

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

A leading and a pleading

Joel and I are coming closer to wrapping up our study of the Holy Spirit. I pray that it has been beneficial to you as much as it has to us. A study such as this doesn't have to be shrouded in mystery. God has revealed all we need to know in regard to how the Spirit works in and through us. It ought to give us tremendous comfort to know He's indwelling us as Christians (Acts 2: 38). He convicts us of sin that would lead to our destruction (John 16:8). He leads us in the way of righteousness (John 16:8). He shows us the way of truth (John 16:13). He is our helper (John 14: 16), our comforter (John 16: 7) and our intercessor (Romans 8:26-27). He searches our hearts and intercedes for us according to God's will. Jesus has promised us the Spirit would be with us forever (John 14: 16). Because all these things are true, there are things expected of us. He calls us to be obedient (John 14:15). He expects us to keep His commandments (John 14:21). We are expected to keep His Word (John 14:23). We are to exhibit peace that surpasses understanding (John 14: 27). We are to love each other just as Christ Jesus has loved us (John 15: 12). He also calls us to use the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit to grow the body of Christ on earth. *"To each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* (1 Cor. 12: 7). The Holy Spirit has enabled you to help grow, solidify, serve and build up the church with the gifts He has imparted unto you. Our obedience to the things God has called us to do shows our love for Him.

Have a blessed day and remember the One who gave it to you!

Kevin

News and Notes

Ladies Class – There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front foyer if you would like to attend the Ladies Class. The class will begin on Sunday morning, September 6th and will meet in the Junior High classroom. Please see Karen Tucker for more info.

Prayer Requests

♥Continue to lift up Edwina Summers, Harold Phillips, Darrell Freeman, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Margret Brand, Joan Hall, Dallas Shaffer, Noah Miller, Jr., Sharon Little, Mary Smallwood, Marsha Kisner, Becky McCoy, Pat Morris, David & Sandy Gooden and Buck Osborne in your prayers.

♥Please pray for Randy & Margie Kisner. Randy will be having surgery this coming Wednesday on his back. Margie continues to have difficulty with her knee.

♥Francis & Joan Lough are still in need of your prayers. Francis has improved somewhat and Joan is recovering from her recent fall.

♥Judy Securro had knee replacement surgery this past week.

♥Jenny Securro is still dealing with pregnancy complications. Please keep her and Jason in your prayers.

♥John Pheasant (Randy Pheasant's father) is dealing with terminal cancer.

♥Buck Osborne continues to have serious health issues relating to his diabetes. Please keep him, Kim and Julie in your prayers.

♥Please keep the Nursery School teachers, the children and parents in your prayers as they will begin school on September 6th.

Precious to Christ

Anytime we buy something we have to decide how important that thing is to us. The more we want something, the more we are willing to pay for it. You might want a new computer, but I don't think you would be willing to spend \$150,000 for it. However, you might be willing to spend that much on a new house. Why? , Because the house is more valuable to you.

Now ask yourself, "What would I be willing to give for my life?" I bet the list isn't long, and this much is for sure: whatever it is must be extremely important to you (wife, kids, friends, etc.).

Peter said, "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges accruing to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your sojourning here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Peter 1: 17-19).

When Christ purchased you from your sins, it was not with money, but with His precious blood. Never forget how important you are to Him.

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