

THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK

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*“There is therefore now no condemnation
to them which are in Christ Jesus,
who walk not after the flesh,
but after the Spirit.”
Romans 8:1*

These words of the Apostle serve to remind us of the freedom the Christian has received through the meritorious work of our Lord Jesus Christ. With this knowledge in our hearts we then possess both peace and joy.

The Apostle Paul makes it clear that to be found in Christ Jesus means that the leading of our carnal nature must be abandoned and with newness of mind and heart we are led by the Spirit of God. *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; all things are become new. II Cor. 5:17* Our walk is now sanctified by the Holy Spirit. How wonderful and comforting it is to know that our Friend Most Precious is our constant companion as He reassures us with these words, *“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Heb. 13:5* The songwriter has written so well, *“And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am his own ---.”*

If we mortals could always walk in obedience to His leading, our joy would always be full, even to overflowing. But unfortunately, we must still carry this carnal flesh with us. And because this flesh continually wants its fulfillment, we are often tempted to partake of those things that are contrary to the leading of the Spirit. Sometime the temptation becomes so great that we do fall into error. It is then that the peace of a good conscience eludes us and the joy within is diminished.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sept 2nd	Ken Storm	10:00	Holy Communion
Sept 9th	Cal Niemela	11:00	
Sept 16th	Ken Storm	11:00	Ken Storm Med Care 2:00PM
Sept 23rd	Roy Tapio	11:00	Potluck Meal
Sept 30th	Ken Storm	11:00	

Does this then mean we are hopelessly lost and eternally condemned to hell? No, it does not. Does it mean that because we have erred we may as well continue in our error? God forbid. To stumble while upon our pilgrim journey here below is one thing. To continue in error is another thing entirely. The Word teaches us in the second chapter of John's epistle to *“sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” I John 2:1-2* Therefore if we, through the weakness of our carnal flesh, stumble and fall into sin, we are directed by the Word to confess our sins that we may be cleansed by the blood of Christ for God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This we read in I John 1:7,9. Oh, for the wonderful words of the gospel; may they continue to be proclaimed personally to repentant sinners in this time of grace. It is only through the cleansing blood of Christ that the repentant sinner can thus be restored to sure footing and resume a more careful journey, clinging more closely to the Merciful One.

Seek diligently, dear child of God, to heed the voice of the Spirit and allow your life to be led in the ways of truth and righteousness for His name sake. Thanks be to God for His goodness and mercy which endureth forever. Today, by His grace, He continues to lead His dear children along.

Pastor Ken Storm

NOTICE
Sunday School
Begins September 9th
at 9:45am

REMINDER

Membership dues
should be in by September 30th

TELECONFERENCE

Local: 334-6338 Long Distance: 1-906-334-6338
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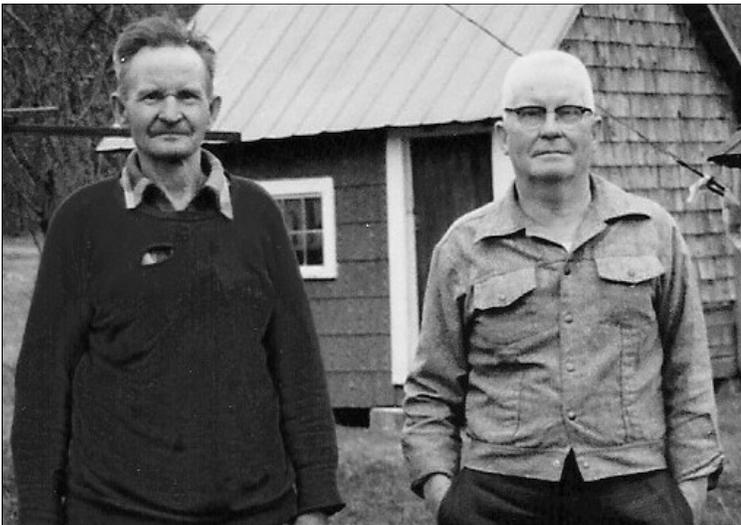
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Aiirinen Brothers

Bachelor brothers, John & Ted Aiirinen (L&R) were life long members of the Tapiola Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Those who knew them can recall with fondness the plain life they lived and the simple Christian faith that they confessed. Both John and Ted lived into their late 90's. and when the time of their departure came, they left with this testimony that they "*believed God,*" and like Old Testament Abraham, it was accounted unto them for righteousness."

Dear friend, when your time comes to leave this life, what testimony will you leave and in who or what will you be trusting?

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