

THERE IS THE VOICE OF THE ENEMY, AND THE PRESSURE OF THE WICKED



Nolan Tewell, of Billings, MT
delivering a message broken up by thunderstorms
49th Annual Men's Peaks
Delmoe Reservoir, between Butte and Whitehall, MT

“ ‘And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.’ As He spoke these things, many Jews came to believe in Him.”

John 8:29,30

August 9, 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 - (Josiah Sutton)

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Stewardship - Bob Edgar

L.S. - Gary DiPaolo

Preaching - Luke 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 - Nathan Zech

L.S. - Joe McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman - Congratulations to **Tyson**

Jacobs, who was immersed into

Christ Tuesday, Aug. 4, by his dad

Nick Jacobs at the church building.

Tyson works for TJ Electric.



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Luke Wilson with

“pre-Proof” PowerPoint presentation

Also Wed. night prayer session following

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Video on how we got the King James Bible

Aug. 23 - Potluck after

assembly at Lion's Park

Catch us live or archived:

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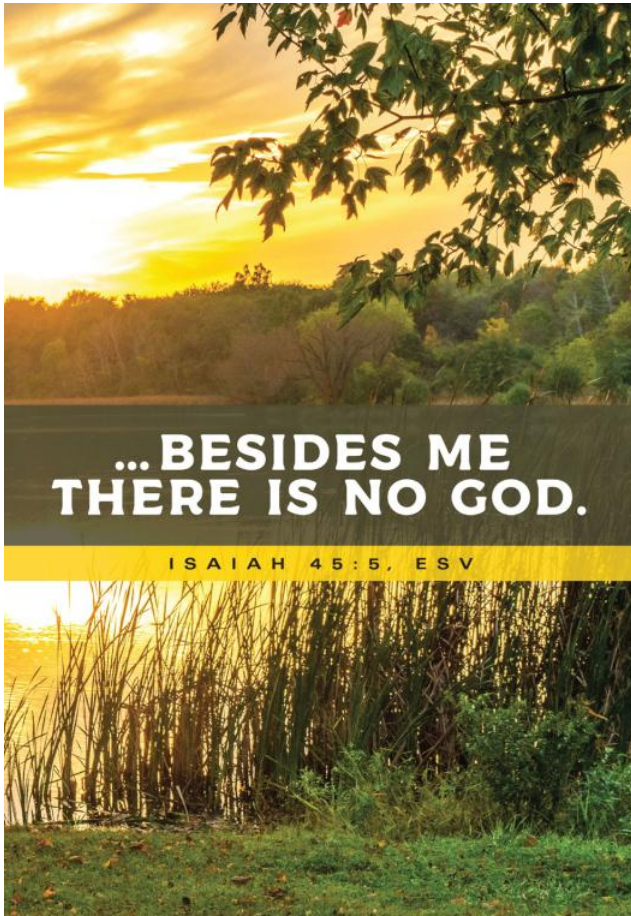
christchurchonline.com

Also check out the youtube videos on targetingtruth.com,

and Innerman Radio on youtube

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



Question of the week:

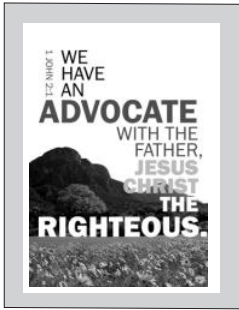
The word of the cross, according to the apostle Paul in his epistle to the Corinthian brethren, was foolishness to what group of people?

Last week's question: When three nations came up against Judah for war in the days of Jehoshaphat, the people trusted the Lord to deliver them, and He did. How many days did it take the Jews to gather up the spoils? *Answer: Three days (2 Chronicles 20:25).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 70
Morning Assembly – 89
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (8/5) – 76
Butte Lord's Day – 18
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 44,55,26



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Love Expressed Through Propitiation

God really does love all men. His love of all was exhibited in the prophetic words of Ezekiel as he looked to a prophetic Israel (the Gentiles who would come into Christ). "Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!" the prophet cries out. "For why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord God. "Therefore, repent and live." (Ezekiel 18:31,32). How powerful and wonderful it is, then, that "that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might *live* through Him" (1 John 4:9).

Fleshly-minded men think of the word *live* as getting the most out of the blessings of earthly life. But when God uses the word *live*, He uses it in a spiritual meaning and in terms of fellowship with Him. There may not be many earthly blessings for the one who is in fellowship with the only begotten Son, but there is the blessing of eternal life, which far outweighs any earthly blessing. Those who walk by faith "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18). True *life* is in the realm of the eternal, and only those who are truly spiritual place the correct value on it.

- **Love begins with God** — Just as God is the source of physical and spiritual life, He is also the source of love. "In this is love," John reminds the saints, "not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Love began with God; through the gospel man understands that God loves him, and he in turn (as he processes what Christ went through to purchase his eternity) comes to love God. It is worth remembering: "God *demonstrates* His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Without the death of Christ on the cross, God's ability to communicate that He "is love" and that He loves mankind, would have been limited. This magnificent plan, which was set in motion before the foundation of the world, included laying the foundation for proving that the Bible is the word of God, and therefore that the message of God's love exhibited in Christ' death is true.

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- **More on propitiation** — The death of Christ on behalf of men is easier to understand than what is involved in the *propitiation*. Many, in fact, think that Christ's propitiatory work was accomplished on the cross. Christ's death on the cross was clearly seen when He as the sacrifice was killed, as foreshadowed by the sacrifices on the Old Testament Day of Atonement. But the sacrifice has no efficacy unless the priest offers the blood of the sacrifice. In the case of Christ, He had to become His own priest in His ascension, and the *propitiation* took place when He offered or sprinkled His blood in the true tabernacle in glory. "You have come," asseverated Hebrews' author, "to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the *sprinkled blood*" (Hebrews 12:24).

It is interesting and significant here that the apostle John states his proposition this way: "In this is love ... that He loved us and sent His Son to be the *propitiation* for our sins." The apostle is anticipating that the brethren would have enough spiritual depth to be able to process beyond the cross to the ascension of Christ as the high priest of the new covenant. The Gnostic antichrists among the churches to whom John wrote denied that Jesus even had a body for the sacrifice, much less a resurrection from the dead and an ascension to the power position on high. Therefore they "knew not" the love of God, and thus they had no true love for the brethren.

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