THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Overcoming

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Nate, Ed, Natalee Owen, Brandon, Vanessa, Josiah; Wayne and Cathy; Peggy Beebe.

Evangelism Meeting: There will be a meeting at Daniel and Emery Schramm's home Friday evening July 10 beginning at 6:00 PM to discuss our evangelism programs. Everyone interested in evangelism is encouraged to attend.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham for fishing season.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program.

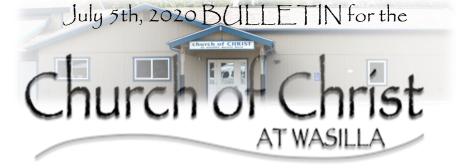
Today's Scripture: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21 (KJV)

Wisdom for Today: "Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight." Psalm 9:19 (KJV)

Attendance Last Sunday 63: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear		
Believe	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6	
Repent	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10	
Confess	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33	
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16	
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4		

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto sal-

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MEETING TIMES	COME JOIN US!
<u>Sunday:</u>	The church of Christ at Wasilla meets at:
Bible Classes: 10AM	
AM Worship: 11AM	2061 N. Merciful Circle
PM Worship: 5PM	Wasilla, AK 99654
Wednesday:	(907) 373-5773
Bible Study: 7PM	
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We face many challenges and difficulties on a daily basis that sometimes it becomes too burdensome. Life becomes dull and the meaning of life can sometimes be hard to understand. For this reason many people begin to choose the things of this world over God. And once they choose whatever snare of this world it often enslaves them to it. In Alaska alcohol and heroine among many others are ravenous drugs that destroy many families and lives because individuals believe these things to be their only way out or escape from reality. But if one would take some time and devote themselves to the word of God, they would quickly find that these wicked drugs are what leave them empty. The only way to have any everlasting purpose and satisfaction in this life is to put God first and serve him Matthew 5:6 NASB "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Seeking true satisfaction in this world only comes from a life devoted to glorifying God. While it is not easy for those who have embraced the pleasures of this world to give them up IT CAN be DONE! Luke 9:23-25 NKJV "Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"

I John 5:4-5 NKJV <u>"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.</u> And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

This verse, to me, carry's a lot of weight behind it. There is so much meaning, encouragement and excitement in these two passages that if we don't know it or study it would leave one feeling empty. Just think about what is being said "whatever is born of God." How does one become born of God? That answer is easy since God in his infinite wisdom never left any doubt how we can accomplish this John 3:3-5 NKJV <u>"Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."</u>

Sermon and Article By: Joe Murdock

Secondly we can have victory and not just any victory but victory over this world! That is an amazing blessing. Without this victory there is only defeat and that defeat is death I Corinthians 15:25-26 NKJV <u>"For</u> <u>He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last en-</u> <u>emy that will be destroyed is death.</u> Christ through His resurrection has already defeated death and now death has no sting because those who are faithful have victory in Christ. I Corinthians 15:55-57 NKJV <u>"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades,</u> <u>where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of</u>

sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ." God has provided the true escape not
from reality but from the snares of this world. I Corinthians 10:12-13
NKJV "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."



Finally we see that all this is made true through our beliefs acted upon. And our belief that is acted upon is based on Christ. He is the greatest refuge for any soul that feels overcome by this worlds troubles. John 4:13-14 NKJV <u>"Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The choices we make daily show where our trust is. Falling enslaved to this world is not done by some random accident but starts with a choice. Today we still have the same two choices that Adam and Eve had. Obey God and abstain from disobedience or disobey God and allow ourselves to become captive to the devil. Will you overcome and serve God?</u>