

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Romans 8:8-9**.
- B. From Roy H. Enoch (3-6-94).
- C. Paul sets forth the differences between those who are fleshly and those who are spiritual.
- D. The two classes are not compatible. We are in one class or the other. The consequences of each class are as different as their nature.
- E. We are to have the spirit of X. What does that mean?

I. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF HUMILITY.

- A. He lived humbly thinking of others rather than Himself (Phil. 2:5-8).
- B. He taught humility to His apostles (Mt. 18:1-3).
- C. He washed the disciples' feet and taught them to do the same for others (Jn. 13: 1-17).

II. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF TENDERNESS.

- A. When dealing with the "sinful woman" He showed consideration and mercy (Lk. 7:36-50).
- B. The "adulterous woman" was accused but the man she was with, was not brought; and He showed their hypocrisy and forgave her (Jn. 8:1-11).

III. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS.

- A. He taught forgiveness:
 - 1. We are to love our enemies (Mt. 5:43-44).
 - 2. We are to continue to forgive (Mt. 18:21-22).
- B. He demonstrated the spirit of forgiveness:
 - 1. Peter denied Him, but He forgave (Lk. 22:32).
 - 2. He prayed for the forgiveness of those who crucified Him (Lk. 23:34).

IV. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF OBEDIENCE.

- A. At the age of 12 He felt the need to "be about My Father's business" (Lk. 2:49).
- B. He was willing to be baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Mt. 3:15).
- C. He pleased His Father (Jn. 8:29).
- D. The climax of His obedience is our salvation (Heb. 5:8-9; Phil. 2:8).

V. CHRIST HAS THE SPIRIT OF LOVE.

- A. X showed His love for us by dying for the ungodly (Rom. 5:6).
- B. He loved His friends:
 - 1. Lazarus was a friend of X (Jn. 11:35-36).
 - 2. The example (Jn. 15:13-14).
- C. X loved His enemies (Mt. 5:44; 1Jn. 4:10).

VI. CHRIST HAD A MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

- A. He sent out the 12 and the 70 to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mt. 10: 1-42; Lk. 10:1).
- B. He gave the apostles a world-wide commission for the church (Mk. 16:15-16).
- C. He gave a perpetual command until He comes again (Mt. 28:19-20).
- D. He commands that all faithful persons to teach as is appropriate (2Tim. 2:2).

CONCLUSION.

- A. These are the characteristics of Christ that we should wear.

- B. They do not come automatically at baptism, but must be added.
- C. Does your life reflect the image or spirit of X?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.