

**“God takes His stand in His own congregation;  
He judges in the midst of the rulers.”**

**-- Psalm 82:1**



Luke Wilson, of Bozeman, MT, preaching  
with “sound recording guys” under the canopy  
53 annual men’s Peaks  
Delmoe Reservoir

**[The chief priests and Pharisees] said  
to them, “Why did you not bring  
Him?” The officers answered, “Never  
has a man spoken the way this man  
speaks.”**

***John 7:45,46***

“Victory in 2023!!”

**August 27, 2023**

**Christ’s Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Jason Shanahan

L.S. - Steven Doty

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\* CLIFF RENNER**

L.S. - Bob Edgar

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Ryan Compton

L.S. - Steve Durnan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

School starts Mon. Sept. 11, 7:30 am

Butte

NO assembly in Butte Lord’s Day  
Sept. 3. Family Camp



**BOZEMAN -**

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

**GREAT FALLS -**

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

**Jay Wilson**

Sept. 3 assembly - 3:00 pm:  
no classes

*School starts Wed. Sept. 6  
at 7:30 am!!*

Great Falls

Congratulations to *Jared DuPaul*  
and *Kelsie McDunn*, who were  
united in marriage Sat. Aug. 19 near  
Monarch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

“The O.T. is the N.T. \_\_\_\_\_; ”

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Just as we  
have been  
approved  
**by God**  
to be entrusted  
with the gospel,  
so we speak,  
not to please man,  
but to please God  
who tests our  
**hearts.**

1 THESSALONIANS 2:4, ESV

**Question of the week:**

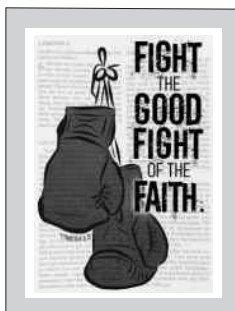
Who was it who spoke through David in Psalm 40, saying, “In the scroll of the book it is written of me, ‘I delight to do Your will, O my God.’ ” ?

Last week’s question: 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? *Answer: All suffer with the suffering; all rejoice with the one honored (1 Corinthians 12:26).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 79  
Morning Assembly – 110  
Evening Assembly – 64

Wednesday Night (8/23) – 81  
Butte Lord’s Day – 11  
GF Lord’s Day – 54,68 Wed. - 71



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### The Power of God

The power of God in modern times is primarily operative in the realm of the unseen. Forgiveness of sins, the indwelling Spirit, a clean conscience...these are not visible. Their effects might be, but that is not definitive enough as proof for the objective inquirer. While Moses visibly parted the Sea, and the walls tangibly fell on Israel's enemies, the power of God — while less spectacular in the material realm — is of significantly greater importance to the saint. "Join with me in suffering for the gospel," Paul had exhorted Timothy, adding, "according to the power of God." The apostle then begins to list some things that Timothy might draw upon in being strengthened by that power.

- **Saved us** – "God," Paul reminds Timothy, "has saved us" (2 Timothy 1:9). It is good to be reminded of our lost condition apart from Christ, the penalty of the eternal fires of hell, what it took on Jesus' part to go through the agonies of the crucifixion, and the power it took to raise Him from the dead and seat Him triumphantly on the throne. It is good to be reminded of the tremendous effort the Almighty exerted in orchestrating the history necessary to bring Christ into the world, to consider what it took for that history to be recorded and preserved. It is good to be reminded of the efforts of God (who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son) to stage the first preaching of the gospel on the Day of Pentecost AD 30, and to watch over the spread of that saving gospel. Lots of power was required in every step to get the gospel to the Jew, to the initial Gentiles, to the world.
- **Called us** – The concept of God's "calling" the saints is a thread that runs through the epistles; another word for the brethren is "the called." "He called you," Paul pointed out to the Thessalonians, "through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:14). The apostle again notes for Timothy that He "called us with a holy calling." The Christian has truly been "set apart" for God's purposes, and that "holy calling" is to leave the world behind and get on with the business of reaching the lost and caring for the saved.
- **According to His purpose** – The scripture repeatedly comments that our salvation is "not according to our works," the idea that somehow people are good enough on their own to merit an entrance into heaven. No, it took God's love, God's power, and God's initiative through His strong right arm to bring salvation to a lost and darkened race. It was "according to His own purpose and grace"; without this purpose and grace there would have been no gospel, no "calling," and no hope.
- **From all eternity** – Saints are referred to as those "whose name has been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain" (Revelation 13:8). It has long been a conundrum for the limited mind of man to comprehend how the All Knowing can provide for the free will of man and yet have the foreknowledge as to who will choose the way of life as opposed to the way of death. Paul notes that it was according to God's purpose that His grace "was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity." God knows; we chose!

We need reminders that God's power works on our behalf!

The apostle Paul wants Timothy to be strong and courageous in the proclamation of the gospel. He wants him (and ultimately the same for us moderns) not to be ashamed of the testimony of Jesus, and to be able joyfully to join in the suffering for the sake of the gospel. We moderns as well as Timothy need the reminders of God's power that works on our behalf — evidenced in the plan of salvation, the holy calling provided by God, and the grace granted to His saints. Those points, held tenaciously in the forefront of the mind, are critical in the brethren's successful suffering for the sake of the gospel.