

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

February 26, 2012

1 John 1:5-10

Fellowship with God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Mar 4 The Lord's Table.
Saturday Mar 10 Men's Fellowship Breakfast.
Sunday Mar 18 Deacons' Meeting.

****** The board of deacons has voted to print 3,000 copies of the Malayalam Version of "Coming Events: A Summary of Unfulfilled Prophecies." The cost is about \$2,000. If you would like to participate in this project you may mark your donation for that purpose.

	January	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 8,072.00	\$ 8,072.00		\$10,005.89	\$ 3,986.00
Expenses	7,785.34	7,785.34		Benevolence	2,961.00
Balance	286.66	286.66	\$ 16,783.69	\$ 984.24	1,025.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

***The Message:
Ministerial Injunctions
2 Tim 4:3-5***

- A. Fellowship with God. 1:1-4
- B. Fellowship and Confession. 1:5-10

1 John 1:5 = The First Propositional Truth-God is Light.

E.T./L.T. = And this is the message we have heard (and will never forget) from Him and announce to all of you, that The God is Light, and darkness in Him does not exist at all.

Summary:

1. John understood and believed the Lord's message about Himself.
John 8:12; John 9:5
2. This statement stresses not just the physical manifestation but the visibility and illumination of Himself to His creation.
3. Light:
 - A. Emphasizes His glory, splendor, truthfulness and purity.
 - B. Accents God's empowering activity.
 - C. Embodies the example behind the command to "walk in the light."
4. It is impossible to walk in the light and in the darkness at the same time.
1 John 2:8-11; 2 Cor 6:14-15
5. Faith at work, associated with this theological truth, allows us to reflect His light. Matt 5:14-16

Principle: Healthy Doctrine _____ with theological truth.

1 John 1:6 = Situation 1 – Failure to Apply Truth.

E.T./L.T. = If we may say that we are having fellowship with Him and may be walking in the darkness, we ourselves are lying and are not doing the truth;

Summary:

1. Actions speak louder than words or misguided attitudes.
2. John bluntly states that whoever claims to do both is lying.
3. To "walk in darkness" is to pursue a sinful course of action that functions by the world's standards.
4. To "walk in the light" is to pursue a righteous course of action that functions by the Lord's standards.
5. A lifestyle of darkness is carnality because it is anti-authority. 2 Thes 3:6-7
6. We are to warn our brothers who are walking in darkness. 2 Thes 3:14-15
7. Those who profess fellowship with the Lord while walking in darkness are deceived. Jas 1:22
8. Our lifestyle is to be an expression of our faith. 1 Thes 1:3; Jas 2:18-19

Principle: Those who walk in darkness are not _____ of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:7 = Situation 2 – Application of Truth.

E.T./L.T. = But if we may walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we are having fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son is cleansing us from all sin.

Summary:

1. Alignment with the Lord's standards is the basis of walking in the light.
2. The potential exists for this to happen.
3. This should be done out of love for Him, not just duty. John 14:15, 23
4. The natural result will be a love for one another.
5. The Gnostic heresy boasted of knowledge and communion with God but placed no value on fellowship with other Christians.
6. Our Christian Walk is essential to fellowship with God. 1 John 2:9-11
7. For ongoing fellowship a change of lifestyle may be necessary.
8. Every sin committed was paid for by our Lord on the cross, except "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit." Cf 2:1
9. The Believer's Walk is a purification process. 1 Peter 1:22

Principle: Intimate Fellowship involves a cleansing _____.

1 John 1:8 = Second Propositional Truth-Believers Still Sin.

E.T./L.T. = If we believers may say that sin we are not having, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Summary:

1. This verse counters the Gnostic doctrine that denied a Sin Nature.
2. They claimed that as a "new creation" moral principles no longer applied to them.
3. When the Sin Nature and thus sin itself is denied as an ongoing reality, a denial of responsibility for one's actions occurs.
4. The phrase "deceiving ourselves" indicates the individual's responsibility for the mistake.
5. The truth is that we have a Sin Nature leading to personal sin and are therefore responsible.
6. Our Lord's grace has provided for the cleansing of His children.
7. Grace does not remove our accountability to God and each other.
Matt 5:23-24
8. Some may never say they have no sin but their lifestyle indicates they consider themselves above accountability.

Principle: Believers still _____.

1 John 1:9 = Third Propositional Truth-Grace Still Forgives.

E.T./L.T. = If we may confess our sins, He keeps on being faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Summary:

1. The truth is that God has made gracious provision to the Believer for cleansing, not that the Sin Nature is no longer existent.
2. Believers have the responsibility to confess known personal sins to God.
3. We should also try to correct sins committed toward others. Jas 5:16a
4. God's character always forgives when confession occurs.

5. Sin harms fellowship with God (and others) because His Righteousness will not fellowship with sin, but confession reestablishes the opportunity for intimacy.
6. When known sins are confessed, unknown sins are also forgiven.
7. Forgiveness means our spiritual intimacy can grow, not necessarily that there will be no consequences.
8. Scripture refers to "Confession of sins" in several different ways:
 - A. Repent. Rev 2:21
 - B. Rise from the dead. Eph 5:14
 - C. Judge oneself. 1 Cor 11:31; 2 Cor 13:5
 - D. Lay aside every weight. Heb 12:2
 - E. Putting aside filthiness and wickedness. Jas 1:21
 - F. Putting aside all malice and deceit. 1 Pet 2:1
9. Confession is a license to serve not to sin. Gal 5:13
10. A willful lifestyle of sin will bring incredible discipline for the Believer in time. Heb 10:19-31

Principle: Believers are _____ forgiveness.

1 John 1:10 = The Life Test-Recognize Personal Sinfulness.

E.T./L.T. = If we may say that we have not sinned (as a Believer), we are making Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Summary:

1. The gravity of claiming sinlessness is blasphemy in that it proclaims God a liar. Cf Rom 3:23
2. Claimed "sinlessness" in any form mocks the gospel, and says God is a deceiver.
3. Believers cannot truly claim lack of a Sin Nature or sinlessness. Rom 7:15-25
4. God's Word states that Believers still have a Sin Nature and commit personal sin.
5. To claim otherwise is rejection of true doctrine.
6. Healthy doctrine realizes the ongoing existence of the power of sin in our lives and the forgiveness available from God to continue our growth.
7. We must beware of the deceitfulness of sin. Heb 3:12-14

Principle: _____ and _____ to personal sin is essential to fellowship with God and spiritual growth.

2 Tim 4:5 *Ministerial Injunctions*

2 Tim 4:5 = Four Commands To The Minister.

L.T./E.T. = But you yourself, (1) be spiritually sober in all things, (2) suffer inherent evil, (3) do the work of an evangelist, (4) carry the full measure of your service.

Summary:

1. **Spiritual Sobriety is essential:**
 - A. For _____ to stand in front of the Lord. 1 Thes 5:4-11
 - B. To _____ holiness. 1 Pet 1:13-16
 - C. Is essential to _____. 1 Pet 4:7
 - D. For spiritual _____. 1 Pet 5:8-10

2. **Endure hardship.**
 - A. It should be driven by a _____ for others. 2 Tim 2:8-10
 - B. It requires _____. Jas 5:13

3. **Do the work of an evangelist:**
 - A. Equip others to _____. Eph 4:11-13
 - B. Be _____. Acts 21:8
 - C. Counter attack the _____. Acts 8:1-4
 - D. Proclaim Jesus Christ to everyone, including _____.
Acts 8:5-11
 - E. Proclaim the _____ of God. Acts 8:12-25
 - F. _____ to the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:26-40

4. **Fulfill your ministry.**
 - A. It begins and ends with a "full load" of _____. Rom 4:16-21
 - B. It is a daily _____. Rom 14:4-8
 - C. It endures _____. 2 Tim 4:16-18
 - D. It is sustained by _____. Heb 6:11-12
 - E. It draws near our Great _____. Heb 10:19-22
 - F. It grows by understanding that in Jesus Christ is true _____.
Col 2:1-3
 - G. It relies on the _____ in the Holy Spirit. 1 Thes 1:5