

# ***Trinity Bible Church***

*The Carpenter's House*

**December 16, 2012**

*The Message:*

*Greater is He...*

*1 John 4:4-6*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Dec 16 Deacons' Meeting  
Wednesday Dec 19 Divine Good.  
Sunday Dec 23 Christmas Program  
Wednesday Dec 26 Separation of the Sheep and Goats

- \*\* Hoping to see you this coming Wednesday.
- \*\* Foundations 201 courses will resume some time in January.  
Specific dates will be provided when they are finalized.

|          | November     | Total 2012  | General Fund | Building Fund | Missions YTD |
|----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Income   | \$ 11,119.00 | \$88,502.94 |              | \$4,952.27    | \$18,369.36  |
| Expenses | 7,465.67     | 90,990.67   |              | Benevolence   | 16,555.36    |
| Balance  | 3,653.33     | (-2,487.73) | \$ 12,633.13 | \$ 706.73     | 1,814.00     |

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING***

*Hymns*

*The Message:*

*Encouraging One Another*

## *Greater is He...*

### 1 John 4:4 = Victory.

E.T./L.T. = You are from the God, little children, and have permanently overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

#### Summary:

1. Little children:
  - A. That you may not sin. 2:1
  - B. Your sins are forgiven. 2:12
  - C. Abide in Him. 2:28
  - D. Do not be deceived. 3:7
  - E. Love in deed and truth. 3:18
  - F. You are permanently changed. 4:4
  - G. Watch out for idols. 5:21
2. Faith in Jesus Christ secures the victory. Cf 5:4
3. The Holy Spirit "in" us is greater than any spirit. John 14:17; Rom 8:11
4. The world's spirits have been permanently overcome for eternity.
5. But their influence is still around. 1 Tim 4:1-5
6. The Spirit's presence is evidence of our salvation. 2 Cor 1:21-22
  - A. He is the down payment on our inheritance. Eph 1:13-14
  - B. We are not to grieve Him. Eph 4:30-32

Principle: a believer can be demon \_\_\_\_\_ but not demon \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1 John 4:5 = The Difference.

E.T./L.T. = They are from the world; because of this they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.

### 1 John 4:6 = Continued.

E.T./L.T. = We are from God; the one knowing God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of the truth and the spirit of the error.

#### Summary:

1. Worldly viewpoints have been defeated by the child of God at least once.
2. The Holy Spirit is our protector against total invasion, but He does not overrule our freedom of choice.
3. Worldly attitudes promote personal fame, fortune, power and pleasure, so beware of the wiles of the master counterfeiter. 2 Cor 11:13-15
4. "The Truth" is based on Jesus the Messiah, while "the error" promotes self-deliverance. John 16:13-15
5. The world justifies hatred and hostility toward the brethren.

Principle: We must be \_\_\_\_\_ to discern the difference between good and evil. Heb 5:12-14

## 7. Living for Christ in a Depraved World

- A. The social life in Antioch was debased, sensual and shocking.
- B. The Church in Antioch: Acts 11:19-22; 23-26; 15:23-29
- C. The Church in Rome: 1:10; 11-15; 12:1-2
- D. Ephesus was also a pagan city permeated with a Gentile lifestyle.
- E. The Christian and the depraved world.
- F. The Visual Media:
- G. Music:
- H. Observation vs. Participation.
- I. Our example as parents.
- J. Peer Pressure:
- K. For Personal Evaluation:
  1. Do we know and concentrate on "excellent" and "praiseworthy" things as revealed in God's Word? Php 4:8
  2. To what extent do we "renew our minds?" Rom 12:1-2
  3. To what extent do we love the world and its things? 1 John 2:15
  4. To what extent do we seek to "remain true to the Lord?" Acts 11:23
- L. Please realize that true "changing of the mind" is not referring to the Positive Mental Attitude thinking of today.
- M. A crucial part of encouraging others is to exhort them to view people and circumstances from God's perspective.

## 8. A Message of Encouragement

- A. Under the leadership of Barnabas and Saul, the church at Antioch continued to grow and expand its influence, yet there came a time in their ministry when they were finished there. Acts 13:2-15
- B. Paul's message of encouragement: Acts 13:16-41
  1. It is the message of the Resurrection.
  2. It is the message to be lived.
- C. The message of the witness for today:
  1. The message of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is still the message that changes lives.
  2. It is the only message of true encouragement to a lost and dying world without hope or to a "crooked and perverse" generation.
  3. It was Paul's message of encouragement in Antioch. Acts 13:42-43
  4. This message brings freedom! Acts 13:38-39