

**EVENING AND MORNING AND AT NOON, I WILL
COMPLAIN AND MURMUR, AND HE WILL HEAR
MY VOICE**



Mark Miller, of Missoula, MT
leading the young people in some closing songs
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“He who is of God hears the words of
God; for this reason you do not hear
them, because you are not of God.”**

John 8:47

November 15, 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 -

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Stewardship - TBA

L.S. - TBA

Preaching - TBA

L.D. EVENING POSTPONED

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - TBA

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Prayer and fasting weekend Nov. 21,22

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - TBA

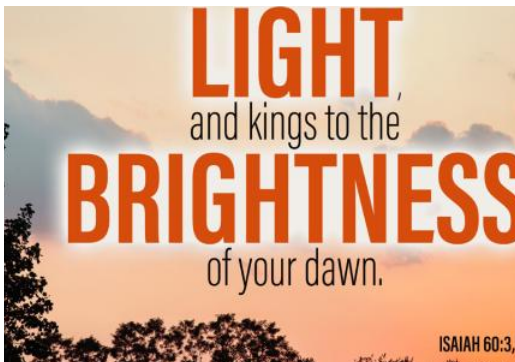
L.S. - TBA

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Great Falls -

Prayer and fasting Nov.15

Fellowship dinner Dec. 5



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

TBA

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson - TBA

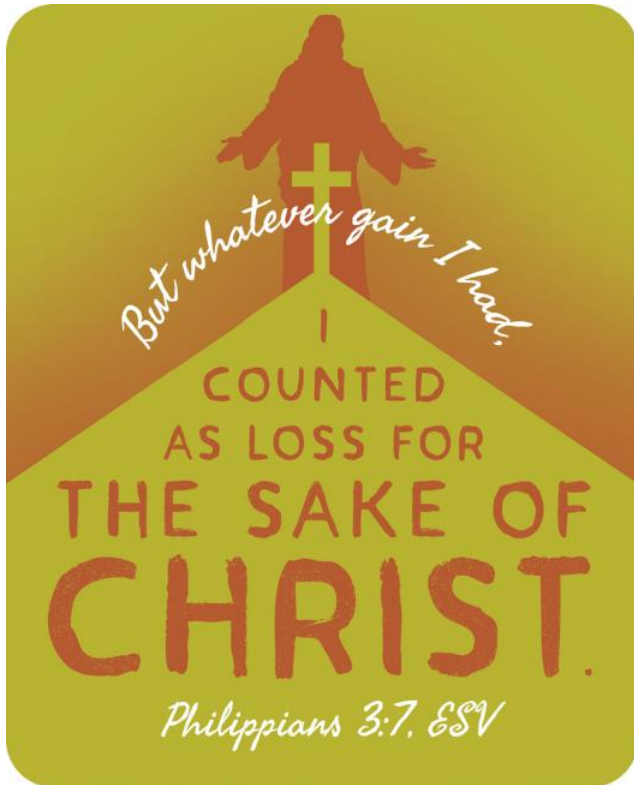
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

What was the key ingredient in Jesus' being the High Priest of the order of Melchizedek?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: Noah, Daniel, and Job (Ezekiel 14:14).*

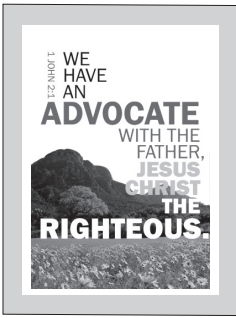
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 19
Morning Assembly – 24
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (11/11) – 13 + online
Butte Lord's Day – 17
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 12,23,W- --

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Confidence



The earnestness of the apostle John shines through in his epistles. As one of the first two to have Jesus pointed out to him by John the Immerser, having walked with Jesus through the years of His earthly sojourn, having witnessed the crucifixion of Christ and the subsequent resurrection and ascension, and having seen the formation and spread of the church, John is clearly invested. He is therefore intensely concerned about the church's ability to continue to walk in the apostles' doctrine. The aged apostle had seen the church fight her way through the issue of the Law of Moses versus the faith of Christ, and had seen the triumph of "the faith." The anguish of his heart can be imagined as he now witnesses the church in her battle against lawlessness, being aggressively pushed by the

Gnostic antichrists. He is earnestly appealing for the sincere brethren to hold the course set from Acts chapter two onward.

- **Those who believe** — The antichrists working in the early congregations really did not believe in the Jesus the apostles preached nor in the doctrines the apostles taught; they might have used some of the same words, but it was a different "Jesus" and a different set of doctrines. Hence John in his sincerity and concern addresses the true brethren: "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you might know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). The "other guys" did not recognize the authority of (the *name* of) the Jesus who came in the flesh, was crucified, raised bodily from the dead on the third day, and who ascended to glory. The faithful brethren did, and John wants to assure them that they are the ones who are on the right track and participating in eternal life.
- **Faith results in confidence** — The brethren were being tested and effectually battle-hardened by the challenges within the church due to these Gnostic influences. They knew what they believed and why they believed it. Their faiths, being thus tested on an individual as well as collective bases, were therefore very solidly based and very strong. They could, in John's words, "know" that they had eternal life. This knowledge results in confidence in their fellowship with God. "And this is the confidence which we have before Him," John asserts, "that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14). What an awesome source of courage and confidence, to know that every petition, especially those that line up with God's will, is heard! The Creator of the universe, the One Who raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at the right hand of power, is willing to hear and to act on the prayers of these faithful saints.
- **Granting the requests** — According to the apostle Paul, God "is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). That means that the brethren can pray huge prayers on a global scale on behalf of the church and the spread of God's gospel. How God gets that done is obviously under His orchestration, and it may involve persecution or jail time for the saints. But He is there, He is listening, and He is acting. "And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him" (1 John 5:15).

The apostle himself is a great example of this faith and confidence. Even though he was in exile on the barren isle of Patmos when he wrote the book of Revelation, as he put it, "because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 1:9). Though his external circumstances were challenging, he knew that when he asked of the Almighty, if it was according to His will, He heard John's praises and petitions. The modern saint, if he maintains his faith and focus, can have that same assurance that God hears and acts, and that he has that precious eternal life in the Son of God!

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