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2025 — 2nd Quarter Prayer Letter

Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Galatians 6:7-9 *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (8) For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (9) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."*

It is in these verses that the Apostle Paul gives us, through inspiration of the Holy Ghost, the principles of sowing and reaping; and there may be some things in life that change... but God NEVER does, nor does the principle of sowing and reaping. In these three verses, the word reap is mentioned four times and the importance of the subject is clear... you reap **WHAT** you sow. If you plant a kernel of corn, first you can guarantee that you will not reap green beans. Of course there has to be the effort and labor put into the sowing, that is our part.

Now Paul understood the hard work, the literal blood, sweat and tears that goes into the labor of sowing the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, for he exhorts us to *"...not be weary in well doing..."*; he understood the necessity of sowing the gospel if there was to be a reaping in the harvest of humanity being redeemed to God and becoming victorious over death, hell, and the grave!

Furthermore, he understood another important element to this principle of sowing and reaping and that is the fact that you reap **LATER** than you sow as he continues to say in verse (9) *"...for in due season we SHALL reap..."*. We would be foolish to expect that kernel of corn to be ready to reap over night; regardless of our excitement, our anticipation of that sweet ear of corn saturated in butter (real butter that is) and salt... we are just going to have to wait, because sowing and reaping takes time and patience.

But he also understood the worth of consistency and faithfulness for he concludes verse (9) by saying *"...in due season we shall reap, **IF** we faint not."* Montana certainly has its fair share of dry summer seasons, seasons that usually produce more wild fires than one would care to think about; but it is the spiritual dry seasons that often cause good men and women to pack up and go home with their hearts full of discouragement and defeat.

But the reality is (specifically God's reality, not ours), that if we are sowing, if we are remaining consistent and faithful to the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we are never defeated and there really is no reason to be discouraged!

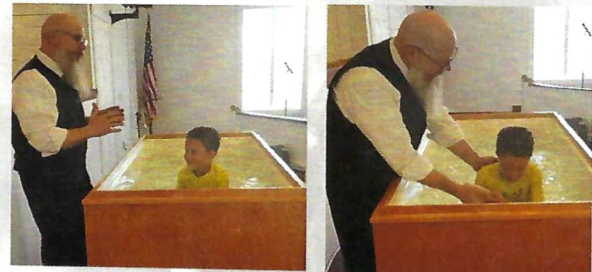
We praise God for what He has allowed us to see already this year, and we are excited to see what is yet to come. We have seen several accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour, whether at church or at the Montana Women's Prison in the last few months.

We have seen several take that first step of obedience after salvation in following our Lord in believers baptism, with a couple more lined up.

And we have had some open doors to witness and preach that plain and pure Gospel to a group of folks that we have been witnessing to for several years! God is good!

Believe me when I say that there has been some very dry times, times when I have wondered if we are making any difference, there are time I have felt that discouragement and defeat starting to creep in... but one of the things that keeps us going is YOU! Thank you all for your continued support as all of this is added to your account!

With the Love of Christ ~ Bro. John McKinney and Family



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