

**DESTRUCTION IS IN JERUSALEM'S
MIDST; OPPRESSION AND DECEIT DO
NOT DEPART FROM HER STREETS**



An “alien” visitor lands on the property of Christ’s church,
probably inspecting the tent used for Family Camp
Bozeman, MT

**The Jews said to Jesus, “We have one
Father, even God.” Jesus said to them,
“If God were your Father, you would
love Me; for I proceeded forth and have
come from God.”**

John 8:41b-42a

October 11, 2020!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

400 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN 8:45 - Joe S., Elliot A.

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Pr'er Med. - Brian Schweitzer

L.S. - Andrew Wallace

Preaching - Luke Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tom McDunn

Preaching - Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Paul Johnson

L.S. - Joe McDunn

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

Bozeman -

Prayer and fasting for evangelism

Sat. and Lord's Day, Oct. 24,25, with fellowship dinner Lord's Day Oct. 25 following assembly.

Harvest party - Sat. Nov. 7th, 5:30 pm at the church building



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson - Evolution

vs. Creation Power-

Points

Great Falls -

Praying and fasting for evangelism, Oct. 18

Mighty Men and Growing God's

Flowers Sat. Oct 24

Ladies' Tea/Fellowship - Nov. 7th

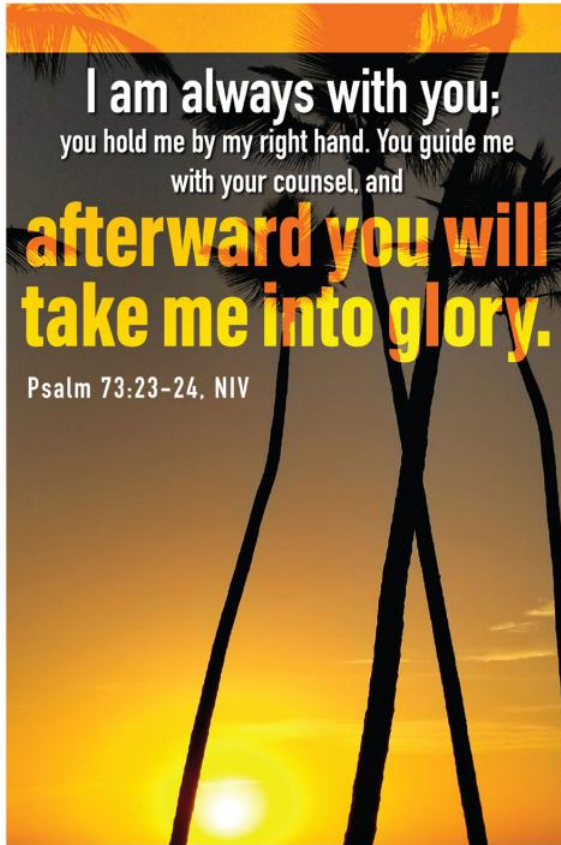
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' weekend - Oct. 30,31

MT Ladies' Advance - Billings ladies sponsoring

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



Question of the week:

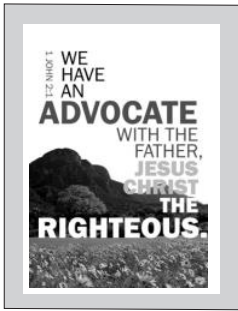
When God spoke to Jeremiah about a man whose trust was in the Lord, who would be like a tree planted by the water, He also spoke of the condition of the unregenerated human heart. What was His description?

Last week's question: The apostle Paul had a specific description in his epistle to the Philippians about those whose end is destruction, and whose god is their appetite. What was that description? *Answer: Enemies of the cross (Philippians 3:18,19).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 97
Morning Assembly – 116
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (10/7) – 87
Butte Lord's Day – 10
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 60,73,W-47



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Overcoming the World

"The world" is a big term, certainly beyond detailed description. "For all that is in the world," John had earlier stated, giving his general breakdown, "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world" (1 John 2:15). The antichrist movement within the first century congregations was "of the world," its doctrines designed to pander to the flesh rather than focus on "the things of the Spirit." Because the pull of "the world" is strong, described as "the lust of the flesh," each member of mankind generally adjusts his religious beliefs to justify his personal lusts of the flesh, with the antichrists of John's time coming up with their own particular justification. Hence the apostle John points out the danger of "the

world," and calls for saints to have their personal victories over its attractions and enslavements.

- **"Born of God"** – The Christian is to be no longer "of this world. He is to become a partaker "of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Peter 1:4). In order for that to happen, he must undergo a second birth, a spiritual birth. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh," said Jesus, "and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). Thus the saint is the one pre-intended by the Lord Himself in the words to Nicodemus, "unless one is born of water and Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). In this spiritual birth, God becomes the newly-born saint's spiritual Father, and he is thus spoken of as *born of God*. How powerful a birth is this? "For whatever is *born of God* overcomes the world" (1 John 5:4). Furthermore, this is the only thing that overcomes the world!
- **"Our faith"** – The simple act of immersion by itself will not save anyone or give anyone victory. Immersion into Christ is valid only when it is coupled with repentance as well as the heart-felt confession that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." All this is predicated upon an individual's belief in the testimony that the scripture gives concerning Jesus Christ—His life, His crucifixion, His burial, His resurrection, and His ascension—as well as his willingness to act on that testimony in accordance with the terms given in the new covenant documents. These together constitute the initial *faith* of the newly-born saint; hence this *faith* is the key basis of the child of God's victory over sin and death, and over the world. "And this is the victory that has overcome the world," the apostle John assures us—"our faith" (1 John 5:4). The apostle is willing to superadd, "And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God" (1 John 5:5).
- **Overcoming the world** – The saint can and must win the victory, with the help of the indwelling Spirit and reprogramming by the word of God, over the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life. But the saint can take on and have victory over the doctrinal arguments that take away the ability to have victory over these things; this too is part of the battle against the world and its lusts. *Words*, and the mental images which are connected with them, are food for the mind. Hence it is that the battle is over *words*, going all the way back to the Garden where Eve was told she surely would *not* die. The antichrists working in the first century churches were twisting the words of the gospel to justify the flesh, and the true saints needed to overcome and oppose that nonsense.

Whoever, then, really believes that Jesus is the Son of God—and all that is implied in that profession—is on the winning track. Such Christians are "destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:5). They, furthermore, are marching forward in an undefeatable phalanx, and "no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed" (Isaiah 54:16 ESV). Victory! Victory! Victory!

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JAY WILSON