

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

January 13, 2013

*The Message:
Receiving, Giving and Faith
1 John 4:19-5:3*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Jan 13 Deacon Nominations are Open.
Wednesday Jan 16 Applications for this Generation.
Sunday Jan 20 Deacon Nominations Close.
Deacons' Meeting.
Foundations 201. Hebrew. 5-7 p.m.
Sunday Feb 10 First Session. Annual Business Meeting.

- ** Voting members may nominate two deacons. This year Robby and Dan Hensley's terms expire.
- ** 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 to check your status.
- ** We will also begin to update our directory so please check your name.

	December	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 9,142.00	\$97,644.94		\$4,952.27	\$20,819.36
Expenses	7,107.92	98,098.59		Benevolence	21,810.36
Balance	2,034.08	(-453.65)	\$ 14,667.21	\$ 706.73	-991.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

*The Message:
L-I-G-H-T Your World:
Encouraging One Another*

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1 John 4:19-21*

1 John 4:19 = The Correct Response.

E.T./L.T. = We ourselves love because He Himself first loved us.

Summary:

1. This refers to our vertical response to His horizontal initiation.
2. It is a marker of maturity to love Him because He first loved us.
3. The immature try to love Him to get Him to love them, but He already does.
4. Our love for Him is our thank you!
5. This is the guide for our lives.

Principle: God's love initiates so we can _____.

1 John 4:20-21 = Example Of Incorrect Response.

E.T./L.T. = If someone says, "I love God", and hates His brother, He is a liar; and the one who does not love His brother whom He has seen, cannot love God whom He has not seen. (21) And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves the God *should* love His brother also.

Summary:

1. The confidence we have in knowing that God loves us does not relieve us of responsible actions.
2. God's love for us sets us free to love our brother as God loves him.
3. The liar has divorced himself from the reality of God.
4. If one cannot love those whom God loves, He does not really love God.
5. Therefore the Royal Law is that commandment from which all other commandments flow. Jas 2:8

Principle: Spiritual love is the _____ that overcomes the world system.

1 John 5

M. Fellowship and Faith. 5:1-6

1 John 5:1 = The Basis Of Belief.

E.T./L.T. = Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God; and whoever is loving the One having beget *Him*, is loving the One having been beget of Him.

Summary:

1. The gospel is addressed to "whoever" so salvation is for everyone.
2. Faith in Jesus as Messiah results in a one-time, permanent birth from God.
3. Those who truly love God love His Son.

4. If a person stops loving the Father, they also stop loving His Son.

Principle: Because the Trinity is _____, individual members cannot validly be unequally loved.

1 John 5:2 = Experiential Knowledge.

E.T./L.T. = By this we are knowing that we are loving the children of the God, when we may love the God and may do His commandments.

Summary:

1. The test of the Christian life is love of the brethren.
2. Again, relationship (knowledge) and fellowship (sharing) are connected to our love for other children of God.
3. Obedience to the command to love one another is the manifestation of our love for Him.

Principle: Because there is only one _____ of Christ, to not love others in His _____ is to not love Him.

1 John 5:3 = Love Is Obedience.

E.T./L.T. = For this is the love of God, that we may keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

Summary:

1. All commandments flow from the Greatest Commandments. Mark 12:29-31
2. Loving God and others is not a burden that cannot be carried, but a treasure to be cherished as valuable.
3. This commandment is not optional. 1 John 2:3-5
4. This commandment is displayed when believed. 1 John 3:21-23
5. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Gal 5:22

Principle: We both _____ and _____ God's love, when we love one another.

L-I-G-H-T Your World Php 2:12-16; 1 Thes 3:11-13

- _____. 2 Tim 2:15
 _____. Heb 10:25
 _____. 2 Pet 3:18
 _____. 2 Tim 3:16-17
 _____. Heb 5:12

9. Understanding Encouragement

- A. There is power in a well-timed word. Prov 18:21; 12:25; 15:4; 16:24; 25:11; Jas 3:5-6
- B. Surface Community is an obstacle to encouragement.
- C. Total openness may not be the right solution.
- D. Total commitment is the right solution.
- E. The _____ of an Encourager.
1. An Encourager's Motivation is _____. 1 Cor 4:5
 2. _____ to others should become more important than whether or not our desires are met.
 3. The natural tendency is to become _____ rather than dependable.
- F. When do we tell someone else how we feel?
1. Realize first, that there are three basic strategies which are used for handling emotions:
 - a. _____ which is pretending to be something we are not.
 - b. _____ Expression which robs people of the opportunity to see Christ work through them.
 - c. Acknowledgment with _____ Expression which first acknowledges our feelings to God, and then discerns when it is permissible to express our feelings to others.
 2. We should express our acknowledged emotions only when such emotions will further _____ purposes.
 3. It is legitimate to tell others of your needs and seek their encouragement and counsel. Gal 6:1-2
- G. Of utmost importance is _____ to the Holy Spirit in the area of encouraging one another.

10. The Process of Encouragement:

- A. Recognize first that words that encourage are inspired by _____ and directed toward _____.
- B. Words that are prompted by _____. 1 Cor 13:4-8
- C. Words that are directed toward _____: Jas 1:5; 1 John 4:18
- D. The Context for Change.
1. Change takes place most easily when _____ is presented in _____. John 1:18
 2. When truth is presented apart from an encouraging community, it often just builds defensive _____. Heb 4:12
 3. When truth is presented in an encouraging _____, the potential is greater for change.