

**FEAR AND TREMBLING COME  
UPON ME, AND HORROR HAS  
OVERWHELMED ME**



Some of the 170+ men and lads attending  
49th Annual Men's Peaks  
Delmoe Reservoir, between Butte and Whitehall, MT

***"Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I  
say to you, everyone who commits sin  
is the slave of sin.' "***

***John 8:34***

# August 30, 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 - (Kaden Reijgers)

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer - Phil Sutton

L.S. - Tommy Widner

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 - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Zac Zech

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** -

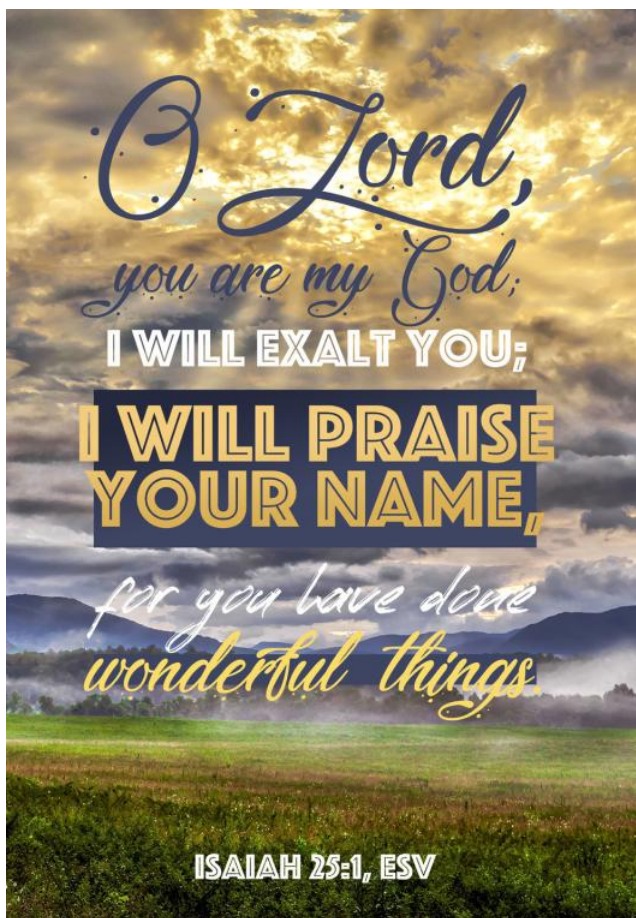
**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:  
Luke Wilson - evangelism PowerPoints

**Lord's Day Sept. 6 - Assembly only at 3:00 pm**

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[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)  
Also check out the youtube videos on  
[targetingtruth.com](http://targetingtruth.com),  
and Innerman Radio on youtube

### 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:

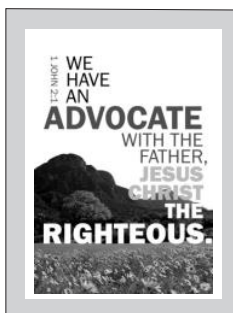
Even Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus, is prophesied in the OT. One of those is in Psalms where he is described as a close friend of the Lord. What is the betrayer described as doing with his heel?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: How do some among you say that there is no resurrection from the dead? (1 Corinthians 15:12).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 82  
Morning Assembly – 114  
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (8/26) – 74  
Butte Lord's Day – 15  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 74,90,54



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## Confidence on Judgment Day

The scripture repeatedly refers to the saints' eagerly looking for Jesus' return. That expectation can only be eager if the saint is confident in His fellowship with Christ; otherwise, the expectation is very different. As the writer of Hebrews put it, in reference to saints who were not faithful in attending assembly, there is "a certain terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries" (Hebrews 10:27). Hence the apostle John continually hammers at the first century Christians about being certain of their fellowship with the Almighty based on the truth of God's word. Anyone being sucked into the doctrines of the Gnostic anti-Christians would lose that fellowship and be facing that "fury of a fire."

- ▼ **Knowing and believing** — God set things up so that it can be proven that Jesus rose from the dead and that the whole Bible is true. Dr. Luke, the beloved physician, noted in his opening of the book of Acts concerning Jesus' resurrection: "To these [the apostles] He presented Himself alive after His suffering, by *many convincing proofs*, appearing to them over a period of forty days" (Acts 1:3). The testimony of the apostles was confirmed by attendant miracles and Old Testament prophecies. Hence those first century believers could be certain that the teachings called "the apostles' doctrine" were absolutely true. "And we have come to know and have believed," affirms John, "the love which God has for us" (1 John 4:16). *Knowledge* is certainty! This *knowledge* and *belief* which was held by first century disciples of Christ can be held with the same certainty by the twenty-first century disciples. Modern Christians can know and be certain of the love which God has for them because of the written testimony of the apostles and new testament prophets.
- ▼ **God is love** — The apostle is going to cycle back through one of his major themes: "God is love." That love was demonstrated through Jesus' death on the cross for the possibility of reconciling a lost and hostile world. Most of the human race operates like selfish and ungrateful children, taking all of God's blessings in the material realm without giving Him thanks on terms He will accept. The fact that the love of God, and exhibition that "God is love," is often unrequited does not lessen its wonder or greatness in the least. Anyone, therefore, who comes under the terms of the new covenant, recognizes that "God is love," and is very excited to be in His fellowship. Thus, "the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."
- ▼ **Love is perfected** — As "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who is given to us," the saint in that love begins to carry the gospel to friends, family, neighbors, and anyone who crosses his path (Romans 5:5). This is how, as mentioned previously, "the love of God is perfected" in us; that is, it is *completed* as the saint personally comes to an understanding of God's love and helps the next person to do the same. "By this," John reiterates, "love is perfected with us," with the result "that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because as He is, so also are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). Jesus Himself said, "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). That, then, is the mission of the saint who is "as He is," the light to the world.

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When the disciple of Christ is in the process of making other disciples, of expounding and defending the scriptures, of exhorting the brethren and refuting those who contradict, he ends up having tremendous conviction about the truth of the scriptures and the faithfulness of their testimony. Based on those scriptures, his belief in them, and his obedience to them, the saint *knows* where he stands in relationship to the favor of the Supreme Judge. He therefore has "confidence" as he faces the day of judgment, and eagerly awaits the return of the Lion and Lamb of God!

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