of the first century AD. The apostle is writing this epistle in order to help the brethren sort out these false teachers from the true ones, and has given them some relevant tests for this particular controversy. "By this you know the Spirit of God," says he. "Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus [that He came in the flesh] is not from God" (1 John 4:2,3). The antichrists, as discussed, did not believe that Jesus took on a physical body, which in effect justified their continuing to live lives of sin. Modern antichrists are more subtle when they operate inside the modern church, but they essentially say that Jesus' body was not like ours, and therefore they justify their continuing to live lives of sin.

- **The spirit of the antichrist** — Ideas spread, and ideas create an "atmosphere" or "ambience." This "ambience" is often called "a spirit" in the sense that there is "a spirit of peacefulness" or "a spirit of tension" in a setting. The antichrists working in the early congregations had created such a "spirit" connected with their denial of Jesus' humanity. "This is the spirit of the antichrist," John explains, "of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world" (1 John 4:3). Certainly the Gnostics' focus on the flesh would lead to disruption, selfishness, and schisms of all kinds, which would create an atmosphere completely opposite that which would be created by the Spirit of Christ. It is interesting that the apostle repeatedly speaks, concerning the antichrist philosophy, that "you have heard that it is coming." The apostles and new testament prophets must have been warning the church that such thinking was on its way. John emphasizes here that "now it is already in the world."

The devil has had another 2000 years or so to work on creating false doctrines since the time of the new testament writings. The "Darwinian revolution," for example, has totally changed the general world view about the Bible's authority, about the nature of man, and many other things. The modern church therefore has to fight a major battle to combat this "spirit of error" in order to establish that the Bible is indeed the word of God. The false prophets have come, teaching that a person is saved by "faith alone," and denying the necessity of immersion into Christ for salvation. The "lying spirit" has shown up in creating all kinds of confusion about the indwelling Spirit, about the baptism in the Spirit, about "speaking in tongues." The plethora of false teachings pushed in every area of human existence by false teachers creates major problems for modern evangelism. It takes a lot of one-on-one teaching to dismantle the ideas that get into the heads of potential Christians, and a lot of repetition from scripture in order to show them the Bible way. The apostle John's statement is so, so true: "many false prophets have gone out into the world."

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