

**“TAKE FROM AMONG YOU A CONTRIBUTION TO
THE LORD; WHOEVER IS OF A WILLING HEART”
-- EXODUS 35:5**



Cliff Renner, Charlie Brown, Josh Wallace, Jim Mitchell, and Jon Shanahan
all from Bozeman
getting things ready for the breakfast cooking
Family Camp '23
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“Beware of practicing your righteousness-
ness before men to be noticed by them;
otherwise you have no reward with your
Father who is in heaven.”**

Matthew 6:1

"Victory in 2023!!"

October 1, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Matthew Wilson

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Jon Odell

L.S. - Mike Kover

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** JIM MITCHELL**

L.S. - Brian Schweitzer

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Butte

Fellowship dinner - Oct. 15, 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

Fellowship dinner today following assembly

Prayer and fasting - Oct. 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 27,28

Bible Bowl - Mar. 16, 2024

Ladies' Advance - Bozeman ladies in charge

Men's Peaks - July 25-27, 2024

Family Camp - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2024



Question of the week:

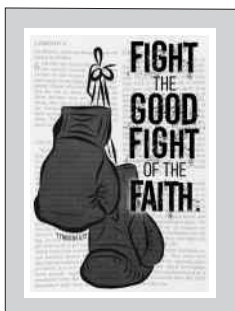
At the end of Paul's instructions for husbands and wives in Ephesians 5, what does he say husbands are to do for their wives, and what are the wives to do for their husbands?

Last week's question: In Isaiah 43 God speaks of "rivers in the desert to give drink to My chosen people." How did He go on to describe that chosen people? *Answer: "The people whom I formed for Myself" (Isaiah 43:21).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 61
Morning Assembly – 89
Evening Assembly – 57

Wednesday Night (9/27) – 59
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day – 57,87 Wed. - 58



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Some Losers and Winners

The epistles of Paul occasionally bring forth some personal points about people in Paul's life, or circumstances which he underwent. Such glimpses lend credibility to the authenticity of the letters, but they also provide some encouraging examples for modern brethren. But these same letters bring out some negatives about people who became Paul's enemies (and thus enemies of the Lord, although they probably did not see it that way); these negatives are also instructive, and help modern saints to keep their focus in the midst of major confusion and disruption. Every word of these epistles is inspired, and designed to be passed on by the Holy Spirit Himself.

- **Turning away** – The apostle Paul often demonstrated his apostleship by the types of miracles he could perform, as contrasted to false apostles. In Ephesus (where Timothy apparently was at the writing of this epistle), Paul had performed some really awesome miracles to verify his eyewitness account of the events concerning Jesus and his inspired presentation of the way of salvation. "And God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul," states Luke in his history, "so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out" (Acts 19:11,12). The result was "that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10). And yet, less than 20 years later, the apostle writes, "You are aware of the fact," he emphasizes, "that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes" (2 Timothy 1:15). What sad words for the man who gave so much to get the gospel to the province of Asia, and who is now languishing in prison for the cause of Christ, to have to report. If "all Asia" could be turned away from Paul, moderns get a sense of how intense the spiritual battle is, and how destructive men like Phygelus and Hermogenes must have been to be specifically named in the eternal scriptures as possible leaders in the turning away. Learn and take warning!

**May each of us
find mercy on
that day also!**

- **Onesiphorus** – But in the midst of all the gravel there are jewels. In contrast to the other two, Paul writes in glowing terms of Onesiphorus, "The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chains" (2 Timothy 1:16). When there is a repressive government, as in the case of Rome as it ratcheted up its persecution of Christianity, a question might arise in the mind of a person as to whether he would like to have his name associated with such a visible "miscreant" as the apostle Paul. Hence the praise for Onesiphorus is high: "often refreshed me," and — this is a big one — "was not ashamed of my chains." The effort of this faithful saint is appreciated and noticed, as Paul commented, "but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me, and found me" (2 Timothy 1:17). What an effort that must have been, to work through the chaotic streets of Rome, and to search through the dank prisons to find the apostle! But this was not the only accomplishment of merit in Onesiphorus' case. "You know," Paul recalls for Timothy, who apparently was physically present, "very well what services he rendered at Ephesus" (2 Timothy 1:18). This was a truly awesome saint, unnamed except in this epistle, but certainly receiving due recognition in the Lamb's book of life.

Two different directions: Phygelus and Hermogenes turning away from Paul and the gospel; Onesiphorus, a faithful and humble servant, willing to do the things of low visibility, but of great value. The first two do not have a happy eternity. But Paul prayed for Onesiphorus, that the Lord would grant him mercy for his service to Paul, and again, "the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day." *That day* is coming soon, as Jesus returns at the last trumpet. May each of us find mercy on that day also!

JAY WILSON