

# ***Trinity Bible Church***

*The Carpenter's House*

**August 5, 2012**

*The Message:  
Markers of The Antichrist  
1 John 2:18-24*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Aug 5 The Lord's Table.  
Wednesday Aug 8 The Olivet Discourse.  
Sunday Aug 19 Deacons' Meeting

- \*\* Today is TBC's 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Praise the Lord!
- \*\* Anyone who wishes may donate toward the purchase of Bibles in Uganda. Basket on the back table.
- \*\* If anyone would like to be baptized, please see Drue. We will try to set up a service this summer.
- \*\* Partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship at the OK State Fair, September 13-23. See attached invitation and talk to Dan Hensley.

|          | June        | Total 2012  | General Fund | Building Fund | Missions YTD |
|----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Income   | \$ 4,868.00 | \$45,884.94 |              | \$5,496.89    | \$10,776.00  |
| Expenses | 7,140.86    | 50,419.08   |              | Benevolence   | 9,081.00     |
| Balance  | (2,272.86)  | (-4,534.14) | \$ 11,962.89 | \$ 913.74     | 1,695.00     |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

*The Lord's Table*

*The Message:  
Being a Witness in the Last Days  
Be Alert!!  
1 Thes 5:8-11*

*Markers of The Antichrist*  
*1 John 2:18-24*

1. The term "Antichrist" in its generic sense refers to anyone or any worldview that denies Jesus as the "God-man Messiah."
2. There will be a living person during "Daniel's Seventieth Week" who will be the culmination of all those world views, the Antichrist. 1 John 2:18
3. He will be:
4. He will rise to power:
5. He lived prior to the Apostle John. Rev 11:7; 13:3,12,14; 17:8,11
6. He consolidates the old Roman Empire.
  - A. The seven heads: Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, Persia, Greece, Rome, Revived Roman Empire. Rev 17:10-11
  - B. He defeats 3 of 10 nations in rise to power. Dan 7:8,24
  - C. He destroys the remnant of unbelieving European Catholicism. Rev 17:16-18
  - D. He makes a 7 year covenant with Israel, midway through the Tribulation, agreeing to protect them in exchange for worship. Dan 9:27; Rev 13:5
  - E. He practices genocide against all who oppose him, both Jews and Gentiles. Rev 12:13-17; 13:15
  - F. His rule over Israel is for 42 months. Rev 13:5
7. He is a special enemy of Jesus Christ as a counterfeit Messiah. Dan 7:25; 8:25; 2 Thes 2:4,11
  - A. Being from the past he can easily claim to be Messiah. Rev 17:8
  - B. He counterfeits the Second Advent.
  - C. He will offer Israel the Millennium. Isa 28:15-22
  - D. He seats himself in the temple, probably after being encouraged to do so. 2 Thes 2:3-4
  - E. He seeks to destroy those who do not believe him. Matt 25:31-46
  - F. He will probably distort scripture to authenticate himself, which is a common ploy of Satan. Cf. Gen 3:1-5; Matt 4:1-11
  - G. Unbelievers seeking "heaven on earth" will be an easy prey.

8. **The "Mark of the Beast." Rev 14:9, 11; 13:16, 17; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4**
  1. **The words "and" and "or" are key to properly understanding the "Mark."**
  2. **The Intent of the Mark is control. Rev 13:16-17**
    - A. **The "Mark" is instituted with the establishment of the idol in the Temple. Rev 13:14-15 cf 2 Thes 2:8**
    - B. **The "Mark" consists of the Beast's name or number branded on the forehead or right hand or both. Rev. 14:9, 11; 13:16, 17; 20:4**
    - C. **The "Mark" is designed to control all social, economic, religious and political strata of society.**
    - D. **The "Mark" will bring with it a promise from a self-proclaimed divine being, probably offering godhood. Cf. Acts 17:29**
    - E. **It is reasonable to suppose that the Antichrist and False Prophet will claim that the 144,000 have the "Mark of the Beast," and what they offer is the true "mark of God." Cf. Rev 7:3; 14:1**
    - F. **The "Mark" is never universal, as evidenced by the 144,000, but it is the Beast's objective.**
    - G. **To worship the Beast requires receipt of the "Mark," so to deny the "Mark" instantly places one in religious jeopardy.**
9. **The world has been preparing for his coming since before the 1<sup>st</sup> Century.**

*Being a Witness in the Last Days*  
*Be Alert!! 1 Thes 5:8-11*

1 Thes 5:8 = The Solution To Spiritual Intoxication-Armor.

E.T./L.T. = But since we ourselves are of day, may we be spiritually sober, having ourselves put on a breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, hope of salvation.

Principle #8: To live soberly today as a son of light involves \_\_\_\_\_ faith, hope and love.

**Summary:**

1. Contrasted is living in the light to sleeping in the darkness.
2. Those enlightened with information concerning the "Last Days" are to take action.
3. Renew daily our "work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope."
4. The Importance of being Spiritually Sober:
  - A. It is required to \_\_\_\_\_ our ministry. 2 Tim 4:5
  - B. It is required for the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Pet 1:13-16
  - C. It is an important prerequisite of \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Pet 4:7-11
  - D. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the battle against Satan and his forces.  
1 Pet 5:8-10

1 Thes 5:9 = Why We Are To Be Sober (#1)-Fully Experience Life.

E.T./L.T. = For the God has not placed us into wrath, but on the contrary into a possession of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Principle #9: God wants us to fully experience the fact that we have walked through the " \_\_\_\_\_ " into His sheepfold. John 10

1 Thes 5:10 = Why We Are To Be Sober (#2)-We Owe Him.

E.T./L.T. = the One having previously died on behalf of us, that whether we may be spiritually awake or spiritually asleep, we may live together with Him.

Principle #10: The son of light has a place for eternity, even if he falls asleep \_\_\_\_\_, because his brother died in his place.

1 Thes 5:11 = Applications Of Spiritual Sobriety.

E.T./L.T. = Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Principle #11: Our sobriety is to be used to \_\_\_\_\_ others.