

Nolan Tewell, of Billings, MT leads boys' session at Spiritual Warriors' Weekend Christ's Church Bozeman, MT

"But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me?" John 8:45.46

November 8, 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 - Gunnar Landsgaard 9:00 am - classes 10:00 am - Assembly Prayer Med. - Gary DiPaolo L.S. - Shawn O'Connell Preaching - Jay Wilson L.D. EVENING POSTPONED

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -3:00 pm - classes 4:00 pm - Assembly Stewardship - Nick Liston L.S. - John Odell Preaching - Zac Zech BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes 8:15 pm - Assembly L.S. - Cole Hunsicker Preaching - Jay Wilson

<u>Bozeman</u> -

Fellowship dinner L.D. Nov. 22; prayer and fasting weekend Nov. 21,22

Great Falls -

"Growing God's Flowers" Nov. 14th Prayer and fasting Nov. 22 Fellowship dinner Dec. 5



BOZEMAN -Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Phil Sutton on 1 Peter No CHRISTIAN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

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

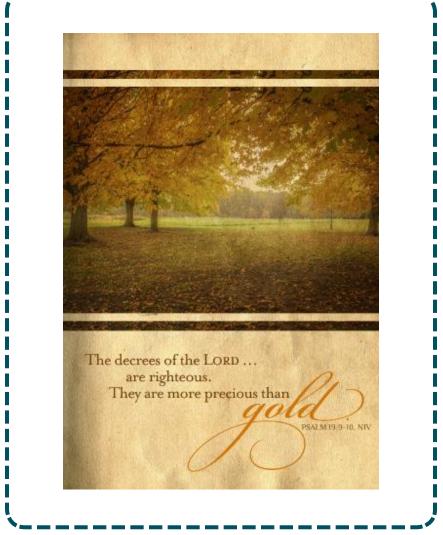
<u>Butte</u> - Fellowship dinner, Nov. 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Sat. Mar. 13 at Bozeman church building

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

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021 2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



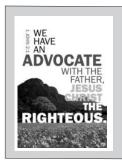
Question of the week:

Ezekiel prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem, and said that even if a certain three men were in its midst, they would be delivered but the city would not. Who were these three men?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: "My child, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment" (Philemon 1:10).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 100	Wednesday Night (11/4) — 29 + online
Morning Assembly – 120	Butte Lord's Day – 15
Evening Assembly – 83	GF Lord's Day (<i>Wed</i>)- 74,84, <i>W-52</i>



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Life "in the Son"

Satan did major dirty work in the Garden of Eden when he lied to Eve and tempted Adam. "Through one man," the apostle Paul therefore informed us, "sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so [spiritual] death spread to all men, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12). This "death" was their separation from God; this "death" was their loss of fellowship with God; this "death" is the opposite of "life," which is defined, then, as fellowship with God. As each adult-level member of the human race walks in the footsteps of Adam, he steps into sin and thus suffers the same death as Adam. "Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God," the Lord explained through Isaiah, "and your sins have

hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear" (Isaiah 59:2). So how is that fellowship to be restored? God, the All-Loving, sent His only begotten Son into the world to pay the price for man's sin, and then sent the Holy Spirit into everyone who would be immersed by Jesus' authority and cleansed from sin. "These things we write," says John, speaking for himself and the other apostles, "that you may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:4,3).

God's witness — In Jesus' prayer west of the Kidron, He noted that the Father "gave Him authority over all mankind, that to all whom [the Father] has given Him, He may give eternal life. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom [the Father] has sent" (John 17:2,3). Jesus had also stated, "He who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life" (John 5:24). The challenge God faces is making those statements believable to mankind, who live in the midst of Satan-caused confusion. So Jesus did miracles of a nature and number such as had not been seen since the foundation of the world. "The works which the

Safether has given Me to accomplish, the very works that I do," the Lord pointed out to His hearers, "bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me" (John 5:36). As the apostle John states, obviously having learned from his Master, God "has borne witness concerning His Son" (1 John 5:9). John superadds, "And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life" (1 John 5:11). **Life where?** — If then God has given saints

"He who *has* the Son has the life!"

Life where? — If, then, God has given saints eternal life, under what conditions might this

eternal life be secured? The scripture clearly teaches that not all humankind is going to heaven, that there will be a resurrection to judgment for some, and a resurrection to life for others. That being the case, there must be certain conditions to be met before a person could be said to have entered into this eternal life. These conditions, of course, are clearly outlined in God's carefully written, carefully preserved, and carefully distributed word. A belief in the testimony of the scriptures of necessity comes first, then repentance, then confession of Jesus' Lordship, then immersion by Jesus' authority. "This life," says John, "is *in His Son*." That is why immersion is the capstone of the first steps of faith; proper immersion places the individual "into Christ" (Romans 6:3).

A person is either "in Christ" or he is outside Christ. John notes therefore that "he who does not have the Son does not have the life" (1 John 5:12). Every saint must maintain his fellowship; if he loses that fellowship, he loses his standing of being "in Christ." The antichrists of the first century, if they ever had that fellowship, lost it. "They went out from us," was the apostle John's analysis. The dedicated brother or sister in Christ will follow the teachings of the new covenant diligently in order not to lose what he has gained. As John again points out, "He who *has* the Son has the life." Thus the apostle Paul would concur, elegantly and forcefully pointing out his desire to "gain Christ," that he might "be found in Him" (Philippians 3:9). Life is "in the Son." Get there, and stay there!!

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