

**MEN OF BLOODSHED WILL NOT LIVE  
OUT HALF THEIR DAYS, BUT I WILL  
TRUST IN YOU**



Jeremy Schmiedeke doing a great job  
preaching and encouraging the brethren in opening on Lord's Day  
Christ's Church  
Great Falls, MT

**“Jesus answered, ‘If I glorify Myself,  
My glory is nothing; it is My Father who  
glorifies Me...’ ”**

***John 8:54***

“Getting the Lord’s work done in 2021!!”

## January 3, 2021

### Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

400 W. Park St. — Butte

**BOZEMAN 8:45** - Elliot Ashley  
9:00 am - classes  
10:00 am - Assembly  
Prayer - Cliff Renner  
L.S. - Phil Sutton  
Preaching - Luke Wilson  
**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM** -  
L.S. - Zac Dschaak

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45** - John Odell  
3:00 pm - classes  
4:00 pm - Assembly  
Stewardship - Caleb Wilson  
L.S. - Brad Smith  
Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm** - Classes  
8:15 pm - Assembly  
L.S. - Cole Hunsicker  
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -  
Congratulations to **Lydia Sutton**,  
who was immersed into Christ on  
L.D. eve, Dec. 20, by her dad Phil  
Sutton. Lydia works with Integrity  
Cleaners and at the Outback.

Butte -  
Fellowship dinner - L.D. Jan. 17,  
6:30 pm



**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

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Great Falls -  
Fellowship dinner - Jan. 3, follow-  
ing assembly  
Congratulations to **Talitha Du-**  
**Paul**, who graduated from GFCA  
on Dec. 18!!

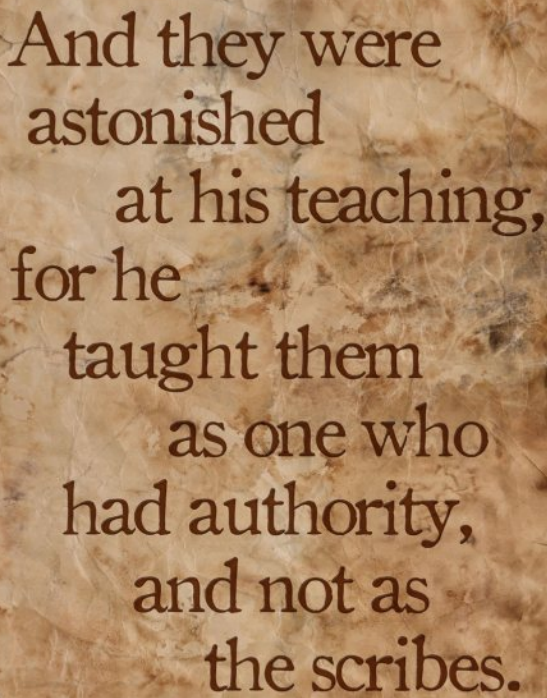
#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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



And they were  
astonished  
at his teaching,  
for he  
taught them  
as one who  
had authority,  
and not as  
the scribes.

Mark 1:22, ESV

**Question of the week:**

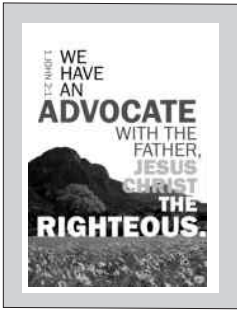
When the Messiah is invited to ask of the Lord to be given the nations as an inheritance as recorded in Psalm 2, what does that mean?

Last week's question: As the book of Revelation comes to a close, Jesus is mentioned as saying something about the words of the prophecy of "this book." What does He say? *Answer: "Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book" (Revelation 22:7).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 93  
Morning Assembly – 105  
Evening Assembly – 60

Wednesday Night (12/30) – 73  
Butte Lord's Day – 18  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 63,79 W-49



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## Truth and Love

Only “in Christ” are found all the spiritual blessings of God. Listen to these woeful words as the apostle Paul described the lost condition of the Gentiles before they entered “into Christ” in their immersions: “You were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12). “There is,” said Paul in another place, “no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). The problem, of course, is that there is plenty of condemnation for those who are *not* in Christ Jesus. The forces of darkness, including the Gnostic antichrists working in the latter first century churches, always try to keep a person from entering into Christ, or, failing that, to get the saints off track in some way so that they lose their salvation. The apostle John, conscious of this raging warfare, encourages the brethren who will read this epistle.

- **Big blessings** — It is nice to have a roof under which to sleep, or clothing to wear. As important as those physical blessings are, they are temporal, and pale in comparison to the spiritual blessings offered by God to those who are in Christ. “Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us,” John positively points out to the faithful brethren fighting off the antichrist forces; there is no grace, mercy, and peace for enemies of the cross (2 John 1:3). “Grace” is that huge umbrella word that includes all that God gives, but especially His provision for the saint to lay aside the old self and walk in newness of life, strengthened and encouraged by the indwelling Spirit and by fellowship with the brethren. “Mercy” is the Just One’s willingness to suspend His judgments for the sake of those who are “in Christ” and who have Jesus as their Advocate. “Peace” is especially focused on the inner sense of being at one with God, having a clean conscience offered through the gospel of Christ and with all the former inner turmoil gone. None of these can be purchased by the individual; they were purchased by Jesus Christ Himself by His offering of His body on the cross, and by His sprinkled blood offered in heaven itself. These faithful brethren of the first century obtained these by faith and obedience to the gospel, and John is letting them know that these same blessings will continue so long as they do not fall pray to the deceiving spirits working inside the early church.
- **Him from whom all blessings flow** — All glory and praise rightly belong to our God, the Creator and the Redeemer, who is the source of all spiritual blessings. As John reminds the brethren of the grace, mercy, and peace of which they are beneficiaries, he notes that these three are “from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.” The antichrists are cut off from fellowship with the Father, and therefore cut off from grace, mercy, and peace.

It is always going to come back to the core elements of *truth* and *love*. Only the truth will set people free, and the message of truth has to be delivered in love. “Who is the liar,” John queried in his first epistle, “but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?” (1 John 2:22). Liars are obviously not delivering the truth, and are in fact the ones who “hate,” regardless of how smiling are their countenances. Modern saints need to be able to detect modern antichrists working among the congregations; regardless of how personable they may be, they are deceivers and working the devil’s plan for side-tracking and destroying the saint. Grace, mercy, and peace come “in truth and love.” And all brethren who stand steadfast, preaching the truth and supporting those who preach the truth, will be honored by Jesus Himself on Judgment Day.

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and peace come  
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JAY WILSON