

Attend Church Regularly

...and read your Bible daily



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"You Must Have the Spirit of Christ"

By Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

Jesus said; "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him. But you know Him for He lives with you and will be in you." (John 14: 16, 17)

It is the special privilege of the born-again Christian to have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He is the third Person of the Trinity and He is to be known, not just talked about or heard of. He is much more than just a name mentioned in a creed, in a hymnal or during a baptism service.

Non-Christians do not know Him and sadly many church attendees only know about Him. That is why the sins of the flesh, the world and the devil so easily overtake them. The Bible says, "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." (Romans 8: 13, 14) Therefore, "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you

not realize that Christ Jesus is in you - unless, of course, you fail the test?" (2 Corinthians 13: 5)

The litmus test for seeing if you are living a life

led of the Holy Spirit is the Word of God. It tells us in Galatians chapter five of the fruit of the Holy Spirit which will be evident in an obedient Christian's

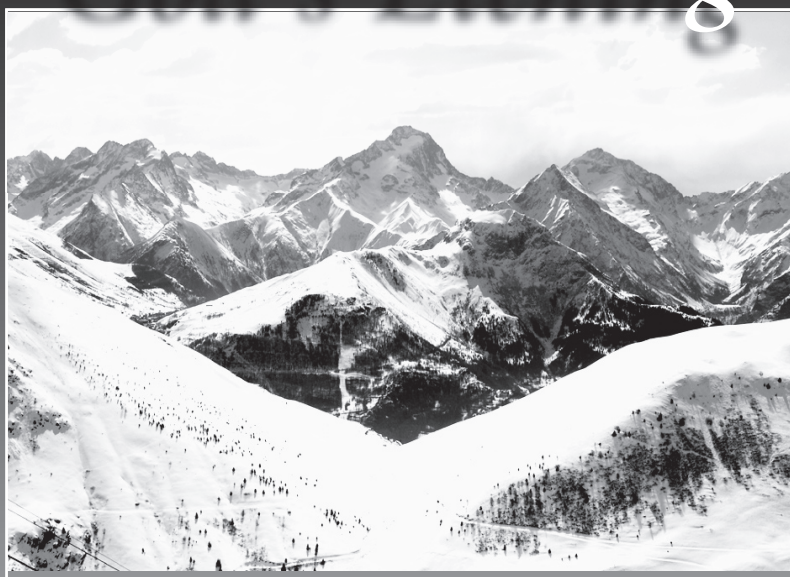
life. These are: Love: A genuine self-sacrifice for the good of others; Joy: Great pleasure and delight in who God is and what He has provided; Peace:

A sense of well-being, rest, tranquility not dependent on circumstances; Gentleness: Kindness toward others, reasonableness and flexibility; Patience: Stability under pressure, self-controlled under provocation from others; Faithfulness: Reliability and perseverance; Meekness: Willingness to be governed. A submissive attitude toward authority and circumstances; Self-control: Especially of one's passions.

True Christians "... are not controlled by the sinful nature but by the [Holy] Spirit... And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ." (Rom. 8: 9) Friend, if you don't have Christ, you are not saved.

Invite Christ into your heart today! Be empowered to overcome the flesh, the world and the devil. You can then enjoy the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life, instead of being destroyed by the wages of sin, which is eternal death.

God's Etching



Man's ventures in art merely imitate the magnificence of God's designs. No museum can offer a winter landscape to rival God's own etching.

The works of the Divine Artist not only bring us beauty, peace and inspiration, but also teach us fundamental lessons for everyday living. The love so evident in nature's beauty is a love we can all share. The orderliness of creation inspires unity, trust, and brotherhood.

For all our spiritual searching, you and I cannot match the touch of the Almighty. But following lines He has drawn for us, perhaps one day our human scene will look more like something God etched.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts 10.1-33	Acts 10.34-48	Acts 11.1-18	Acts 11.19-30	Acts 12.1-25	Mark 1.21-39	Colossians 4.2-18

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NEW ALMELO

By **BETTY OTTER**

Ruth Vahling attended the baptism of her great-grandson, Dominic James Vahling, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Norton, by Father Vincent Thu Laing on Jan. 20. Dominic is the son of Greg and Alisha Vahling. He has a sister, Alyson.

Others present were Michael Vahling, Lori and Martin Kollman, grandparents, Dick and Betty Vahling and John and Brenda Arnold; and great-grandmother, Alberta Ritter. Ruth spent an

evening in Norton last week with her great-grandchildren, Alyson and Dominic Vahling.

New Almelo Knights of Columbus held their annual free throw contest at the Lenora Gymnasium on Sunday, Jan. 27. Garret Otter won the boys 11-year old competition and Jordan Bel won the 13-year old competition. They will compete at the district level at Damar.

John Linden also won a door prize at the Knights of Columbus membership supper.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

ADOTPION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATON PLAN BEFORE USD #213, LENORA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOTPION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN BEFORE USD #213, LENORA SCHOOL DISTRICT

You are hereby advised, pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held in the USD #213 Library at 325 S. Chapman, Lenora on the 11th day of February, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to consider whether the above mentioned taxing district

should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of their district. The Norton County Commission enacted the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Norton County, Kansas on November 13, 2007.

The proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of the Norton County Clerk in the Norton County Courthouse during regular business hours or online at <http://www.discovernorton.com>.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR THE ESTATE OF MORRIS D. SCHABEN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of MORRIS D. SCHABEN, Deceased
Case No. 2008-PR-3

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on January 15, 2008, a Petition was filed in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, by Robert J. Marx, petitioner, of the estate of Morris D. Schaben, Deceased, praying for the appointment of Robert J. Marx as executor of said estate.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 15th day of February, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in

this court, in the city of Norton, Norton County, Kansas at which time and place said cause will be heard.

You are further notified that all creditors of the decedent are to exhibit their demands against the estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, within thirty days after actual notice is given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Herein take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.
Robert J. Marx, Petitioner

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VICTORIOUSLY LIVING OVER THE FLESH

RECOGNITION OF AN ENEMY

Romans 8:12-14, "Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

Before a battle can be won, there must be the recognition of an enemy: The most continual aggressive enemy the Christian has is the "sinful nature" or rather the "flesh." The "flesh" (sarx) or that sinful nature has been compared to cancer. It is not like a rotten branch on a tree that can be broken off and gotten out of the way, thus protecting the rest of the tree. No, it lies deep always looking for its opportunity to grow and cause more damage. Matthew Henry wrote, "Sin is a brat which nobody is willing to own up to, a sign that it is a scandalous thing." It is that part in you that always wants to put the blame on someone else.

The apostle Paul writes about the character of the flesh in Galatians 5:17, "For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want." Romans 3:23 says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The Bible tells us of the fruit that comes out of a life that has lost its battle with the flesh. It says they "...are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21)

"Victoriously Living Over the Flesh" begins with an honest look at oneself and then agreeing with God's Word that this enemy is real and powerful enough to keep mankind out of fellowship with the Lord.

God's solution:

Accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord!

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