

**GOD—WHO SITS ENTHRONED FROM OF
OLD—WILL HEAR AND ANSWER THEM FOR
THEIR INIQUITY**



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finishing up Spiritual Warriors' Weekend
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“Jesus answered, ‘I do not have a
demon; but I honor My Father, and
you dishonor Me.’ ”**

John 8:49

November 29, 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 - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Jay Wilson

L.D. EVENING RESUMES DEC. 6

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tom McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Prayer session Wed. night following assembly

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

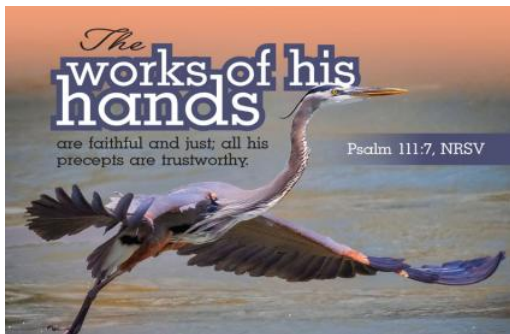
Stewardship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Joe McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Great Falls -

Fellowship dinner Dec. 6



BOZEMAN -

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

GREAT FALLS -

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

Butte -

Fellowship dinner Dec. 20

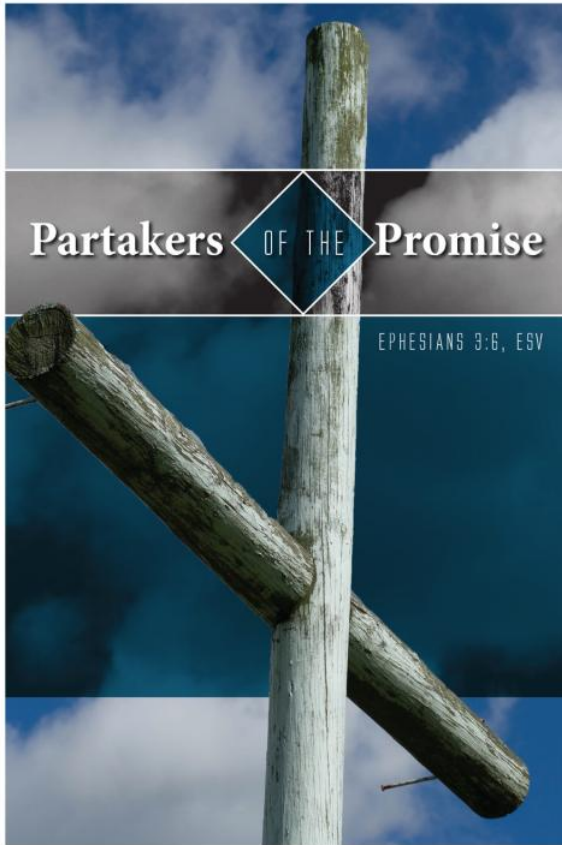
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

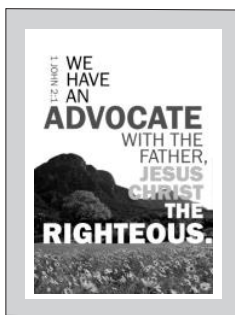
In describing how the saints are to fervently love the brethren from the heart, Peter describes how our souls have been purified. What is that description?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: A land restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations (Ezekiel 38:5).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 36
Morning Assembly – 48
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (11/26) – 38
Butte Lord's Day – 15
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 41,66, W-41



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

“Born of God” Again

“Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness,” the apostle John had noted. The Gnostic/ antichrist movement which infected the first century congregations thus was an essentially “lawless” movement parallel to that on which Jude had commented, describing the perpetrators as “ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ” (Jude 1:4). The “lawless” element has no trouble lying while pretending to be truthful, and it has no difficulty in painting a false picture of those who stand for the truth and doctrines of scripture. “The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God,” the apostle Paul pointed out to the brethren in Rome, “for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so” (Romans 8:7). Hence the forces of darkness would have been attacking the faithful brethren in the early church, and would have been battering them severely in every way possible. Hence the faithful apostle John writes encouraging words to those brethren, lifting them up and helping them to focus on the big and final picture.

- ▼ **The power of the new birth** — The saint indeed died to the old self and was resurrected an entirely new creature in the waters of immersion, by the power of God. The magnificence and power of this truth must not be understated or under-appreciated. While the treasure is in “an earthen vessel,” to use the terminology of the apostle Paul, the earthen vessel must not obscure the wonder of what is within, visible to the eye of faith as revealed in the scripture. And that new creature is endowed with enough power to overcome personal sin and to carry the torch of Jesus’ revolutionary message to the world. “We know that no one who is born of God sins,” is John’s reminder of the present, positive, affirmative picture of each saint (1 John 5:18). The only alternative picture is that “the one who is born of God continually sins.” Certainly “the seed” of God is not going to produce “a plant” of sin! Only an antichrist would say otherwise.
- ▼ **Protection for faithful brethren** — The Christian soldier, although maybe occasionally isolated in the physical realm, is never alone and never without powerful protection from above. The NASB says, “But He who was born of God keeps him [the faithful saint] and the evil one does not touch him.” Rotherham makes more sense: “Nay <he that hath been born of God> He keepeth him.” Rephrasing it, God “keeps” or protects the one who has been born of God. Even though in the physical realm the child of God might be beaten, persecuted, jailed, or executed, he is still spiritually protected in the spiritual realm. The antichrists cannot ravage his soul, nor can Satan extract the saint from the hand of God!

As previously stressed, God did a tremendous amount of work to orchestrate the history of the world, and particularly of Israel. In the process, the Old Testament writings were produced, collected, and distributed to set the stage for Jesus to come to the world. In the first century, the witness to the life of Jesus was verified through the apostles, new testament prophets, and those who had the gifts, and the word spread all over the earth. Today, the number of new testament manuscripts—over 5,000—establishes for the modern saint the truthfulness of the record. God, in short, has gone to great lengths to ensure the preservation of His word, and that the faithful saint of today might have the same security expressed to the first century saint by the apostle John. “We know that we are of God,” emphasized the apostle, “and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:20). The brother in Christ, child of God by adoption, new creation by the power of God, knows where he stands with God. Nothing else is significant!

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