

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

May 27, 2012

*The Message:
Walking as Christ Walked
1 John 2:8-10*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

- ** Thousands have died for my freedom, one has died for my soul. This is a good time to spread some "Military Gospel Coins."
- ** 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. Please give Hardy your \$11. He has prepaid the tickets.
- ** 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
Income	\$10,650.00	\$32,563.94		\$11,405.89	\$ 9,471.00
Expenses	8,256.45	34,780.02		Benevolence	6,541.00
Balance	2,393.55	(-2,216.08)	\$ 14,280.95	\$ 984.24	2,930.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

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

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1 John 2:8-10

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:

9. The True Light leads people to see how to:
 - A. Truly Worship. John 4:23-24
 - B. Work together without competition. 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.

Summary:

1. A person who claims to “walk in the light” and yet has no regard for a fellow-believer is not fellowshiping with God. 1 John 1:5-7
2. Hatred can involve the desire that another cease to exist.

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

1 John 2:10 = Contrast

E.T./L.T. = The one who loves his brother abides in the Light, and an *illegitimate* stumbling block is not in him,

Summary:

1. Lip-service about God is again contrasted with true spiritual love.
2. “Abiding in the Light” should be our first priority.
3. Foremost in our relationship with God is our love for other people.
4. His love should flow through us.
5. Lack of spiritual love is a stumbling-block to everyone’s spiritual advance.
6. Lack of spiritual love is the output of an immature relationship with Jesus Christ, the Light.
7. Scripture places great emphasis on living the qualities of love. 1 Cor 13:4-8a; Rom 12:9-21

Principle: Spiritual love doesn’t try to _____ others in their spiritual walk.

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

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 led to the Exodus from Egypt. Exo 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. Cf 4:12
7. One day it will be time for Him to harvest. Rev 14:14-20

Principle: God is aware of _____.

Jas 5:6 = A Thorough Lack Of Character.

E.T./L.T. = You have condemned and murdered the righteous man; he does not arrange himself against you.

Summary:

1. The merchants were involved in making laws and influencing "judicial" decisions that led to the death of the innocent, for which they become accountable.
2. This is often happens when the laws of man become more important than the laws of God. Matt 12:1-8
3. The "righteous man" in this context:
 - A. Does not worship the god of money.
 - B. Seeks to follow the laws of the land, knowing his position and place in history. Rom 13:1-3
 - C. Lets God resist the evil. Jas 4:6; 1 Pet 5:5
 - D. Does not waste time on sinful politics. Gal 5:19-21
4. To return evil for good is the lowest form of evil. Rom 12:17-21
5. The righteous man of the last days is one who is not leading a rebellion to change society, but rather to emulate Jesus Christ. 1 Pet 2:22-24
6. This is especially the marker for the Tribulational believers.

Principle: Righteous believers of the last days are more concerned about the _____ condition of man than the political activities.

Jas 5:7 = Exhortation To Believers.

E.T./L.T. = Therefore be patient toward people, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer is waiting for the valuable fruit of the earth being patient toward people about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

Summary:

1. This prophecy of the last days is to develop patience toward people.
2. The Lord will judge at the perfect time. Matt 24:27,37,39
3. An agricultural analogy is used to teach patience.
 - A. The farmer is The Farmer. John 15:1
 - B. Valuable Fruit is produced by the branches on the Vine. John 15:1-8
 - C. The Soil refers to a Believer's desire to be productive. Matt 13:5ff
 - D. The Rain is the Word of God. Heb 6:7-8
 - E. The Early Rain is God's word for the first generation of the Church.
 - F. The Latter Rain is God's word for the last generation. Mark 13
 - G. The Patience of the Farmer is to reap a larger crop. 2 Pet 3:8-9
4. Patience toward people will let us grow up. Jas 1:2-4
5. The love of money:
 - A. Marks the last days. 2 Tim 3:1-2
 - B. Is a recipe for heresy and pain. 1 Tim 6:10
 - C. Leads one to legalism. Luke 16:13-15
 - D. Does not coexist with character. Heb 13:5-6
 - E. Thus, is not to be part of the life of an overseer. 1 Tim 3:1-4
6. The worldly rich are to seek heavenly riches. 1 Tim 6:17-19

Principle: Patience toward others is the key factor of being an _____ in the last days.