

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

December 23, 2012

The Message:

God is Love, so what?

1 John 4:7-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Dec 23 Christmas Program
Wednesday Dec 26 Separation of the Sheep and Goats
Sunday Dec 30 Regular Class Schedule!
Sunday Jan 6 Deacon Nominations Open.
The Lord's Table.
Monday Jan 14 Foundations 201. Hebrew. 7-9 p.m.
Sunday Jan 20 Deacon Nominations Close.
Deacons' Meeting.
Sunday Feb 10 First Session. Annual Business Meeting.

- ** When nominations open, voting members will be able to nominate two deacons this year. Robby and Dan Hensley's term expires.
- ** If you have not joined TBC and would like to, membership forms are available on the back table. Please fill out and give to a deacon. A membership roll is on the back table so you may check your status.
- ** Foundations 201 courses will resume January 14.

	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

Christmas Celebration

- A. Fellowship with God. 1:1-4
- B. Fellowship and Confession. 1:5-10
- C. Fellowship and Obedience. 2:1-6
- D. Fellowship and Scripture. 2:7-11
- E. Fellowship and Posterity. 2:12-14
- F. Fellowship and The World. 2:15-17
- G. Fellowship and The Enemy. 2:18-24
- H. Fellowship and Consistency. 2:25-29
- I. Fellowship and Righteousness. 3:1-12
- J. Fellowship and Sacrifice. 3:13-24
- K. Fellowship and Discernment. 4:1-6
- L. Fellowship and Love. 4:7-21

1 John 4:7 = God Is Love.

E.T./L.T. = Beloved, let us love one another, for the love is out from the God; and every one who is loving has been permanently born of God and is knowing God.

Summary:

1. This exhortation focuses on a willing obedience we should have to the Royal Law. Jas 2:8
2. The Holy Spirit is God, who is love, who produces His fruit, so the love He brought into us is greater than any spirit of the world and permits us to partake of the Divine Nature. 2 Pet 1:2-4
3. Spiritual love is personal evidence of our family relationship with God, having been permanently born again.
4. Loving others is not a requirement for salvation but a life to be lived by the saved.
5. God is the ultimate source and example of love so true spiritual love is an outgrowth of the new birth.
6. The correct knowledge and belief in His love are the basis for the Christian life, as it intensifies fellowship with Him and others.

Principle: God wants us to _____ love one another.

1 John 4:8 = No Love – No Relationship

E.T./L.T. = The one who is not loving does not know God, for the God is love.

Summary:

1. Those who miss or reject the importance of loving one another miss out on an important segment of the knowledge of God.
2. The reason is that they are not really in touch with the totality of His essence.
3. This rejection misses areas of fellowship.
4. Truly loving others is God's love being channeled through us. Php 2:12-13

Principle: To the _____ one doesn't love others is the _____ that person doesn't know God.

1 John 4:9 = The Eternal Purpose In His Son

E.T./L.T. = By this the love of the God has been manifested among us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

Summary:

1. In keeping with His eternal purpose of manifesting His essence, God sent Jesus! John 1:1-3,14
2. The foremost attribute displayed at the First Advent was God's love.
3. God's desire is that all may partake of His love for them.
Cf 2:1-2; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9; John 3:16 etal
4. The "life" is not just eternal but temporal in the form of fellowship.

Principle: _____ of life indeed through the Son of the God. 1 Tim 6:12

1 John 4:10 = Definition Of Love

E.T./L.T. = In this is the love, not that we ourselves loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Summary:

1. God sets the _____ for loving others.
2. Love _____ for the benefit of others, even toward one's enemies.
3. Love is willing to _____ for others, even to the point of personal harm.
4. Love is willing to bear the _____ for others.
5. The Father's display of love led to _____ of His Righteousness and Justice.

1 John 4:11 = Conclusion And Obligation

E.T./L.T. = Beloved, since God so loved us, we also are obligated to love one another.

Summary:

1. No personal cross is too much to justify failing this obligation.
2. Without appreciating His love our lifestyle will be one of constant failure.
3. We are invited to respond to His love and then initiate with it to others.

Principle: loving others is not to be an _____ part of the Christian life.