

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

March 18, 2012

**The Message:
Confession**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Mar 18 Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday Mar 21 The Sermon on the Mount.
Sunday Apr 8 Resurrection Sunday.

** 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.

	February	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 7,003.94	\$15,075.94		\$10,005.89	\$ 3,986.00
Expenses	7,307.58	15,092.92		Benevolence	2,961.00
Balance	(-303.64)	(-16.98)	\$ 16,480.05	\$ 984.24	1,025.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

**The Message:
Fighting the Good Fight
2 Tim 4:7**

Confession

1. The Greek word HOMOLOGEW means properly to “say the same thing, i.e. to agree with.” It has particular emphasis on that which is spoken either in the soul or through the mouth. 1 Tim 6:12
 - A. EXHOMOLOGEW = 10x; to confess from the inside-out, to say or act on what you really believe.
 - B. HOMOLOGIA = noun, 6x; that which is confessed, the confession.
 - C. Universally it means “to concede:”
 1. In the sense of “not refusing” thus promising,
 2. Or, not denying thus confess or declaring.
 - D. It also means to profess in the sense of declaring openly.
2. Confession can refer to stating a promise:
Matt 14:6-7; Acts 7:17; Luke 22:3-6
3. Confession was often a statement of faith:
 - A. About belief in Jesus as Messiah. Heb 3:1-2; John 9:22-23; John 12:42-43; 1 John 4:15-16; Php 2:9-11; Rom 14:11
 - B. About life as a disciple of Christ. Matt 10:24-33
 - C. About acceptance of one’s role in the Angelic Conflict. John 1:19-23
 - D. About doctrine. Acts 23:8
 - E. About this present life. Heb 11:13
 - F. About one’s obedience to God’s standards. 1 Tim 6:12-15
 - G. That one was truly a sinner. Matt 3:5-6 & Mark 1:5-6
 - H. Of the accuracy of the Father’s Plan. Matt 11:25 & Luke 10:21
 - I. Concerning a change of sinful actions. Acts 19:13-20
 - J. To unbelievers. Rom 15:7-9
4. Confessing God is a function of the _____ of the believer. Heb 13:15
5. Believer Priests are tested to _____ to their confession. Heb 4:14-16; Heb 10:23-25
6. Truly confessing Jesus as Lord preserves one from the _____ of not confessing Him as Lord. Rom 10:8-12
 - A. Failure to confess Jesus as Messiah denies _____. 1 John 2:22-23
 - B. Unclean _____ will not confess Jesus the Messiah has come in the flesh. 1 John 4:1-4; 2 John 6-8
7. Some people’s “confessions” are not lived out in their _____. Titus 1:16
8. We should _____ to those we wrong. Jas 5:16-17
9. Obedience to our confession of the Gospel of Christ leads others to _____ God. 2 Cor 9:13-15
10. Jesus will confess the name of all who are “_____.” Rev 3:5-6
11. Confession of sins is not just an acknowledgement of sin but a _____ of what one believes to be true, that He is faithful and just to forgive us. 1 John 1:9

Paul's Example-Testimony: 2 Tim 4:6-8

2 Tim 4:6 = Paul's Sacrifice-He Is Ready.

L.T./E.T. = For I am already being poured out as a drink offering and the season of my departure has stood over me.

2 Tim 4:7 = Paul's Endurance-Why He Is Ready.

L.T./E.T. = The good fight, I have fought with lasting results, the race I have finished with lasting results, the faith, I have kept with lasting results.

Summary:

1. What is the fight over?
2. What kind of fight is it?
 - A. It is _____. John 18:36
 - B. It is _____. Phil 1:29
 - C. It is _____ against Satan's forces. Eph 6:12
3. How do we fight?
 - A. _____. Heb 12:1-2
 - B. With _____ - _____. 1 Cor 9:25
 - C. In the power of _____. Col 1:28-29
 - D. With _____. Col 4:12
 - E. With _____ based on eternal life. 1 Tim 6:12

Finish The Course: Stay In The Battle

1. All First Advent prophecies were _____.
 - A. The rites for a newborn. Luke 2:39
 - B. The words of the prophets. Luke 18:31
 - C. His death on a cross. Luke 22:37
 - D. His payment for sins. John 19:30
 - E. His burial. Acts 13:29-30
2. As will all _____ Advent prophecies.
 - A. The mystery of God. Rev 10:7
 - B. The testimony of the two prophets. Rev 11:7
 - C. The wrath of God. Rev 15:1
 - D. The judgments of God. Rev 15:8
 - E. The words of God. Rev 17:17
 - F. The millennial kingdom. Rev 20:3-7
3. Thus, we are called to finish our _____.
 - A. Face the _____. Luke 12:50
 - B. Make it more important than personal _____. John 19:28
 - C. Fight your _____. Gal 5:16
 - D. _____ the Royal Law. James 2:8
 - E. Be _____ by your assignment. Acts 13:25
 - F. Make it more _____ to you than your life. Acts 20:24