

My foes have trampled upon me all day long, for they are many who fight proudly against me



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“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

John 8:56

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

January 17, 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 -

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer - Jay Wilson

L.S. - Cliff Renner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Scott Schweitzer

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Bobo Womagno

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Chad Danielson

L.S. - Kelly Liscum

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tom McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Fasting/potluck weekend Jan. 30,31

Butte -

Potluck tonight!!



BOZEMAN -

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

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson??? - Cre-
ation vs. Evolution
PowerPoints and videos

Great Falls -

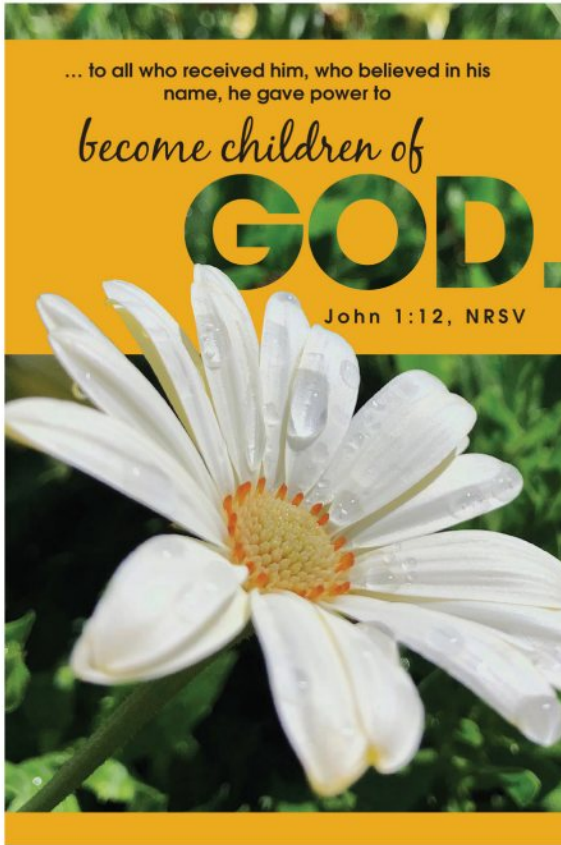
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

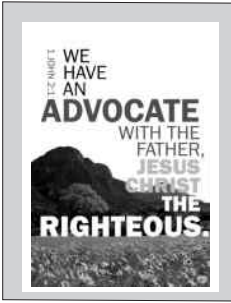
When Isaac dug a new well, he named it "Shibah" because he obtained an oath from the local Philistines that there would be no more quarreling over the wells. What southernmost town in Israel got its name from this well?

Last week's question: When Jesus was casting out demons in the same area where he healed Peter's mother-in-law, how was He doing that? *Answer: "with a word" (Matthew 8:16).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 96
Morning Assembly – 122
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (1/13) – 87
Butte Lord's Day – 16
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 68,76 W-67



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Many Deceivers

Page after page of the new covenant writings are lined with positive, uplifting encouragement, but those are interspersed with tremendous warnings. The road the saint travels on his way to what the apostle Peter called “the eternal kingdom” (2 Peter 1:11) is a tortuous one, with many spiritual pitfalls and traps along the way. The disciple of Christ has divine help on this journey, but he must walk by faith and not allow himself to be turned aside by temptations or deceptions. It is his responsibility to sift and sort the messages coming at him, as the apostle John had warned in his earlier epistle: “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). The positive encouragements and teachings of the scriptures

are there, encouraging the saint to follow the upward call of God. But the warnings are there also, and thus must be carefully heeded.

- ◆ **Deceivers** — The ultimate deceiver is Satan himself. “Satan,” averred Paul, “disguises himself as an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). The devil’s agents, then, often work inside the church as well as in the world, seeking to draw away disciples after them. “It is not surprising,” the apostle Paul added, “if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness” (2 Corinthians 11:15). The apostle John encountered a slightly different twist from the false doctrines with which the apostle Paul dealt. But the ultimate deceiver and his agents were still the same ones at work. “For many deceivers have gone out into the world,” John again animadverts, “those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh” (2 John 1:7). This time there is a flat-out denial that Jesus even had a body! Of course the Lord anticipated the coming of such antichrists; even after His resurrection, He appealed to the disciples present at one of His early appearances. “Touch Me and see,” was His invitation, “for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have” (Luke 24:39). He was not merely an apparition, even after His resurrection! The deceivers of John’s day, greatly influenced by pagan Greek philosophy, denied the physicality of Jesus’ presence during the years of His earthly sojourn. “This,” emphasizes John, “is the deceiver and the antichrist.”

**Watch yourselves,
that you may
receive a full
reward.**

- ◆ **Watch yourselves!** — The antichrist doctrines (and modern variations) have serious and destructive subtleties. The reason that the antichrists maintained that Jesus did not have a body was their belief that anything in the material realm is flawed. Since He was not flawed, therefore He did not have a body. Mankind in general and thus saints in particular have bodies; therefore they are permanently flawed, the reasoning goes. And since they are permanently flawed, they will always go on sinning (thus really held captive by Satan to do his will). It is easy to see, when the reasoning is clearly brought out, why Satan really promotes these antichrist doctrines. His agents, often working inside the church, are deceivers themselves, and with the appearance of righteousness doing the devil’s work. “Watch yourselves,” John says (2 John 1:8).

If a disciple of Christ were to lose his moorings, and be pulled into the tide of this antichrist philosophy, he would lose his salvation. “Watch yourselves,” is indeed the warning, “that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.” The apostle is concerned about all the brethren. He knows that anyone who once walked with Christ but who somehow gets imbued with this “new teaching,” will lose that salvation, for which proclamation John personally suffered and bled. He truly loved the brethren, and he knew the seriousness of the doctrinal challenge facing the early church. His opening appeal in his first epistle is particularly poignant here: “What we [apostles] have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3). The severe warning here in the second epistle is for the brethren to maintain that fellowship with John, and therefore with the Lord, and to resist pressures within the congregation.

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