

It is not My enemy who reproaches Me, but it is you, we who had sweet fellowship together, we who walked in the house of God in the throng



Kelsie McDunn of Great Falls, MT, and Hannah Danyo of Missoula, MT
on the way to PA Family Camp
Enjoying fellowship in the Denver airport

“Why do you [Jews] not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.”

John 8:43,44a

October 25, 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 - Kaden Reijgers
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Prayer med - Gary DiPaolo
L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard
Preaching - Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
Stewardship - Joe McDunn
L.S. - Brad Smith
Preaching - Nathan Zech

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - George Stone
Preaching - Jay 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



**Daylight Savings Ends: change clocks
Sat. night**

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

NOTICE: EVENING ASSEMBLIES IN BOZEMAN WILL RESUME NOV. 1 AT 7:00 PM

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson - Evolution
vs. Creation Power-

Great Falls -

Harvest Party - Oct. 31st 6:00

pm, at building

Ladies' Tea/Fellowship - Nov. 7th

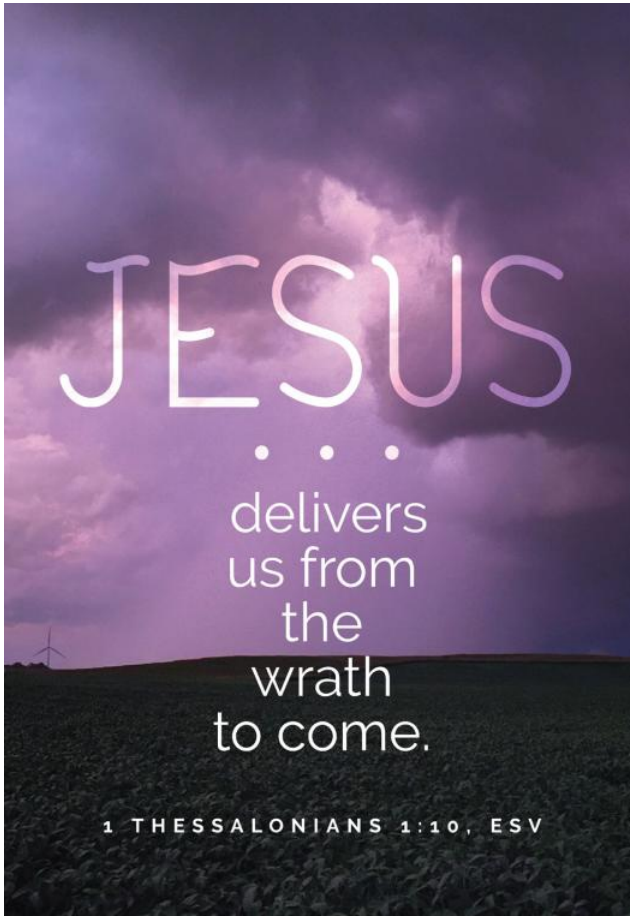
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

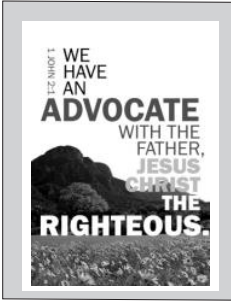
When Jeremiah prophesied of a coming Righteous Branch of David, the prophet spoke of the time when Judah would be saved, and the Lord would have a special name. What was it?

Last week's question: When Paul describes the return of Christ in 1 Thessalonians, he speaks of events as the dead in Christ rise. What would those events connected with Christ be? *Answer: The Lord will descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God (1 Thessalonians 4:16).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 100
Morning Assembly – 109
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (10/21) – 66
Butte Lord's Day – 19
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 50,68,W-45



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Bearing Witness

The entire Bible rests on testimony, similar to what might be given in court. The witnesses are called, one by one, over the centuries, and their testimony is written down for the benefit of those willing to examine the records. In this way, God has provided a basis upon which a rational faith might be built, a faith that notes the records of the past, verifies the events of the time of Jesus, and sets forth the certainty of the predicted future. Thus the apostle Paul would say, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). The Holy Spirit of God, then, is always the one to whom the authorship of the scriptures is attributed.

"Men moved by the Holy Spirit," the apostle Peter pointed out, "spoke from God" (2 Peter 1:20). Jesus noted, when about to quote one of David's prophecies in the Psalms, that it was "David in the Spirit" who spoke (Matthew 22:43). The entire scripture, therefore, is "the testimony of the Spirit."

- ◆ **The Spirit bears witness** — How are denizens of planet earth supposed to know that Jesus "came by water and blood"? It is through the Holy Spirit, working through the dissemination of His word. Jesus, referring to the fact that He would return to glory and that He would send the Holy Spirit to carry out His work during earth's final age, averred, "And He [the Holy Spirit], when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment" (John 16:8). The Spirit has been accomplishing this, in conjunction with the words of Jesus, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself" (John 12:32). "All men" are being drawn, through the testimony that the Holy Spirit is distributing throughout the world. The apostle John again frames the proposition this way: "And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth" (1 John 5:7). He is convicting men concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment to come, and He is bringing the message of truth. The antichrists, on the other hand, were a bunch of liars and charlatans.

- ◆ **Three bear witness** — The King James Bible and other versions include wording in 1 John 5:8 that clearly was not in the original text.

"For there are three that bear witness," begins the verse, and the added words are "in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth..." These words come from later Roman Catholic sources, and even Erasmus did not include them in his early publications of his Greek/Latin New Testament. He was pressured to add them in later editions, and the result was that they made their way into the King James Version and what is sometimes called the *Textus Receptus* (Received Text). But the original text reads that "there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement."

When a lost soul comes to the waters of immersion for his redemption and new birth, there are three that bear witness. The "witness" of the water is the most obvious, being physically present at the point of the individual's being "born of God," as he comes out of a watery tomb but also a watery womb. The *blood* also bears "witness," in that the blood is now "sprinkled" on his heart to cleanse his conscience from "dead works" that he might serve the living God. The "witness" of the Spirit is there also, causing the obedient penitent to experience a spiritual birth and to become a true child of God. That these three would be "in agreement" at immersion signals the importance of that point of obedience in God's overall plan. The saint thus has a clear line of demarcation when he moved out of darkness into God's marvelous light, and he has three "who bear witness" to that movement. In this magnificent way, the All Wise has provided security for the saint as he faces the challenges and struggles that are generally associated with life in Christ.

The saint has "three
that bear witness"
when he was moved
into God's light!