

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"The Greatest Love of All"

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"For this reason I kneel before the Father... that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." -- Ephesians 3: 14, 17-19

Every one of us who is now born-again in Christ Jesus was at one time an enemy of God. We loved ourselves more than God, and we esteemed our sin more highly than we esteemed His salvation. We were fit only for hell and the judgment of God. Scripture says that, "we were by nature objects of wrath."

If you have not yet accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord, you are, unfortunately, still in this position with God. But, we were changed, and so can you be changed!

"Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved." -- Eph. 2: 4,5

Because of His great love! This is the sole reason that any one of us may be reconciled back to God. There simply is no other rationale for us to have been given the opportunity to live in His presence forever. It is because of His great love!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." -- John 3: 16

God's love for you is perfect, complete and everlasting. Our human love for one another is

fickle and changeable. The dearest of friends may find offense and part ways. A vow of love at the altar may fail only months or years later. Even a parent may let their love for their own child grow cold, or a child for his parent. But the love of the Lord our God, Creator of heaven and earth does not fail. His love does not grow cold. He says...

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." -- Jeremiah 31: 3


There is no person, no thing seen or unseen, no trial or hardship that can separate you from the love of God. The apostle Paul, a man acquainted with many trials and much suffering, wrote these words:

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." -- Romans 8: 38,39

Who of you can refuse such a love as this?

Why would you want to?

FIRST STEP



Baby's first step! What an important milestone! There might be some initial wavering, but with trust, determination, encouragement and loving guidance, that all important self-assurance is soon to follow.

At times, events in our lives leave us insecure and unsure of the steps we should take and the decisions we should make. The most important step we can take is the one into our house of worship. In Psalm 8:2, David tells us the Lord has "set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure." God is waiting with outstretched arms to love and encourage us. His unequalled strength and assurance will help us when we falter. All we need to do is step toward Him.

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| Sunday 1 Peter 4.1-19 | Monday 1 Peter 5.1-14 | Tuesday 2 Peter 1.1-21 | Wednesday 2 Peter 2.1-22 | Thursday 2 Peter 3.1-18 | Friday Luke 10.25-37 | Saturday John 13.1-38 |
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGIE L. ROGERS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS MARGIE L. THOMPSON, DECEASED

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, May 1, 8, 15, 2009. (3T)

In the Matter of the Estate of MARGIE L. ROGERS, formerly known as MARGIE L. THOMPSON, Deceased

Case No. 2008-PR-47
NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Ronald L. Thompson, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Margie L. Rogers, formerly known as Margie L. Thompson, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs

be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 26th day of May, 2009, at 1:30 o'clock P.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Ronald L. Thompson, Executor

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•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANE E. URBAN, Deceased

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JANE E. URBAN, Deceased, Case No. 2009-PR-14

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Gregory B. Vanover, one of the heirs of Jane E. Urban, deceased, praying that descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Decatur County, Kansas:

An undivided one half of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) and the West 15 acres of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Four (4) South,

Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Decatur County, Kansas, and all other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death, and that all such real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Norton in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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