

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

November 11, 2012

The Message:

Not as Cain

1 John 3:10-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Nov 11 Veteran's Day.
Sunday Nov 11 Stillion's Party.
Foundations 201 Class. 5-7
Wednesday Nov 14 Parable of the Ten Virgins.
Sunday Nov 18 Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday Nov 21 No class. Happy Thanksgiving!
Sunday Nov 25 Mark Griffin.

- ** Thanksgiving for the "Coming Events" conference.
- ** Tonight is the last Foundations 201 class for this year.
- ** Please be in prayer for our finances.

	October	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 7,931.00	\$77,383.94		\$4,642.27	\$16,495.36
Expenses	7,298.81	83,525.00		Benevolence	16,755.36
Balance	(632.19)	(-6,141.06)	\$ 8,979.80	\$ 706.73	-260.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

The Message:

Barnabas: The Son of Encouragement

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1 John 3:10-17

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 ourselves. 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 3:17-18 = 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? (18) 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.

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

Encouraging One Another

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
 - 1. This is not saying that Christians are to live in a communal society or that spiritual unity depends upon economic equality.
 - 2. Without question, the Holy Spirit wanted Barnabas to be a model for the Church.
 - 3. Christians who share their material resources with others in order to meet human needs have a ministry of encouragement.
 - 4. An Encourager is a person of Faith, who has an eternal Hope and functions in love.
 - 5. The needs of others become more important than one's own personal needs. Php 2:3 cf Heb 10:25
- F. Lessons for Christians.
 - 1. From Barnabas we see that those who share _____, including their material possessions, are encouragers. 1 John 3:16-17
 - 2. Encouragers _____ others to do the same.
 - 3. An Encourager understands the difference between _____ and _____.
 - 4. For personal evaluation:
 - a. As a Christian, am I characterized more by unselfishness or selfishness? 2 Cor 9:5-8
 - b. Am I seeking first the Kingdom of God? Matt 6:33
 - c. Do the needs of others concern me? Php 2:3-5

5. The Second Example (Barnabas Again):

- A. In Jerusalem, orders were issued and carried by a man named Saul to bring back to Jerusalem all who had become Christians. Acts 9:1-3
- B. On the road to Damascus, Saul was confronted by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Acts 9:4-9
- C. Saul's entire life changed. Acts 9:10-20
- D. This man then began to preach Christ and he himself came under persecution. Acts 9:21-25
- E. No one in the Christian community believed that he had converted, except Barnabas, who stood up for him. Acts 9:26-31

- F. Some observations:**
- 1. Barnabas received his name because of his activities of encouragement.**
 - 2. Barnabas had a basic concern for people, especially when they were being rejected by others.**
 - 3. He was willing to trust them when others would not.**
 - 4. His actions were rooted in unselfishness and made him vulnerable to attack.**
- G. Lessons for Christians:**
- 1. An encourager exemplifies Jesus Christ by his willingness to believe in people and to act on that belief by helping them, even when there is a _____ cost. Rom 5:8; 1 John 3:16**
 - 2. Remember that someone experiencing the pain of _____ probably needs some encouragement.**
 - 3. In spite of our hesitancy to trust others and defend them, we need to pray for a willingness to become _____ in the lives of others.**
 - 4. We must not let our own fears of rejection from those we love and trust _____ our encouragement of others.**
 - 5. We may not trust people because we are unwilling to take a _____.**
- H. An Encourager is a person of Faith in the Lord who functions in the power of the Holy Spirit to give others the benefit of the doubt and spiritually lift them up.**
- I. Barnabas eternally touched Paul's ministry with his words of grace according to the need of the moment. Eph 4:29**