

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

November 4, 2012

The Message:

Not as Cain

1 John 3:10-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Nov 4 The Lord's Table.
Sunday Nov 4 Foundations 201 Class. 5-7
Monday Nov 5 Foundations 201 Class. 7-9
Wednesday Nov 7 Parable of the Ten Virgins.
Saturday Nov 10 Coming Events Conference @ 9:00 a.m. until?
Sunday Nov 11 Stillion's Party
Foundations 201 Class. 5-7
Monday Nov 12 Foundations 201 Class. 7-9
Wednesday Nov 14 Parable of the Talents.
Sunday Nov 18 Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday Nov 21 No class. Happy Thanksgiving!

** The "Coming Events" conference is planned for the 10th. Please make plans to attend and invite someone.

** Please be in prayer for our finances.

	September	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 6,724.00	\$69,452.94		\$4,642.27	\$15,920.36
Expenses	8,259.64	76,293.69		Benevolence	16,755.36
Balance	(-1,535.64)	(-6,840.75)	\$ 8,347.61	\$ 706.73	2,553.80

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The Lord's Table

The Message:

Barnabas: The Son of Encouragement

Not as Cain *1 John 3:10-12*

1 John 3:11-12 = The Age Old Message.

E.T./L.T. = For this is the message which you have heard from a beginning, that we might love one another. (12) Not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one, and slew his brother, and for what reason did He slay Him? Because His deeds were evil, and His brother's were righteous.

Summary:

1. The command to love one another is trans-dispensational and was known before there was a written law, being taught of God. Cf Rom 2:14-16
2. One's acts often manifest the side one has chosen in the Angelic Conflict.
3. Obedience to God's will puts us in harmony with others who obey His will.
4. Antagonism towards others, especially Believers will diminish.
5. Cain did not become a child of God and His hatred toward a child of God was eventually manifested.
6. Satan himself is the author of hatred toward God and others.
7. Cain was given the opportunity to repent of His disobedience. Gen 4:7
8. His rejection of grace led to the manifestation of hate.
9. Believers who do not manifest this command are on the wrong side in the Angelic Conflict.

Principle: Love for one's brother has been _____ from the earliest times of recorded history.

J. Fellowship and Sacrifice. 3:13-24

1 John 3:13 = Warning.

E.T./L.T. = Stop marveling, brethren, since the world is hating you.

Principle: The world will not stop hating the _____ Believer.

1 John 3:14 = Experiential Knowledge.

E.T./L.T. = We know that we have permanently passed out of the death into the life, because we are loving the brethren. He who does not love abides in the death.

Summary:

1. Moving from death to life is accomplished by faith. John 5:24
2. It pictures a coming "extraterrestrial" experience. John 13:1

Principle: a lack of love is _____ death in the Christian life.

1 John 3:15 = The Gravity Of Hatred

E.T./L.T. = Every one who is hating His brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in Him.

Summary:

1. Loving one another gives us temporal assurance of our eternal salvation.
2. Without this love we are operationally dead in time.
3. Without this love we are walking in darkness. 2:9-11
4. Hating one's brother is a lifestyle that functions as though one were still spiritually dead, by acting like the devil.
5. The mental sin of hate leads to sins of the tongue and other acts of evil.
6. Murder is forgivable but has to be forgiven by one with the authority.
7. Murder is grouped with other sins not commonly viewed as so abominable but just as devastating. Rev 21:7-8

Principle: A lifestyle based on eternal life seeks to _____ these sins.

1 John 3:16 = Academic Love Applied.

E.T./L.T. = We perfectly know the love (of the brethren) by this, that He laid down His soul for us; and we ought to lay down our souls for the brethren.

Summary:

1. To "lay down one's soul" is to make decisions that consider others more important than oneself. Php 2:3
2. This is part of "growing in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Pet 3:18

Principle: Christians are called to _____ what they know about love.

1 John 3:17 = Is It Real?

E.T./L.T. = But whoever may have the world's goods, and may behold His brother in need and closes his affections against him, how does the love of the God abide in him?

1 John 3:18 = The Bottom Line

E.T./L.T. = Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

Summary:

1. The supreme examples of love are the decisions and actions our Lord made for us.
2. This is to become our lifestyle.
3. Our use of material things is a test of whether or not we appreciate His love. Jas 2:15-16; 1 Cor 13:1-3
4. A lack of compassion to those in need indicates a selfish attitude of greed.
5. Words without works of truth are empty and hypocritical.
6. As His body, we are to carry out the works He desires.

Principle: Unhypocritical sharing with others is a _____ test of our _____ love.

Encouraging One Another

1. Introduction:
2. We Must Meet Together
3. The Great Encourager:
 - G. The other Comforter/Counselor/Encourager is the Holy Spirit:
 - H. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13
 - I. Encouraged by the Holy Spirit.
 1. While waiting in Jerusalem in obedience to Jesus, the Holy Spirit came just as He had promised. Acts 2
 2. The promise that He would send them another Encourager was fulfilled when the Holy Spirit moved inside the Church Age believer. Acts 9:31; 14:21-22
 3. The means of encouragement was God's message of the Person of Jesus Christ.
 - J. The Holy Spirit and today's Christian:
 1. God's primary means of encouraging Christians everywhere is with the truth about Jesus Christ, revealed by the Holy Spirit through His _____. Rom 15:4
 2. As Spirituality is by faith and surrender of our will to the Lord, so is our " _____ " to encourage one another or even to be encouraged. Gal 3:1-5
 3. Realizing that the Holy Spirit is in the business of encouraging believers (and even unbelievers to accept the gospel) hopefully lets us be more _____ to Him working through us to accomplish this task.
4. The First Example: (Barnabas–The Son of Encouragement)
 - A. The historical setting for this first example is Jerusalem. Acts 1
 - B. The Holy Spirit has just been received. Acts 2
 - C. The Church had begun to function. Acts 2:42-47
 - D. A tremendous persecution had begun. Acts 4:1-31
 - E. The Christians responded to the persecution by banding together in all ways. Acts 4:32-35
 - F. Barnabas was the example. Acts 4:36-37
 - F. Lessons for Christians.
 1. From Barnabas we see that those who share themselves, including their material possessions, are encouragers. 1 John 3:16-17
 2. Encouragers encourage others to do the same.
 3. An Encourager understands the difference between stewardship and ownership.
 - G. For personal evaluation:
 1. As a Christian, am I characterized more by unselfishness or selfishness? 2 Cor 9:5-8
 2. Am I seeking first the Kingdom of God? Matt 6:33
 3. Do the needs of others concern me? Php 2:3-5