

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

May 20, 2012

*The Message:
Walking as Christ Walked
1 John 2:6-8*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Sunday | May 20 | Deacons' Meeting. |
| Wednesday | May 23 | Prayer and Bible Class. |
| Monday | May 28 | Memorial Day. |
| Wednesday | May 30 | Focus on Eternity. |
| Sunday | June 3 | The Lord's Table. |
| Friday | June 8 | Redhawks Game. |
| Saturday | June 9 | Men's Fellowship Breakfast. |

** For those who want to go the Redhawks Game on June 8, please let Drue or Dan Hardy know. Cost is \$11 if we get 20 for some great seats. Please sign up on sign up sheet, on the sign up sheet table.

** Every Saturday some men gather at Olde Orchard for breakfast at 8:00. All men are welcome.

| | April | Total 2012 | General Fund | Building Fund | Missions YTD |
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| Income | \$10,650.00 | \$32,563.94 | | \$10,005.89 | \$ 6,971.00 |
| Expenses | 8,063.45 | 34,587.02 | | Benevolence | 3,561.00 |
| Balance | 2,586.55 | (-2,023.08) | \$ 14,473.95 | \$ 984.24 | 3,410.00 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

*The Message:
Being a Witness in the Last Days
Concerning the Rich
James 5:1-7*

Walking as Christ Walked
1 John 2:6-8

1 John 2:8 = Their Status in the Commandment

E.T./L.T. = On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

Summary:

1. In this epistle, John may be directly speaking to some but corporately they are not apostate.
2. So this epistle is both a warning and exhortation.
3. Their love for one another has been used by God to spread the light.
Eph 1:15
4. John is not saying that a massive conversion is taking place that will eventually overcome the world, but that the light is being spread.
5. The quality of brotherly love can always improve, even in "model" churches. Php 1:9; 1 Thes 3:12
6. Spiritual darkness is brought about by:
 - A. Absence of the _____ of God. John 1:3-5; 1 John 1:5-6
 - B. Absence of _____ the Lord. John 8:12
 - C. Absence of _____ the Light. John 12:35-36
 - D. Absence of _____ and _____ God. John 12:44-49
7. Jesus is the True Light. John 1:9-10; Rev 3:7,14
8. Jesus was sent from the One True _____. John 7:28-29; 17:3-4
8. The True Light leads people to see how to:
 - A. Truly _____. John 4:23-24
 - B. Work together without _____. John 4:27-38
 - C. Feast on true _____. John 6:32-33
 - D. Speak as a true _____. John 8:14-19
 - E. Produce true _____. John 15:1-2
 - F. Turn from idolatry to _____ God. 1 Thes 1:9-10
 - G. Distinguish between _____ and _____. Heb 9:24-25
 - H. _____ to our Great High Priest. Heb 10:19-23
 - I. Understand _____. 1 John 5:20-21

Principle: The New Commandment becomes _____ as the True Light dispels the darkness in our souls.

1 John 2:9 = Three Comparisons – Lip Service

E.T./L.T. = The one who says He is in the light and yet is hating His brother is in the darkness until now.

Principle: Lip-service does not atone for a bad _____.

*Being a Witness in the Last Days
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Outline:

1. Stand With Confidence. (1:1-27)
2. Serve With Compassion. (2:1-26)
3. Speak With Care. (3:1-18)
4. Submit With Contrition. (4:1-17)
5. Share With Concern. (5:1-20)
 - A. Share In Possessions. (5:1-6)
 - B. Share In Patience. (5:7-12)

Jas 5:1 = Get Ready For The Judge.

E.T./L.T. = Come now, you rich, weep, while crying out to the gods, for your miseries which are coming upon you.

Summary:

1. This is an invitation to repentance to the fraudulently rich of the last days.
2. It connects us to Prophetic Babylon. Rev 18:9,11,15,19
3. In that time of the worship of many gods, there is a challenge to call out to the god of money to see if he will deliver.
4. This misery is also a description of a problem in the Church of Laodicea, the church of the last era of the Church Age. Rev 3:17-19

Principle: The rich are challenged to see if their wealth will _____ them.

Jas 5:2 = Part Of The Judgment.

E.T./L.T. = Your riches have completely rotted *virtue*, and your garments have become moth-eaten.

Summary:

1. Those who have acquired wealth by fraud have contributed greatly to the destruction of virtue in the last days.
2. Their "garments" refer to the facades they used to hide their greed.
3. The fact that they are "moth-eaten" refers to having "holes in their garments," which indicate they have been exposed for what they are.

Principle: Lack of virtue will be _____.

Jas 5:3 = The Rest Of The Story-Especially In The Last Days.

E.T./L.T. = Your gold and silver have been poisoned and their poison will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure.

Summary:

1. Two of the most resilient metals are "poisoned" in such a way that it causes them to devour flesh.
2. They will still try to save it, or else it would not devour their flesh.
3. This "poisoning" is a witness against the fraudulent rich.
4. The tongue is often spreads "poison," so the judgment indicates there have been many sins of the tongue. Rom 3:13; Jas 3:8
5. This fulfillment connects to the destruction of Prophetic Babylon. Rev 18

Principle: Biblical prophecy deals specifically with the _____ wealth of the last days.

Jas 5:4 = Dishonorable Gain.

E.T./L.T. = Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been fraudulently withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of the armies.

Summary:

1. The reason for the destruction of the fraudulently rich is clearly stated, like it has been in the past. Gen 4:10; 18:20
2. They have violated an important commandment that is a clear violation of the Royal Law. Deut 24:14-15; Mark 10:19
3. Even if such activity is permitted by the laws of the land, it is not permitted by the laws of God.
4. This same type of outcry was heard by the Lord that led to the Exodus from Egypt. Exodus 1
5. This type of twisted mindset can be present in Believers. 1 Tim 6:5
6. Fraud does not escape the notice of the Lawgiver and Judge, who will take the appropriate action at the right time. Cf 4:12
7. One day it will be time for Him to harvest. Rev 14:14-20

Principle: God is aware of _____.

Jas 5:5 = Dishonorable Life.

E.T./L.T. = You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

Summary:

1. These people took their "stolen income" and used it to live a life of self-indulgence and promiscuity.
2. Those consistently involved in this activity become calloused to the pain they cause others.
3. People this calloused to sin are "dead" even while the "live."
1 Tim 5:6
4. The thieves "dine" on the desires of the heart. Mark 7:14-23
5. This is done while the people of God are considered worthy of slaughter.
Rom 8:35-39

Principle: God notices scar tissue toward the _____ of others.