

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

September 9, 2012

*The Message:
Consider His Love*

1 John 3:1-3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Sep 12 George Carle 2.
Saturday Sep 15 Ladies' Birthday Fellowship. 11:30 @ Mimi's.
Sunday Sep 16 Deacons' Meeting.
Sep 16 Foundations 201 Class. 5-7
Monday Sep 17 Foundations 201 Class. 7-9
Wednesday Sep 19 The Parable of the Fig Tree.

- ** The "Coming Events" books has arrived New York and cleared customs. Once we get a definite time of arrival in OKC we will set up a special conference. We paid for them in August which is why our expenses were much higher.
- ** Partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship at the OK State Fair, September 13-23. Talk to Dan Hensley.
- ** Please see the above schedule for Foundations 201. There will be no classes recorded this Sunday and Monday, the 9th and 10th. They will resume Sept 16 from 5-7 and Sept 17 from 7-9.

	August	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 7,250.00	\$62,728.94		\$3,682.27	\$14,611.00
Expenses	9,478.82	67,284.05		Benevolence	13,461.00
Balance	(-2,228.82)	(-4,555.11)	\$ 9,883.25	\$ 706.73	1,150.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Praise and Worship

The Message:

Encouraging One Another

1 John 3

I. Fellowship and Righteousness. 3:1-12

1 John 3:1 = The Result Of His Love

E.T./L.T. = See what manner of love the Father has permanently given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we keep on being *that*. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

Summary:

1. John wants us to stop and consider all the aspects of the love of God, and its result to those who believe.
2. His grace gift of salvation is permanent, thus we are permanently His children. Rom 6:23
3. Because we are now God's children, the world doesn't know about our "manner of love" because they haven't known our Father's love. John 8:18-19
4. The Father's "manner" was manifested in His Son. Matt 8:27; John 5:19-29
5. The Father's love is manifested in quite a different manner than legalistic and sinful mankind. Luke 7:39-40
6. Such grace, love and mercy are missing from Gnostic theology.
7. They fail to recognize God's love and felt no obligation to express it.
8. Anyone who embraces the world system (whether consciously or not) will not understand this love relationship with God. 2 Pet 3:9-13

Principle: Look for the _____ that God loves His children.

1 John 3:2 = Result Of New Birth

E.T./L.T. = Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not been manifested as yet what we shall keep on being. We know (with certainty) that, when He may appear, we shall be like Him, because we ourselves shall see Him just as He keeps on being.

1 John 3:3 = Application To Time

E.T./L.T. = And every one who has this hope upon Him keeps on purifying himself, just as He keeps on being pure.

Summary:

1. John contrasts our present and future status with God.
2. Both are love relationships.
3. The Resurrection Body of the Believer:
 - A. Full revelation of our new nature has not yet been seen. 1 Cor 13:12
 - B. Deductive reasoning says we will be similar to His. 1 Cor 15:35-41
 - C. Our new status will be manifested in the "twinkling of an eye" at the Rapture of the Church. 1 Cor 15:42-52
 - D. Any glory we may receive will be based on His glory. Php 3:21
4. Spiritual love for God produces confident expectations, which will increase our faith. Heb 11:1
5. Believers are to function in the realm of the "seen," based on our "hope" concerning the realm of the presently unseen. Heb 12:1-2

Principle: True Spiritual hope leads to the desire for _____ in time.

Encouraging One Another

1. Introduction:

- A. Some Christians feel as individual believers that they do not _____ other Christians in their lives in order to grow. Cf Gal 5:13
- B. Encouragement is important business:
1. No one is _____ from being weakened by the difficulties of life to follow Christ. Heb 3:12-14
 2. _____ thought should be given as to how we can encourage one another. Heb 10:19-25
- C. Encouragement is the kind of interaction that helps someone want to be a _____ Christian, even when life is rough.

2. We Must Meet Together

- A. There are many words used in the New Testament to describe the functioning Body of Christ and what Believers are to do for one another, but no word is used more frequently than PARAKALEO meaning to "call alongside."
- B. Encouraging One Another-the Setting is a Christian _____.
1. The ever present _____ of the New Testament is the importance of the interacting and functioning Body of Christ. Eph 4:16
 2. So the "setting" of encouragement is meeting together which we are not to _____ "as is the habit of some."
- C. Encouraging One Another-the Objectives.
1. We should grow in our _____. Heb 10:22; 11:6; 11:1
 2. We should grow in our _____. Heb 10:23
 3. We should grow in our _____. Heb 10:24; 1 Cor 13:13
 - a. Paul underscored this truth to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 13:13
 - b. Loving others is not automatic and must therefore be pursued. Heb 10:24; 1 Cor 14:1; 1 Pet 4:8; 1 John 3:11,23; 4:7,11