

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

June 9, 2013

The Message:
Truth and Children
3 John 1:3-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday June 15 Riley's 50th Anniversary Celebration. 2:00-4:00.
Sunday June 16 Father's Day.
Sunday June 23 Deacons' Meeting.

- ** Please remember the Love's special mission trip in your prayers.
- ** Drue will be having back surgery Tuesday @ 3:30. Please be in prayer for good results and a quick, complete recovery.
- ** We will still have Wednesday and Sunday classes, so please come support those who have prepared a spiritual meal for you.

	May	Total 2013	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 5,826.00	\$38,481.00		\$ 6,302.27	\$ 7,191.00
Expenses	5,731.26	34,314.64		Benevolence	6,191.00
Balance	94.74	4,166.36	\$ 18,883.57	\$ 544.85	\$1,000.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Praise and Worship

The Message:
Commandment Principles:
The Use of Law in the Church Age

Truth and Children

3 John 1:3-4

1:3 = First Commendation: Walking in Truth.

C.T./L.T. = For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and were bearing witness to your truth, just as you yourself are walking in truth.

1:4 = A Spiritual Parent's Joy.

C.T./L.T. = I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my walking in the truth.

Summary:

1. These are obviously references to John's spiritual "children," those he has mentored in the faith.
2. Truth looks at:
 - A. That which is representative of fact or reality.
 - B. Fidelity to an original standard or ideal.
 - C. Not containing falsehood.
3. Theories of Truth: John 18:37-38
 - A. Correspondence Theory states that true beliefs and true statements correspond to the actual state of affairs.
 - B. Coherence Theory says that truth requires a proper fit of elements within a whole system.
 - C. Constructivist Theory holds that truth is constructed by social processes, is historically and culturally specific, and that it is in part shaped through the power struggles within a community.
 - D. Consensus theory holds that truth is whatever is agreed upon, or in some versions, might come to be agreed upon, by some specified group.
 - E. Pragmatic theory holds that truth is verified and confirmed by the results of putting one's concepts into practice.
 - F. Minimalist (deflationary) theories reject the thesis that the concept or term *truth* refers to a real property of sentences or propositions.
 - G. Pluralist theories hold that there is a particular property the having of which makes a belief or proposition true.
4. What does the Bible say? John 17:15-18
 - A. Truth is seen in the person of Jesus Christ. John 14:6-7
 1. The Father cannot lie. Heb 6:17-20
 2. Nor can The Holy Spirit. 1 John 5:7
 3. The Holy Spirit's role is to reveal Truth. John 14:16-18
 4. He primary revelation concerns Jesus. John 15:26-27
 - B. Truth is authenticated in the fact that God became flesh. John 1:14-17
 1. So, Truth is exclusive of lies, specifically about Jesus as Messiah. 1 John 2:20-22

2. And true worldviews accept Jesus as Messiah.
1 John 4:6
- C. Truth that changes lives:
 1. When it is the basis of real freedom. John 8:31-32
 2. As it motivates genuine worship. John 4:23-24
 3. As we desire true sanctification. John 17:18-22
 4. As we practice the truth. 1 John 1:6-9
 5. As we keep His commandments. 1 John 2:4-6
 6. As we display Spiritual love. 1 John 3:18-21
- D. We are to be witnesses of The Truth. John 5:30-34
- E. Most people won't appreciate the truth. John 8:39-47
- F. Some truth is hard to hear but builds the foundation for hope. John 16:7-15

Principle: Real parental joy is built on seeing one's children walk in The Truth.

Commandment Principles: The Use of Law in the Church Age

1. There is a correct way to establish and use law during the Church Age. 1 Tim 1:5-11
2. At the heart of law is authority which involves the position and power to make and/or execute requirements and judgments.
3. Authority has a chain of command. A law made by a lower authority cannot legitimately replace a law from a higher authority. Dan 6:10-26
4. Submission to duly established laws is obedience which is designed to bring rewards. Gen 26:5
 - A. Commandments involve acceptance of authority.
 - B. Statutes which are required actions.
 - C. Laws which are the details of the actions.

5. Submission to Divine Authority involves:
 - A. _____ . Luke 8:15
 - B. _____ . John 8:31-32
 - C. _____ . John 7:17
 - D. _____ . Rom 5:1-5
6. To have the correct attitude about "law-keeping" one must understand the _____ between the phases of the Christian life.
 - A. Phase 1 = _____ . Eph 2:8-9
 - B. Phase 2 = _____ + _____ . Eph 2:10
 - C. Phase 3 = _____ . 1 Cor 3:10-16
7. The depth of our understanding is measured by the _____ of the law, not simply the _____ of it. 2 Cor 3:1-11
 - A. This involves the _____ established by God with the giving of a law.
 - B. What God desires is complete obedience, not a Pharisaic _____ . Matt 5:17-20
 - C. So obedience to God includes not just our actions but our _____ . Matt 5:27-32
 - D. As well as our _____ . Matt 5:21-26