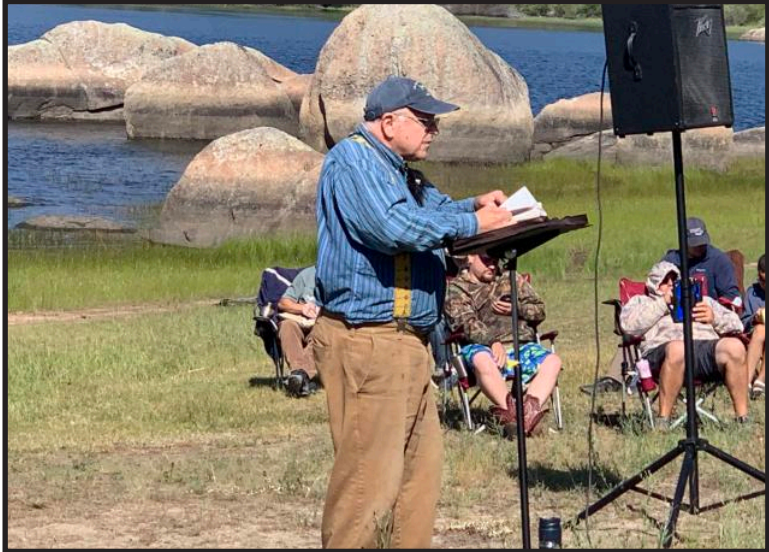


My heart is in anguish within me,
and the terrors of death have
fallen upon me



Steve Compton, of Whitefish, MT
preaching at the 49th Annual Men's Peaks
on the 43rd anniversary of his immersion into Christ
Delmoe Reservoir, between Butte and Whitehall, MT

**“They answered Him, ‘We are Abraham’s
offspring, and have never yet been
enslaved to anyone; how is it that You
say, “You shall become free?” ’ ”**

John 8:33

August 23, 2020!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
401 W. Park St. — Butte

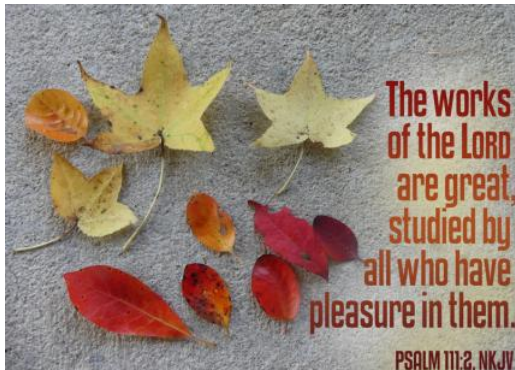
BOZEMAN 8:45 - (Joe Shanahan)
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Stewardship - TBA
L.S. - Jerry Hoffman
Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Opening
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
Stewardship - Brad Smith
L.S. - Mike McDonald
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman - Prayer and fasting Aug.
29,30
School begins - Mon. Sept. 14

Great Falls -
Parent meeting - Tues. Sept. 1, 7:00
pm
School begins - Wed. Sept. 9



BOZEMAN -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Luke Wilson - evange-
lism PowerPoints
Aug. 23 - Potluck after
assembly at Lion's Park
Aug. 29 - "Back yard
movie" 7:00 pm at Jim
and Susie Macklin's

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7. Starts at 7:00 pm
Friday evening, and closes about 11:00 am
Monday. Theme: "Opening Salvo: The First
Gospel Messages"



Question of the week:

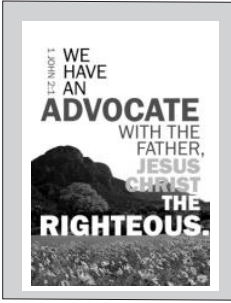
A question that Paul asked the Corinthians congregation had to do with Christ preached as raised from the dead, the idea being that some had a counter view. What was that question?

Last week's question: Nehemiah faced a lot of opposition in getting the wall of Jerusalem built, and in getting the people on track, particularly from two men, whose families had intermarried into the Jews. Who were those two men? *Answer: Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite (Neh. 2:19, 13:4, 13:28).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 78
Morning Assembly – 99
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (8/19) – 75
Butte Lord's Day – 21
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 50,68,44



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

The Father Sent His Son

“No one,” said John, “has beheld God at any time” (John 1:18). If no one can see Him, how can anyone know that he has fellowship with Him, or that He abides in that person? To answer this question, which is one that God wants answered, God made sure that the Bible was written, preserved, translated, and distributed. The Bible, which can be proven to be the word of God, can then authoritatively establish that God exists and that it is possible to know Him through the revelation given through His Son Jesus Christ. “He who has seen Me,” said Lord Jesus, “has seen the Father” (John 14:9). It is through Jesus Christ, as revealed in the scriptures, that we may come to know God and to be known by God.

- ◆ **The indwelling Spirit** — Again, the word of God is emphatic: “If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him” (Romans 8:9). Forgiveness of sins, or redemption, is a vehicle to the indwelling Spirit; the vessel must be cleansed before the very Holy Spirit of God can move in. “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law,” noted the apostle Paul, describing Christ’s having become a curse on our behalf by hanging on “the tree.” The apostle then describes the reason for this substitution on our behalf: “... in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles.” That needs some clarification, so Paul restates the point as “so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Galatians 3:13,14). Hence immersion in Jesus’ name is not only for the remission of sins, but it is for receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. The brother in Christ knows, then, that he is indwelt by the Spirit of God because there is a clear and specific protocol by which the Spirit is given, and there is a distinct and definite point when “the Holy Spirit is given to those who obey Him” (Acts 5:32). The apostle John, then, encourages the brethren of the first century who are under tremendous attack by the antichrist elements among the congregations, and who are trying to get the true brethren to doubt their fellowship with God. “By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us,” reiterates the apostle, “because He has given us of His Spirit” (1 John 4:13). That settles the issue for the solid saint!
- ◆ **Further security** — The apostle John, along with the other apostles, were “witnesses,” not only of the life of Jesus upon the earth, but also of the events connected with His ascension into glory and His being “made both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). This “witness” was by revelation from the Holy Spirit, a revelation of things in the spirit realm and not visible to the eye. The apostle therefore uses the verb “behold” to describe this special revelation. “And we [the apostles] have *beheld* and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world” (1 John 4:14). This is the type of statement that the apostle John could make as contrasted to the Gnostic antichrists, who presented themselves as having special “inside information,” but who really could not make such claims. Those who trust the word of the apostles are on solid ground; everyone else’s “revelation” was and is bogus.

The first century brethren faced their challenges with their faith unfazed.

The saint and the congregation which follow “the apostles’ doctrine” are the ones who are secure in their knowledge of their salvation. “The Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world,” and the ones who believe and obey that teaching are walking in that knowledge. “Whoever,” then, in accordance with that which was delivered through the apostles, “confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God” (1 John 4:15). Those faithful first century brethren were thus reassured of their standing with the Almighty, and were able to face persecution and death with their faith unfazed. The twenty-first century saint can follow the same process, be confident of his resurrection with the righteous at the Second Coming, and also successfully face the challenges in front of him.

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