

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Foundational Love"

By Preacher/Teacher Terry L. Laughlin, CrossRoads Ministries

In the Book of John 13:34-35, Jesus makes a powerful statement, "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another" (emphasis ours).

God has given clear instructions on how to achieve this commandment to love one another. They are found in what is known to many born again Christians as "The One Anothers" in Scripture. Through the Holy Spirit, the Lord has given us what we need to know on how to express God's love toward others in at least thirty-four passages of Scripture. However, there is one foundational principle that must be applied if we are going to effectively show the love of Christ to all men.

The beloved John wrote, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8) There is a truth here that must be understood. Though the "One Anothers" in Scripture are actions that we do, they are first and foremost an attribute of God that is experienced by us and then expressed through us in a way that will point people to Jesus Christ. It is a necessity, therefore, that we first repent of sin, receive forgiveness, and accept Jesus Christ into our hearts to be both Savior and Lord.

The source of our enabling will determine the end results of any outward expressions of

love--whether it be false or true. Religious cults and false teachers are masters at showing a false love that feeds on the desire of each person to be "good enough" to save himself--that fleshly need to have all attention drawn to self. While at the same time these wolves in sheep's clothing are feeding an inward pride of being able to

control and have an influence over the lives of others.

True expressions of love come as an outflow of knowing, living and abiding in God's love, the results of which will be actions and testimonies that glorify Jesus Christ alone, not testimonies that glorify an individual, a church or a certain religious group. With-

out Him, we can do nothing good!

The true Body of Christ, "God's elect," are those who "...through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, [are surrendered to] obedience to Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:1-2). Their desire is to work through the "One Anothers" in Scripture in a way that causes people to say, "Now, those people are followers of Jesus Christ." These Christians live in such a way that causes people to realize that they are being accepted, forgiven and comforted as Christ accepted, forgave and comforts all God's children. They are Christians who live a life expressing such a love for the Lord and their fellow man, that people can see what sacrificial love is all about. Christians who have revelation and illumination of the "One Anothers" do not neglect themselves; they are fully able to meet the needs of their family while being involved in helping others. Jesus has revealed to them that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). They do not "...look only to [their] own interest, but also to the interest of others." (Php. 2:4)

Unless you live by the foundational principles found in the Word of God, selfish love will prevail. You will be unfulfilled and out of fellowship with the Lord. Christ said, "I have come that you may have life abundantly." Find God's foundational love through Christ today and learn all you can about how to express His love through the "One Anothers".



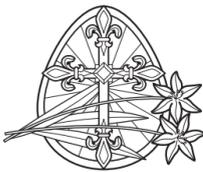
Almost Doesn't Count

In the game of golf, almost doesn't count. Neither does almost count when we speak of our relationship with God. This relationship needs to be personal, trusting, and fulfilling...not almost but total.

Yes, we have a much better chance at winning at the game of life when we connect with the Source of all life's blessings. As we worship each week let us be totally persuaded to fill our lives with the will of our Heavenly Father. "May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." (Romans 15:13)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ephesians 5.3-33	Ephesians 6.1-24	John 14.1-31	John 15.1-17	John 15.18-16.4a	John 16.4b-33	Ezekiel 2.1 - 3.11

Scriptures Selected by The American Bible Society
Copyright 2009, Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, P. O. Box 8187, Charlottesville, VA 22906, www.kwnews.com



THE SPONSORS OF THIS CHURCH PAGE DO SO WITH PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

McMullen Real Estate
Donald McMullen, Broker; Robert Wyatt
McMullen & Wyatt Auctions
Auctioneers - Realtors
• Farm • Estate • Antiques • Households
113 N. State - Norton - Phone 877-3299

Norton Animal Health Center
Complete Large and Small Animal Service
801 W. Holme - Norton - Phone 877-2411
Aaron R. White, DVM
Sarah Ketterl White, DVM
Monday thru Friday: 8-5; Saturday: 9-Noon

Engel's Sales and Service
Complete Auto Repair
Small Engines and
Lawn Care Equipment
•Toro •Lawnboy •Stihl Chain Saws
209 W. Lincoln - Norton - Phone 877-3391

Bridges Group Inc.
"Serving the Norton Area Since 1894"
117 N. Kansas
Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-4016

Moffet Drug Store
"Prescription Specialists"
Hallmark Cards and
Russell Stover Candies
102 S. State - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-2721

Whitney Construction and Farms
Dry Fertilizer
Sales and Applications
•Terracing •Dozer Work •Ponds
Route 1 - Norton - Phone 785-877-3745

Nelson Bros. Construction, Inc.
General Contractors
Butler Buildings
Equipment Rental
Route 3 - Norton - Phone 785-877-2554

Ag Valley Co-operative
Elevator - Service Station
877-5131 or 877-5188 - Norton
Clayton Branch -
Phone 785-693-4522

Sander Furniture and Gifts
Sander Bed and Bath
Tuesday through Saturday:
9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Bradley and Kim Sander
301 W. Holme - Norton - 785-877-4974

First State Bank
"Your Progressive Community Bank"
MEMBER FDIC
105 W. Main - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-3341

Norton Shop and Save
"Your Local Affiliated Full Service Grocer"
313 W. Main - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-2422

Security Abstract Company
Abstracters Title Insurance Agents
•Home Loans
Prompt - Efficient - Confidential
214 E. Washington - Norton - 877-2141
Jolene L. Weiser, Owner

Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse
Fresh and Silk Arrangements
Trees, Shrubs, Bedding Plants
209 N. Kansas - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-3345

Lee Hardy Construction LLC
New Construction • Concrete
Roofing • Remodeling • Decks
— Electrical • Rental Service —
874-4315 or 871-0832-1120 N. State, Norton

American Family Insurance
Curt Wahlmeier, Agent
•Auto •Home •Health •Life •Commercial
"All Your Protection Under One Roof"
111. W. Washington, Norton - 877-5802

Don's Floor Covering
Residential and Commercial
•Carpet •Sheet Vinyl •Tile
Levolor Blinds - Panasonic Vacuums
113 W. Washington - Norton, Kansas
877-3002 - Don Kaus - FREE ESTIMATES

Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin, P.A.
N. Hwy. 83, Oberlin, Kansas (North of Sale Barn)
785-475-3808 - 1-800-953-3808
Mark R. Olson, D.V.M. • Travis A. Hissong, D.V.M.
24-Hour Emergency Service

Destination Kitchen Everything under the sun for your kitchen
115 W. Main, Norton, KS • 877-2911
Cindy Boller and Georgia Mann

Pizza Hut/Taco Bell
Come Join Us for Our "SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET"
Pizza, Pasta, Salad and Dessert
FREE COFFEE or TEA
W. Hwy. 36 - Norton - Phone 877-3359

KPA WORD CLASSIFIEDS

Adoption
ADOPTION- Happily married young couple seeking to adopt newborn. Expenses paid. Call ANYTIME. Sarah and Nick 1-800-558-1471

Social Security disability claims; Saunders & Saunders Attorneys at Law. No recovery, No fee! 1-800-259-8548.

Adoption. Loving, happily married couple with financial security wishes to adopt newborn. Expenses paid. Please call Noah & Robin at 1-800-449-5977.

Manufactured Homes
(AAA) \$8,000 Federal Government Money. No money down if you have land or family land. Easy, easy financing. Call for prequalification!! 800-841-0033.

Business Opportunity
All Cash Vending! Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. Includes 25 Machines and Candy. All for \$9995. 1-888-753-3441.

Economic Stimulus Program \$0 Down Payment on Home placed on Your Land or Family Land! 3, 4, & 5 bdrms available! \$8K Tax Rebate! Your Land Deed is your Credit! 866-858-6862

Educational
MISSOURI WELDING INSTITUTE. Nevada, Missouri. Become a Certified Pipe/Structural Welder. Graduate in 18 weeks, earn up to \$35/hour. Companies calling weekly searching for our graduates. 1-800-667-5885.

Government Financing Available. Up to \$8,000 stimulus money back. Manufactured-Modular homes. Damaged credit, no land okay. Land owners zero down. 800-375-3115. Call to pre-qualify.

For Sale
Save this ad for a 15% discount. Hardwoods, all species and grades. Kiln dried-conditioned. No nonsense or gimmicks. Delivery available on larger orders 620-546-4594

Misc.
Airlines Are Hiring - Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Housing Available. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance. (888) 349-5387.

Help Wanted
City Lake Caretaker/part-time police certification, heavy equipment operator experience preferred. Applications to City Hall, P.O. Box 313, Council Grove, KS 66846, 620-767-5417. Drug/alcohol pre-screening required, EOE.

Attend College Online from Home. Medical, Business, Paralegal, Computers, Criminal Justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. Call 866-858-2121 www.CenturaOnline.com

Host Families Foreign Exchange Students, ages 15-18, have own spending money & insurance. Call Now for students arriving in August! Great life experience. 1-800-SIBLING. www.aise.com.

Special Events
Shrine Bowl, July 25, Wichita, Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. 1.800.530.5524, ksshine.com. 5K, Arts & Crafts Fair, Parade, Poker Run, Kids Fair, HS Combine, All-Star Football, and MORE.

Mailing Brochures! Weekly pay + Bonus. Supplies furnished. Guaranteed Opportunity. Call now! 1-800-307-7131.

Special Notice
Divorce with or without children \$95.00. With FREE name change documents (wife only) and marital settlement agreement. Fast and easy. Call us 24 hrs/7 days: 1-888-789-0198.

Help Wanted/Truck Driver

Steel Buildings For Sale
20x8x8; 40x8x8; 48x8.5x9.5; 53x8.5x9.5 SHIPPING CONTAINERS. Camlock doors, hardwood floors support forklift. Delivery available. 1-785-655-9430 Solomon. www.chuckhenry.com complete web listing, photos, specs, pricing.

Legal Services

PUBLIC NOTICE

Without public notices in the newspaper, you're left guessing.



Public notice is your right to know about the issues that directly affect your life. And, you can easily find public notices in your local newspaper. Without public notices in the newspaper, you're left to guess about

what the government is doing in your community and how elected officials are spending your tax dollars.

Your local newspaper fulfills an essential role in serving your right to know. After all, it shouldn't be your responsibility to know how to look ... where to look ... when to look ... and even what to look for in order to be informed about public information. It is the government's responsibility to notify you of public information, and your local newspaper is the most accessible place to find it.

PUBLIC NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS.
Where public information is accessible to the public.



