

# *Trinity Bible Church*

The Carpenter's House

January ~~20~~, 2013

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The Message:

*Fellowship and Witnessing*

1 John 5:7-12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Jan 27 Foundations 201. Hebrew. 5-7 p.m.  
Wednesday Jan 30 Bean Supper with Q & A @ 6:00.  
Sunday Feb 3 The Lord's Supper.  
Sunday Feb 10 First Session. Annual Business Meeting.

- \*\* Bean Supper was so much fun we are doing it again. Please submit Questions to Drue for Q & A.
- \*\* Deacon nominations closed. Only Robby and Dan Hensley accepted their nomination. Voting will be "yes" or "no."
- \*\* 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 current membership roll is on the back table to check your status.
- \*\* Please check the TBC directory on the back table and either note it as correct or update necessary information.

	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:

*The Process of Encouragement*

**N. Fellowship and Witness. 5:7-12**

**1 John 5:7 = The Role Of The Holy Spirit.**

**E.T./L.T. = And it is the Spirit who is bearing witness, because the Spirit is the truth.**

**1 John 5:8 = The Oneness Of The Threefold Witness.**

**E.T./L.T. = For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.**

**Summary:**

1. The Holy Spirit as the Revealer of the Son affirms these facts historically and spiritually. John 16:13
2. The Holy Spirit's presence in our life testifies to what the Father said concerning His Son. Matt 3:17; 17:5; John 5:39-47
3. The pure Son of God became the sacrifice previously and presently revealed by the Spirit.
4. The witnesses:
  - A. The Spirit attested to the identity of Jesus at His baptism. Matt 3:16 & Mark 1:10 & Luke 3:22 & John 1:32
  - B. The water attested to:
    1. His true humanity. John 3:5-7
    2. The divine selection and His acceptance of the Father's plan for His life. Matt 3:17
  - C. The blood attested to the completion of His work and the inheritance secured. Matt 26:28; 1 Pet 1:19; 1 John 1:7; John 19:34

**Principle: There are enough witnesses to confirm the fact that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.**

**1 John 5:9 = The Greatest Witness.**

**E.T./L.T. = If we receive the witness of the men (and we do), the witness of the God is greater; for the witness of the God is this, that He has completely borne witness concerning His Son.**

**Summary:**

1. John says those who believe and act on what God has revealed are His witnesses.
2. Others come to know about the object of our faith.
3. This result can be hospitality or hostility.

**Principle: We are witnesses by \_\_\_\_\_ of witnessing.**

**1 John 5:10 = Blasphemy Of Unbelief.**

**E.T./L.T. = The one who believes in the Son of the God has the witness in Himself; the one who does not believe the God has made Him a liar because He has not believed in the witness that the God has permanently borne concerning His Son.**

**1 John 5:11 = The Message Of The Witness.**

**E.T./L.T. = And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.**

**1 John 5:12 = Either-Or.**

**E.T./L.T. = He who has the Son has the life; He who does not have the Son does not have the life.**

**Summary:**

- 1. The Father revealed His Son through the Law, the Prophets and the spoken word.**
- 2. Saving Faith has accepted the testimony of the witnesses.**
- 3. The desired result of our belief is to carry on the witness.**
- 4. The unpardonable sin is to never believe that Jesus, Messiah, is the Son of God, to which the God Himself testified. Matt 12:31-32**
- 5. To call God a liar is to blaspheme. Since the Holy Spirit is the primary revealer, to blaspheme the Holy Spirit is to call Him a liar about the Son.**
- 6. Every unbeliever is a blasphemer, but as long as they draw breathe they can repent and believe.**
- 7. An unbeliever who never changes His mind about Jesus has not received the pardon, but has chosen instead the judgment already rendered for unbelief in the Son. John 3:18; 3:36**
- 8. There is only one way to eternal life, and that is through the Son. John 14:6**
- 9. You either have the life or you don't.**

**Principle: Saving faith \_\_\_\_\_ be directed toward the correct object.**

## 10. The Process of Encouragement:

- A. Recognize first that words that encourage are inspired by love and directed toward fear.
- B. Words that are prompted by love. 1 Cor 13:4-8
- C. Words that are directed toward fear: 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.
- E. Identifying Opportunities:
1. \_\_\_\_\_ with fellow Christians is intended to provide us with opportunities to meaningfully encourage one another. Heb 10:24-25
  2. Opportunities for encouragement will be missed unless we \_\_\_\_\_ choose to minister to people as we talk to them.
  3. Encouragement occurs most effectively when opportunities are \_\_\_\_\_ rather than created. Eph 4:29
  4. Seek to listen beneath the words, but recognize not every sentence is communicating a \_\_\_\_\_ need.
  5. A sensitive \_\_\_\_\_ uses words that convey an interest in hearing more.
  6. Words that close \_\_\_\_\_ convey a lack of sensitive interest, which also carry a hint of criticism that threatens rejection.
- F. Responding to Opportunities:
1. Many times we fail to respond because of our \_\_\_\_\_ of not knowing exactly what to say.
  2. There are some principles to keep in mind:
    - a. The central function of a "layer" is to \_\_\_\_\_. To come out from behind a layer means losing some manner of protection and exposing oneself to rejection.
    - b. Part of the strength of encouragement lies in its communication of \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ is sometimes better than giving advice.
  4. The more precise the \_\_\_\_\_, the greater the opportunity for encouraging words.