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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

that time of the year when many people make New Year's resolutions. With fixed determination they try to achieve what they resolutions. Why not?

There are three powerful enemies that often work together to keep us from fulfilling those resolutions: 1.) The flesh, or better yet, the sinful nature. Paul specifically describes its power, "I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carrv it out." We inherited this sinful nature from Adam and Eve and it controls all unbelievers; 2.) The world, or this world's system, has a lot to draw us away from what is good and right — that is to worship God with all our lives; 3.) The devil. He is real. He was cast out of heaven for pride and rebellion, and he led other angelic beings to rebel with him. Peter warns us, "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5: 8).

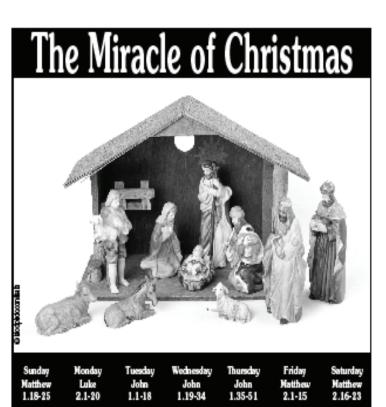
With these three adversaries constantly opposing us, it is easy to understand how most people fail to achieve or accomplish their resolutions and fulfill commitments.

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about struggling with sin me" (Gal. 2:20). These words have announced at some and how to overcome it. Sin are true for every man, womparty. However, they sel- is overcome only by being an and child. A person must domkeepthoseNewYear's born-again, allowing God's have Christ living in them

The Christmas celebra- right in their own eyes bring- Holy Spirit to live in us and before they can begin to tions are over. Now comes inggrief, disappointment and surrendering to Him (Rom. destruction into their own 8:9). Paul described it best lives and the lives of their when he wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no The apostle Paul wrote longer live, but Christ lives in



hristmas is the celebration of a miracle. In a lowly stable, new hope lay in swaddling clothes. Angels, shepherds and Wise Men heralded the birth of the king.

The celebration of Christmas symbolizes faith for today and hope for tomorrow. It is greatness born of humility. Christmas is the message born of a miracle...the message of truth. In John 18:37 Jesus proclaimed to Pilate, "For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."

As we worship and meditate upon the miracle of Christmas, we honor the message of truth...God's gift of a new emergence of love and salvation for humankind, as new today as on that first Christmas...the message of the miracle of the Christ Child. live a righteous life.

The Bible teaches that Jesus is able to sympathize with your weaknesses. He has been tempted in every way, just as you are, yet He was without sin. Jesus is able to help you overcome sin and set you free from the bondage of sin. Jesus said, "Everyone who sins

is a slave to sin." However. He also said, "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." (John 8:34,36). Jesus is not only able to save you from hell but save you from your sins in this life as well. When you repent and confess your sins. He is faithful and just and will forgive you of your sins and purify you from all unrighteousness.

Jesus also taught that only a few will enter the narrow gate and walk the narrow road that leads to eternal life. (Matt. 7:14) Those who have chosen the narrow gate and walk on the narrow road are those who have accepted Jesus as personal Savior and Lord. They find themselves becoming more and more like Christ and living victoriously over the sin that desires to destroy them and their relationship with the Lord.

The only New Year's resolution that can withstand the flesh, the world and the devil. is to resolve to accept Jesus Christ as Savior

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Filing Application of Black Diamond Oil, Inc.

on Friday, December 14, and Friday, December 28, 2007 (2T) **BEFORE THE STATE**

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Any person who objects or protests to such application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication, stating the reasons why proposed plan as contained in the application may cause damage to oil, gas, or fresh and usable water resources.

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There is so much that comes at us especially this time of the year. Before we know it Christmas day is here and it seems that we just did not get prepared to celebrate it as we had hoped. The world's way of celebrating Christmas sometimes has a way of keeping us from enjoying the Lord Jesus' birthday in spirit and truth.

If you want to grasp true joy during the Christmas season it is imperative that you catch the significance in how God showed love by giving Christ. God gave His Son and Christ came willingly-true expressions of sacrificial love.

To help you grasp this love, Pastor Terry Laughlin has put together a message titled:

CHRISTMAS LOVE THE LOVE OF GOD. **CHRIST GIVEN**

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