

**But you, the wicked, hate discipline,
and you cast My words behind you. When
you see a thief, you are pleased with
him, and you associate with adulterers.**



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**“ ‘For no one does anything in secret
when he himself seeks to be know
publicly. If You do these things, show
Yourself to the world.’ For not even His
brothers were believing in Him.”**

John 7:4,5

June 23, 2019!

Christ's Church

Meeting at
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Kaden Reijgers

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Bob Edgar

Communion Meditation — Jason Shanahan

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., **Butte - 7:30 p.m.**

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Davis Ashley, **Boaz McDunn**

Preaching — Jason Shanahan, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
June 26th –
7:00 p.m. —
Character Traits of
Jesus
– Phil Sutton**

**Fasting weekend and
potluck — Sat. and
L.D., June 29,30**

Lima, OH Rally — June 28-30

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. through Sat. July 25-27, 2019. Theme: High Points from Hebrews

Family Camp 2019 — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman property. Theme: Timeless Truths from the Torah



... as servants
of God we have
commended
ourselves in
every way...

2 Corinthians 6:4, NRSV

Question of the week:

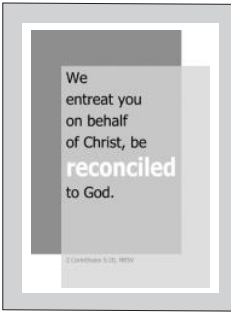
When King Azariah fell through the lattice, he sent messengers to inquire about whether he would recover. To what city did he send, and to what god?

Last week's question: What is the description of the "critters" on the blanket let down from heaven for Peter's preparation to meet with the Gentiles? *Answer: All kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the sky (Acts 10:12).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 84
Morning Assembly – 114
Evening Assembly – 81

Wednesday Night (6/19) – 66
Butte Lord's Day – 18
Great Falls Lord's Day – 39,72



More of Paul's Tribulations

The apostle Peter, in his encouragement to the brethren, talked much of suffering in his first epistle. "Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh," he posited, "arm yourselves with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God" (1 Peter 4:1,2). Those who would avoid suffering would also fall for the lusts of men. Hence, as Paul writes to the brethren in Corinth, one of the things he is essentially forced to bring forward is the amount of suffering he had experienced. While he makes it clear that he is not doing this out of arrogance, it becomes evident that in so doing he establishes the purity of his motives. He thus correspondingly exposes the fleshly and sinful motives of his

opposition, entrenched so deeply in the congregation at Corinth.

U Physical tortures — The apostle had spoken in general terms about his suffering for the gospel, mentioning that he had experienced far more imprisonments and had been beaten times without number. Now he gets specific: "Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes," he recalls. "Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned" (2 Corinthians 11:24,25). To have received the Jewish lashing—not once, but five times!—all by itself would be a tremendous testimony to Paul's suffering for the lost and for the sake of the gospel. But added to that was the three-time being beaten with rods, which some sources indicate was worse than the lashing. Plus there was the stoning and being left for dead outside the city of Lystra. The mouths of his opposition should be totally silenced by now.

◆ **Challenges from the elements** — In his work of preaching the gospel, Paul planted many congregations. He had to travel considerable distances, probably on foot, to accomplish that. Much additional journeying was required in his follow up visits to those congregations, as well as his continual extending the sphere of his influence throughout the Roman Empire. In the midst of those excursions, God allowed the apostle to experience many of the difficulties that other travelers might suffer through. "Three times I was shipwrecked," he testifies, "a night and a day I have spent in the deep" (2 Corinthians 11:25). God anticipated that Paul's suffering was going to be necessary in shutting the mouths of his opposition, and therefore allowed him to go through these challenges rather than just giving him "smooth sailing."

◆ **Perils** — Everywhere Paul traversed, he was in peril from all sides because of the hostility of the world to the gospel. "I have been on frequent journeys," he begins his listing, "in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren" (2 Corinthians 11:26). Sea-land, city-country, Jew-Gentile—in addition to having dangerous false brethren lurking everywhere. That is a lot of peril.

The personal extremities to which Paul subjected himself also demonstrated that his clear and only desire was to spread the gospel for the sake of converting the lost and conserving the saved. "I have been in labor and hardship," he asseverates, "through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure" (2 Corinthians 11:27). Could any of the fake apostles and false preachers match this?

"But apart from such external things," he superadds, "there is daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches. Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern?" (2 Corinthians 11:28,29). The intense concern of the apostle for each individual soul is apparent in these few verses. The brethren should listen to the instructions and teachings of the apostle, and failing to do so would clearly be the loss of their eternities with Christ.

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