

**He will redeem my soul in peace from
the battle which is against me, for
they are many who strive against me**



Keirsten Donaldson, now of Bozeman, MT
and Amelia Yates, of Spokane, WA
saying good-byes at the end of Spiritual Warriors' Weekend
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“The Jews answered and said to Him, ‘Do
we not say rightly that you are a Samaritan
and have a demon?’ ”**

John 8:48

November 22, 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

Prayer M. - Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Charlie Brown

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING POSTPONED

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Prayer and fasting weekend Nov. 21,22

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Mike Cooper

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Great Falls -

Fellowship dinner Dec. 5



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

TBA

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson - Creation vs. Evolution Power-Points and videos

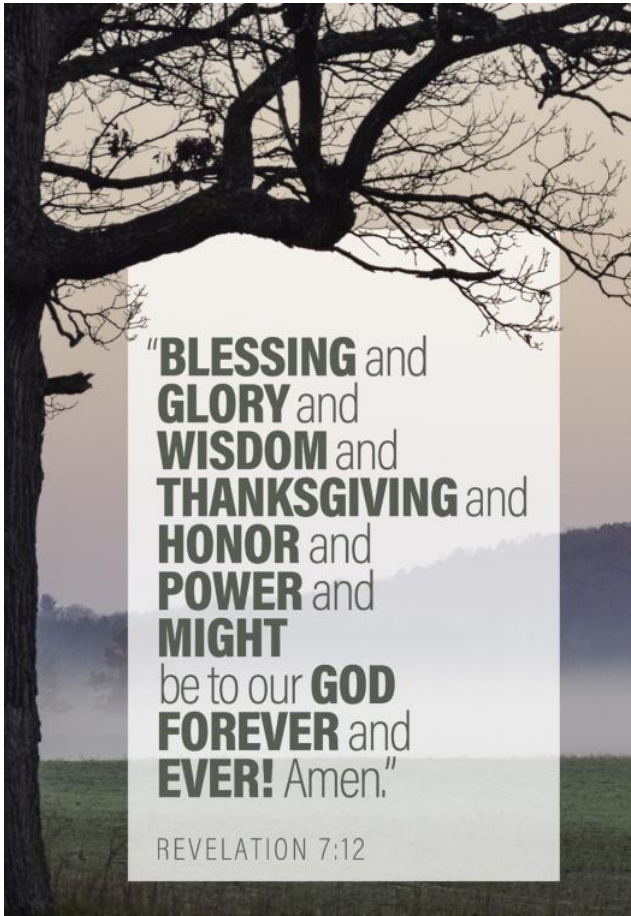
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

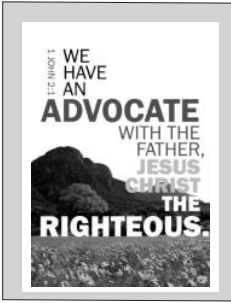
In Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, forces combined with Gog and Magog are described as coming against a city and land. How is that land described?

Last week's question: What was the key ingredient in Jesus' being the High Priest of the order of Melchizedek?
Answer: He had to be resurrected and exhibit the power of an indestructible or endless life (Hebrews 7:16-24).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 14
Morning Assembly – 15
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (11/18) – 16 + online
Butte Lord's Day – 20
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 23,35, W-37



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Sin "Leading to Death"?

Context always plays a huge role in exegeting the meaning of scripture. For example, when the apostle Paul was commenting about the abuse of the Lord's Supper to the Corinthian brethren, he stated, "When you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper" (1 Corinthians 11:20). On the surface, it might seem as though Paul was saying that the purpose of the assembly is not for communion; but in context, it is clear that he was making the point that the reason that they should have been assembling on the first day of the week was for participating in the table of the Lord. Context, then, is very important in understanding this statement in the apostle John's first epistle: "If anyone sees his

brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death" (1 John 5:16,17). What? Pray for some people and not for others? Doesn't all sin lead to death? Context is going to be necessary to sort this out.

- ◆ **Work of the Gnostic antichrists** — The Gnostic movement, as it is known to history, or the antichrists, as John called them, were in a movement that began inside the church of the Lord. "They went out from us," was the apostle's earlier description (1 John 2:19). It wasn't, then, that these people were unfamiliar with the doctrines of Christ; they knew what the teaching was, and they deliberately rejected it and aggressively attempted to impose their own twisted doctrines. This conscious, destructive effort to present "lawlessness" as the doctrine of Christ was blasphemy of the highest order. The writer of Hebrews pointed out that there is a "hardening" process that occurs when a person is falling away from the living God, and that there is a point of no return for such a rebellious individual (who once was a participant in the Holy Spirit and the good things of God—Hebrews 3:12,13; 6:4-6). This is what John describes as "sin leading to death."
- ◆ **Sin not leading to death** — Taking on "the mind of Christ" is a reprogramming process which takes time and diligent effort. The saint, then, battles a host of past thought patterns and bad habits as he makes progress in His walk with Christ. Because it is a long and challenging journey, it can happen that a brother in Christ would have a "bad weekend," wherein he temporarily fell back into some old company and some old sinful habits. Very conscious of his guilt, and earnestly desiring to please the Christ who died on his behalf, he might ask the brethren to pray for him. "All unrighteousness is sin" is the unvarnished truth, and there is no justifiable reason for sinful conduct. But this, to be repented of, "is a sin not leading to death."

Sin, properly repented of, "is a sin not leading to death."

The faithful Christian can pray with the confidence that he will be heard. In fact, he is invited to pray for brethren who are struggling to get on the right path and to stay on that right path. If the dedicated Christian "sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit a sin not leading to death." That is a powerful prayer, indeed. But the faithful brethren does not need to pray for those antichrist types who are deliberately "going out" from the Lord's church and developing doctrines such as the idea that Jesus did not have a body. These doctrines are actually crafted to enable the individual to live a licentious life while pretending to be under the cover of Christ's grace. "There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this." That would make sense; why would a saint pray on behalf of those who started inside the church, and who are deliberately trying to subvert the doctrines of Christ and destroy the church?

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