

**“For riches are not forever,  
Nor does a crown endure to all  
generations.”**

**-- Proverbs 27:24**



Kendall Lee and Dave Morell  
both of Billings, MT  
53rd annual men's Peaks  
Delmoe Reservoir

**And He was saying to them, “Take care what  
you listen to. By your standard of measure  
it will be measured to you; and more will be  
given you besides.”**

***Mark 4:24***

“Victory in 2023!!”

## August 20, 2023

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman  
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls  
Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Josh Wallace

L.S. - Phil Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\* ANDREW WALLACE - PWRPOINT**

L.S. - Davis Ashley

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Butte

Aug. 20- Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

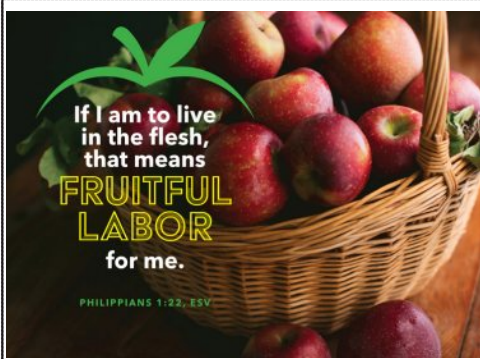
3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Ryan Compton

Preaching - Jay Wilson



**BOZEMAN -**

***Wed. night, 7:00 pm:***

*Book of Hebrews*

**Luke Wilson**

**GREAT FALLS -**

***Wed. night, 7:00 pm:***

**Jay 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. \_\_\_\_\_.”



OH, THE DEPTH OF  
the riches  
OF THE  
wisdom  
AND KNOWLEDGE OF  
GOD!  
ROMANS 11:33, NIV

**Question of the week:**

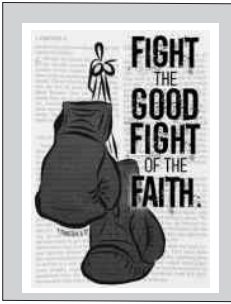
What is the relationship between a member of the body of Christ that is suffering, and the body itself? Similarly, what if a member is honored?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: He proclaimed a fast (Ezra 8:21).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 58  
Morning Assembly – 86  
Evening Assembly – 76

Wednesday Night (8/16) – 84  
Butte Lord's Day – 9  
GF Lord's Day – 55,75 Wed. - 42



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### *Not Ashamed of Jesus*

The truth of God's word and the testimony of Christ Jesus has been attacked from the first. All through the Old Testament times, the truth spoken by the Law and the prophets was attacked and twisted, as Peter noted in his "at large" epistle: "False prophets also arose among the people," he stated (2 Peter 2:1). He went on to apply that same principle to the doctrines of the new covenant, pointing out that "just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves." To re-emphasize, then, the pressures to bend, to compromise, to be silent, and to back away are ever present and directly or subtly powerful.

Timothy, reminded that he did not receive a spirit of being timid, is thus being encouraged by Paul to overpower the pressures and wiles of the darkness.

- **Of the testimony** – Based on the statement of Timothy's receiving the Spirit of power and love and discipline, Paul encourages, "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (2 Timothy 1:8). The "testimony of our Lord" is not some sort of "personal testimony" centered upon a person's feelings when God somehow reached into his life and "touched him," which is Calvinist-based nonsense. The "testimony of our Lord" is the testimony of the apostles' eyewitness accounts of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, backed by verifiable miracles as well as Old Testament prophecies and foreshadows. For modern saints, the testimony is what is recorded in the sacred writings. Timothy, then, was not to be ashamed of that testimony, but rather boldly to proclaim it!
- **Me, his prisoner** – When people are sent to prison, there is a stigma associated with that. In the case of those who committed crimes, the stigma is legitimate; in the case of those jailed for other reasons (such as saying something counter to the current "accepted narrative"), the stigma has been created to intimidate others from saying what needs to be said. Of course, the apostle Paul was not guilty of any crime, but his preaching the gospel and pointing out that man-made gods are not gods at all was bothersome, and he was made to look like a criminal as much as the propaganda organs could paint him as such. Paul thus exhorts Timothy to be bold and not be ashamed "of me His prisoner." If Timothy were to stand with Paul, he might be jailed also, but the message from heaven is still to "not be ashamed." It is also interesting that Paul did not consider himself to be a prisoner of Rome, but a prisoner of God, carrying out the Almighty's purpose from a place in prison. "Do not be ashamed," he said, "of me *His* prisoner."
- **Join in the suffering** – Bold proclamation results in persecution as the forces of darkness engage their pushback against the gospel of God. "Join with me," Paul calls Timothy forward, "in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God." The perspective of the apostles, early on when they were flogged for preaching the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the temple grounds, was that they were "rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name" (Acts 5:41). The challenge issued to Timothy, and indeed to all modern saints, is to charge—rejoicing—into that suffering by boldly teaching and preaching the gospel. If a person will not sacrifice "in the green tree," what makes him think he will be ready to suffer "in the dry"?

**Suffering successfully comes through "the power of God."**

It is interesting how the first century Christians were able to go through such intense suffering, first at the hands of the Jews and later at the hands of the Romans. The scripture records the persecution that came on the church in Jerusalem, and mentions similar types of suffering that came as the gospel spread. Even secular history notes the persecution and deaths of those early saints. How did they come through it victoriously? Paul, as he encourages Timothy to join him in suffering for the gospel, brings out the point that suffering successfully comes through "the power of God." That same power is available today!!