

**“IT CAME ABOUT AS AARON SPOKE TO THE WHOLE CONGREGATION OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL, THAT THEY LOOKED TOWARD THE WILDERNESS, AND BEHOLD, THE GLORY OF THE LORD APPEARED IN THE CLOUD.”**

**-- EXODUS 16:10**



Noah Miller and Joe Martin, both of Missoula, MT  
with Kirk Hinebauch of Glendive, MT off to the side  
53 annual men's Peaks  
Delmoe Reservoir

**“For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection...”**

***Romans 6:5***

“Victory in 2023!!”

**August 13, 2023**

**Christ’s Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Joe Shanahan**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Andrew Wallace

L.S. - Phil Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\* ASSEMBLY AT THE PARK**

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - opening**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Ryan Compton

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Tom McDunn

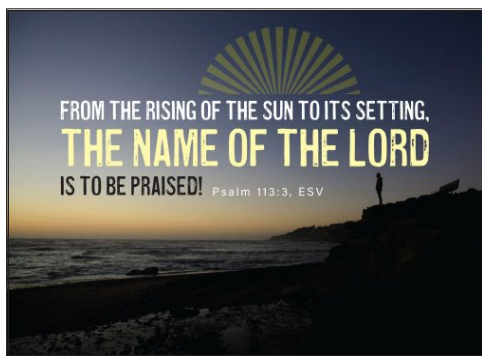
Bozeman

**Special Lord’s Day evening - Aug. 13**

Fellowship meal at the pavilions by the Dinosaur Park at 5:30, short assembly at 7:00.

Butte

Aug. 20- Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



**BOZEMAN -**  
***Wed. night, 7:00 pm:***  
***Book of Hebrews***  
**Luke Wilson**

**GREAT FALLS -**  
***Wed. night, 7:00 pm:***  
**Caleb Wilson**

Great Falls

Aug. 20 - Fasting for evangelism

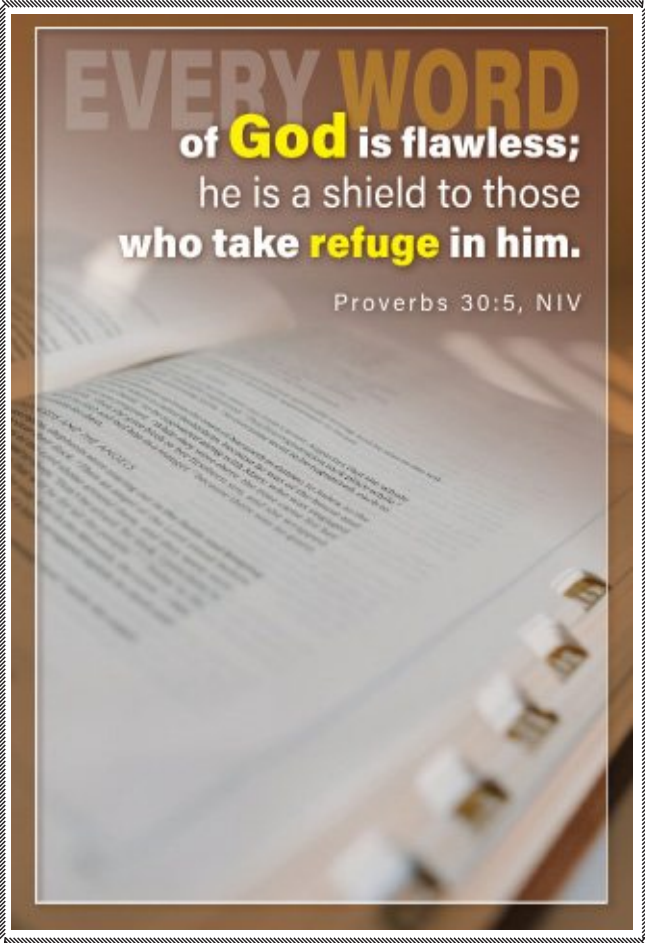
Sat. Aug. 26 - backyard movie at Macklin residence

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023 - Theme:**

“The O.T. is the N.T. \_\_\_\_\_;”

the N.T. is the O.T. \_\_\_\_\_.”



**EVERY WORD**  
of **God** is flawless;  
he is a shield to those  
who take **refuge** in him.

Proverbs 30:5, NIV

### Question of the week:

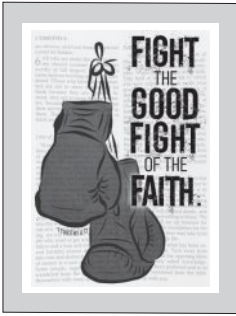
As Ezra and those with him were leaving Babylon for Jerusalem, what did Ezra proclaim for himself and those with him entreating the Lord's protection?

Last week's question: The world through its wisdom, the apostle Paul noted in his 1st epistle to the Corinthians, can not come to know God. So how was God pleased to make the knowledge of Himself known? *Answer: Through "the foolishness of the message preached" (1 Corinthians 1:21).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 80  
Morning Assembly – 96  
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (8/9) – 73  
Butte Lord's Day – 14  
GF Lord's Day – 86, 109 *Wed. - 52*



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### Courage!

The god of this world has set many things in motion to intimidate God's saints and to keep them from opening their mouths about the gospel of Jesus Christ. The church in Jerusalem, for example, underwent tremendous persecution fairly soon after its inception from the hand of Saul of Tarsus (the future apostle Paul). Hence the new covenant writings are filled with encouragement and guidance in handling that persecution and intimidation so that the word of God could still be spread.

Timothy himself, from the city of Lystra, became a Christian in the crucible of tribulation that came upon the congregations founded on Paul's first missionary journey in what is now central Turkey. The persecution and threatening toward him as an evangelist would increase. Herein the apostle exhorts his son in the faith with these words: "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7).

- **Spirit of timidity** – The apostle had encouraged Timothy to "fire up" the gift of God which had been bestowed through the laying on of Paul's hands. For whatever reason, Timothy had backed away from using that gift as much as he should have for the demonstration of the truth of the gospel. Paul then reminds the younger preacher that Timothy had received the indwelling Spirit at his immersion, and the Spirit he received was not a "spirit of timidity." It is understandable how some fearfulness had set in for Timothy, and it is encouraging that the scripture records this mental battle for future saints to ponder. Paul says, "the timid spirit is *not* what we received!"
- **Power**—By contrast, Paul intimates that "we received a Spirit of *power*." This is not so much the power connected with miracles as it is power connected with character, a radiation of confidence and ability to control. When Paul wrote to the congregation at Corinth, he was asking them if they wanted him to come in love and gentleness or whether he would have to come "with a rod." If he had to go head-to-head with miscreants, he was pointing out that "the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in *power*" (1 Corinthians 4:19,20). He would win the confrontation if it had to occur. In Luke chapter four, after Jesus completed His message in his home synagogue at Nazareth, the hostile crowd wanted to throw Him off the cliff where the city had been built. "But passing through their midst," the scripture recorded, "He went His way" (Luke 4:30). There was a sense of character *power* about Jesus such that the crowd knew at this point to let Him pass through! That same *Spirit of power* is available to disciples of Christ today.
- **Love** – Biblical love is based upon concern for another's eternity. The apostles and New Testament writers delivered some strong statements to their hearers and readers, endeavoring to help the brethren refocus when necessary so that their eternities could be certain rather than lost. Paul and Timothy received that *Spirit of love*, and modern saints do also. "Little children," the aged John exhorted the brethren, "let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18). Seeking and saving the lost is where this love is actuated, followed by working with the saved.
- **Discipline** – The same *Spirit of discipline* that pushed Jesus as He made His way to Jerusalem—knowing that the cross awaited Him there—lived in Paul, and as Paul reminded Timothy, in Timothy also. The tremendous power of a mind disciplined and voluntarily controlled by the Holy Spirit is exhibited in the scripture through the lives and events recorded there. Modern saints are indwelled by this same *Spirit of discipline*, but they need to heed the exhortations and instructions of the New Testament in order for that discipline to be exhibited in their lives.

These words, "God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline," must continue to echo through the minds of each Christian. The chant must be raised in unison, "WE CAN DO THIS!" Let us, then, get it done!!

**POWER!**  
**LOVE!**  
**DISCIPLINE!**