

**LET DEATH COME DECEITFULLY
UPON MY ENEMIES; LET THEM GO
DOWN ALIVE TO SHEOL**



Location of the PA Family Camp
Everett Legion Home
hosted by Christ Church Bedford County
Everett, PA

“[The devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.”

John 8:44

November 1, 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 - (J.Sutton) N. Dschaak

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Andrew Wallace

L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tom McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Joe McDunn

L.S. - Caleb Wilson

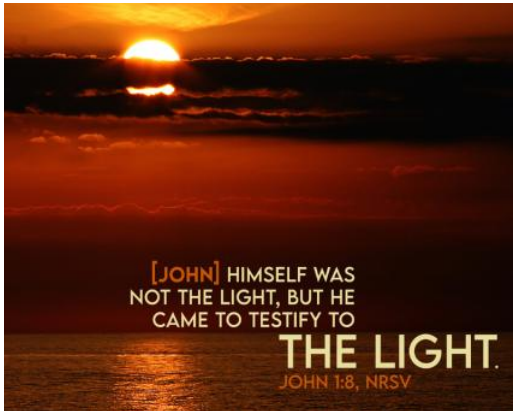
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

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

Great Falls -

Ladies' Tea/Fellowship - Nov. 7th



BOZEMAN -

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

**NOTICE: EVENING
ASSEMBLY IN BOZEMAN
TONIGHT NOV. 1 AT
7:00 PM**

GREAT FALLS -

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MT Ladies' Advance April 8-10 - Billings ladies
sponsoring

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



Question of the week:

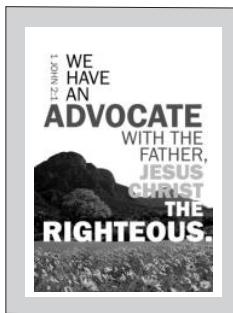
When Paul spoke of the new brother in Christ to Philemon, whom Paul had immersed while in prison in Rome, how did he describe Onesimus' new birth?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: The Lord our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 80
Morning Assembly – 96
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (10/28) – 68
Butte Lord's Day – 19
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 49,68,W-39



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

God's Witness

God is very desirous, and rightly so, that mankind receive "His witness." The serpent of old, lurking in the depths of the Garden of Eden, attacked the witness God had borne when he said to Eve, "You surely shall not die!" (Genesis 3:4). Thus the war on the "witness of God" began, and thus it continues.

Jesus said, "I am He who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me" (John 8:18). He explained that the witness that the Father bore concerning Christ was the "works" or miracles which He was able to perform. "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me," was the Lord's challenge, "but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father" (John 10:37,38). Unable to deny the works, the opposition drifted to the charge that "This man casts out demons only by Bezebul the ruler of demons" (Matthew 12:24). Thus the war on the witness of God continued.

"There are three that bear witness," John has just noted in this first epistle, "the Spirit and the water and the blood." Clearly the witness that these three bear is in immersion into Christ where, in the water the blood cleanses the individual from sin and he receives the indwelling Spirit. The false doctrines deny that this being "born of God" occurs in immersion, and the war on the witness of God continues.

- ▼ **Witness of men/witness of God** — God set the testimony in motion, that through men "moved by the Holy Spirit" the sacred writings would come into existence. Through men, specifically the apostles of Jesus Christ, the testimony was given that Jesus rose from the dead. But God originated the basis for that testimony, and backed that testimony with miracles and Old Testament prophecy. "If we receive the witness of men," the apostle John points out, "the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is this, that He has borne witness concerning His Son" (1 John 5:9). The witness of God is totally comprehensive, and overwhelms all objections. Anyone who rejects the witness of God is rightly eternally condemned.
- ▼ **Witness in himself** — Part of the comprehensive witness of God is the witness of His placing His Spirit within the obedient believer. Again, John had earlier noted, "We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us" (1 John 3:24). This "giving of the Holy Spirit" is objective, being stated in terms such as this poignant question from the apostle Paul: "This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?" (Galatians 3:2). This "hearing with faith" is objective, buttressed with the necessity of precisely defined obedience to the gospel, as the apostles noted early on: "The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey Him" (Acts 5:32). Hence John says, "The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself" (1 John 5:10).

The creation itself testifies that there is a Designer/Creator. But the definitive witness is what is written in the word itself, proving by its internal contents that God is its ultimate Author. But the words are not mere words on a page; they "are Spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). These words are living and active, and contain the spiritual DNA which makes it possible for the one who hears, believes, and obeys these words to be "born again." These words make it possible for the three to bear witness: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood. These are the very words of God. "The one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning His Son." Absolutely correct, and absolutely worth considering!

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