

**THE WICKED MAN HAS PUT FORTH HIS  
HANDS AGAINST THOSE WHO WERE AT  
PEACE WITH HIM**



“The way it was”  
Spiritual Warriors’ bags packed and ready to load  
following Spiritual Warriors’ Weekend  
Christ’s Church in Bozeman

**Jesus said, “I do not seek My glory;  
there is One who seeks and judges.”**  
*John 8:50*

# December 6, 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** - Joe Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer - Scott Schweitzer

L.S. - Joe Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM - DEC. 6**

L.S. - Davis Ashley

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45** -

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm** - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman** -

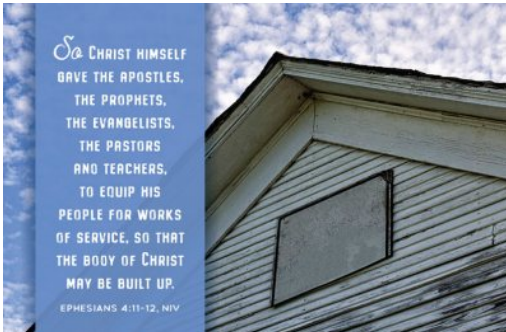
Prayer/Fasting weekend - Dec. 19,20

Fellowship dinner - Dec. 20 following assembly

**Great Falls** -

Fellowship dinner Dec. 6

Prayer/Fasting - Dec. 20



**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. 13

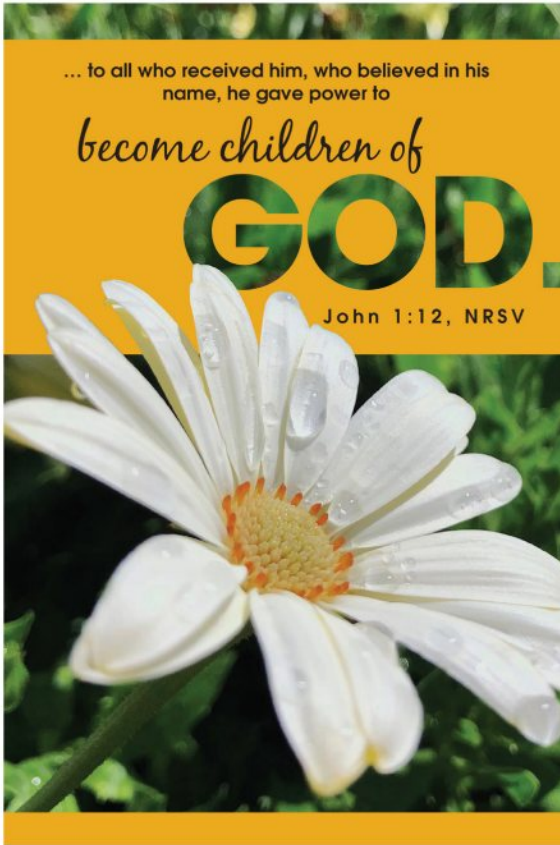
### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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:**

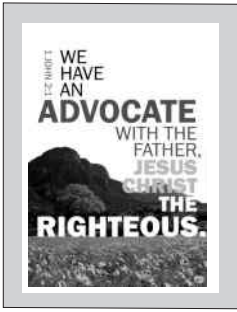
In a vision recorded in Daniel 7, he sees one of ten horns that will intend to make alterations in times and in law; how long will saints be given into that one's hand?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: Our souls are purified in obedience to the truth (1 Peter 1:22).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 77  
Morning Assembly – 99  
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (12/2) – 72  
Butte Lord's Day – 19  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 41,66, W-41



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## “The World” and “The Evil One”

Jesus Christ, said the apostle Paul, “gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age” (Galatians 1:4). Ever since sin entered the world through Adam, earthly existence has been “this present evil age.” Sometimes there are times of relative peace, and sometimes there are times of open warfare, but underneath the visible surface the collective corruption of man makes each age “this present evil age.” This collective corruption is simply the accumulation of the individual corruption that takes place as each member of the human race chooses to commit sin, and therefore places himself under the dominion of the prince of darkness. Reminding saints of their lives before being in Christ,

the apostle Paul noted: “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to *the course of this world*, according to *the prince of the power of the air*, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:1,2). There is no room for smugness on the part of any Christian; at one time he too was a part of the problem rather than being a part of the solution.

■ **“The world”** — “The world” is a very broad term, thus occasionally making it difficult for the saint to determine what is “worldliness” and what is “holiness.” Often it is not so much as “the thing” which is worldly or holy, but the perspective of the one using “the thing.” Picture, for example, dinner for two: for one of those present, it is a holy time wherein God is being served and motives are pure (this one is being holy in all his behavior); for the other, the same meal is being used as a means pursuing an earthly lust. “The world,” then filled with physical things, is primarily a spiritual concept having to do with those who use earthly things to fulfill some selfish and earthly purpose.

■ **“The evil one”** — The “evil one” is a clear reference to Satan, the great deceiver and adversary. Leader of the rebellion in heaven, he is the one who brought temptation and destruction to earth. Jesus said, rightly and justly, that “the eternal fire” was prepared for the devil and his angels. But the “evil one” does not have physical form; he is called by the apostle Paul “the prince of the power of the air. Satan’s domain, then, is spiritual. So those who have been immersed into Christ have been “delivered from the domain of darkness” and have been transferred into “the kingdom of Christ” (Colossians 1:13,14). Since both the domain of darkness and the kingdom of Christ are spiritual entities, it follows that all who are not in the kingdom of Christ (excluding children) are in Satan’s domain. Those who are under Apollyon’s sway cannot in any sense voluntarily serve God nor can anything righteous be attributed to them. The gulf between the domain of darkness and the kingdom of Christ is immense and is impossible to cross by human effort alone. “The evil one” then holds people in the slavery of sin, with the concomitant misery, destruction, and futility of lives lived in darkness.

“We know  
that we are of  
God!”

“We know that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one,” including those destructive antichrists working in the first century congregations. Saints, by contrast, whose faith and obedience is based on what the word of God says, can say, “We know that we are of God.” How blessed it is for brethren to be delivered “from this present evil age”! How blessed it is for Christians to be inside the kingdom of Christ. How blessed are those who know that “the evil one does not touch them.” How blessed, indeed, are those who know that Jesus came in the flesh, lived a sinless life, died on the cross, was raised from the dead, and ascended to the power position on high. How blessed are those who as repentant individuals, confessed Christ as Lord, and were immersed into Him. How blessed, indeed, are those who are indwelt by “the blessing of Abraham”!!

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