

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

May 21, 2006

**The Message:
Choices
Rom 6:17-19**

Calendar:

Sun	21 May	Church Picnic at the Owsley's after church.
Wed	24 May	1 Corinthians.
Thu	25 May	Greek Class and Ladies' class.
Fri	26 May	Ladies' class cancelled.
Sun	28 May	Spaghetti Dinner after church. Youth Group Fundraiser.
Wed	31 May	1 Corinthians
Sun	4 June	The Lord's Table.

- ** Note that we will be starting 1 Corinthians in our Wednesday night New Testament Survey.**
- ** If you would like to serve on the Missions Committee, see Bobby Mullins.**
- ** Joanne Martin and Sharon Wilkie along with David and Denise Love are planning to go to Columbia June 2, 2006 on a mission trip. They will need various materials and supplies. Please see them if you would like to help.**
- ** The bids for the new building are being updated and the plans are being revised to reflect the changes required by the city. Please be in prayer that the bids will be within our budget range.**

Hymns

Offering

**The Message:
Rewards
Rom 6:20-23**

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QUIET CORNER - INDIA
Condensed Report May 2006

What a joy to greet you in His name enclosing a copy of our Newsletter sharing what the good Lord continue to do in our midst in India. I am sure you will enjoy reading it. The Ministry continues to grow amidst many challenges before us. The Prayer and Bible Mobile Team are on the go reaching many non-Christian homes with God's Word, the Bible. It is thrilling to see how these needy souls respect the Bible and some even wash their hands to touch it.

There are millions of homes in India waiting for His word. This is a very expensive and demanding ministry as each Bible cost \$4.00 by the time it reaches a home. Do pray that God would strengthen our hands. There are various other needs. But we do give priority to His Word and trust the Lord for the funds needed. We do thank God for those who have donated Bibles in memory of their loved ones. Think of the number of Bibles we have in our homes while thousands in land like India have never seen a copy. God has blessed us so that we can be a blessing. We would appreciate your introducing this vision to other God's people and to your Church.

Sewing training for village girls and feeding poor kids with a hot lunch each day is also going on and we thank God for those who partner with us in these love-in-action programs. Through all these, our desire is to introduce Jesus to needy souls. PRAY! Closing with love and thanking you for your prayers and partnership. Thomas & Marykutty.

"TEMPLE RECEIVES BODY PARTS" - Hardoi (UP) Wednesday November 30,2005. (Newspaper Article) A Kati temple near this small town, about 100 km from Lucknow, is in the news as devotees offer parts of their body to please the goddess. Eight persons have offered their tongues at the temple since I assumed the role of its caretaker, said temple priest Siyaram Mali. People from UP and MP flock there to witness what he termed as a "religious ceremony". Mali had the details about the devotees who has offered their tongues at the temple and displayed the list. He said they performed the act without any coercion and added it was to please the goddess. He said the temple doors are closed by the priests whenever a devotee offers his tongue."

The above news clipping caught my eye and touched my heart. It surely will strike a chord within you too and will give you an idea to what extent one can go to please one's gods and goddesses. Indeed, India is a Nation known for its hunger for God. It is one of the most religious nations on this planet. However, it is heart breaking to see such things take place in the name of god. In recent times other news stories of marriages between two frogs and donkeys for rain have also been reported. People are willing to pay any price to please their gods hoping to achieve what they are looking for. Such news must touch and break our hearts.

It is this context that beckons one to present the Gospel to the one billion souls in India. Though very religious, millions of people have no idea of who Jesus is nor have they ever come across a copy of God's word, the Bible. The Church in India has a huge responsibility to reach out to the millions with the Good News. The gospel came to the shores of India, through St. Thomas, one of the disciples, two thousand years ago. Missionaries have laid down their lives to translate the Bible in the languages of the

people but unfortunately the Bible has not yet reached the people of other faiths. Christians are the only ones who have the Bible. The best way to enlighten our people about the knowledge of the God of the Bible is to let them have a copy of it. God has given Quiet Corner a unique vision and strategy to take a copy of the Bible into the hitherto unreached homes of India. This is one of the most expensive and demanding ministry to which God has called us.

As of today the Bible and Prayer Mobile Teams have entered 3700 villages and placed Bibles in over 52,000 homes. They have personally visited most of these homes. The response in turn has been overwhelming. We could do this because of your help and partnership which the Lord has made possible. We are deeply grateful to the churches and individuals who have encouraged us in this vision. Our goal is to enter every village in India and place at least five Bibles if not more. The cost of a Bible including the expenses to place it in a home comes to \$4. (Rs.150). We also provide a powerful evangelistic book along with each Bible. We believe this is the greatest gift and investment one can make for the sake of millions of Indians.

As usual we had a fantastic Christmas in the Jungle with over 900 poor and needy villagers and children. It was thrilling to hear testimonies of three village girls undergoing sewing machine training and who have committed their lives to Christ. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for all He has done this past year and YOU have a part in it.

THE JUNGLE CHRISTMAS STORY - This year Quiet Corner's Christmas festivities were held on the 24 of December. A bright and pleasantly cold morning saw mostly local tribals and villagers from the neighboring villages located within a radius of 25 kms of the campsite participating. A makeshift area enclosed under the shade of bamboo clumps and other foliage became the audience hall. Men, women, children and the elderly led by their relatives made themselves comfortable on the bare ground/benches to witness a season of joy and generosity marking the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise and worship started the numerous events of the day such as devotional songs and dance performances by QC staff and their children and the different beneficiaries of QC's compassionate outreach programs for the underprivileged. Scripture verse recitals by children under the ministry was heard with rapt attention. Benjamin, one of QC's staff members gave the Christmas message. But the event that stood out was the powerful testimonies to the gathering, recounting with zeal how they came to know the Lord and the incredible changes in their lives by Chandran and a tailoring program student. Chandran is the son of a local temple priest and presently works as an evangelist in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.

A delicious meal of rice, vegetable and lentil and chicken curries was laid out to all who had gathered for the occasion. The events of the day ended with distribution of gifts of clothing. The presence of most of the staff members from different areas, friends and family members and the local people made the Christmas festivities a truly impressive one. Earlier a similar Christmas at Chemanath held on the 18th of December had another 300 people witnessing the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. A special thanks to all our contributors who gave wholeheartedly to the needs in the name of Jesus Christ.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 2005 - Over 900 people partook of the meal; 250 children received a pair of new clothes; 250 saris were distributed for the women; 100 blankets were distributed; 30 dhotis, 45 bed sheets and 10 towels for the men folk.

IV. Sanctification: Righteousness Imparted and Demonstrated (6:1–8:39)

A. Sanctification and Sin (6:1-23)

1. The Death. 6:1-7
2. The Resurrection. 6:8-11
3. The Application. 6:12-14
4. The Choice. 6:15-19
5. The Reward. 6:20-23

Rom 6:15 = A Wrong Conclusion.

Rom 6:16 = The Issue: Obedience.

Rom 6:17 = Change Through Commitment.

Summary:

1. Paul is not prescribing a specific method by which to teach the Scriptures.
2. It is obvious that Paul is clearly more interested in what is taught than how it is taught. Titus 1:9
3. He is rather emphasizing the real change that took place in them from the inside-out.
4. They chose to no longer be slaves of sin but of Truth.
5. The word DIDACHE first refers to that which is taught and then to what becomes believed (doctrine).
6. There is both true and false teaching which becomes "doctrine."
7. True doctrine is built upon the words of Jesus Christ Himself, who is Doctrine in the flesh. 1 Tim 6:3-5
8. Truth must correspond to the way things really are and is thus a description of reality.
 - A. Truth is found in the Person of Jesus Christ.
 - B. Propositions of truth will not deny or distort the person of Christ.
 - C. He is the final word concerning truth. John 1:1-3
9. Truth is not:
 - A. Simply "what works."
 - B. Truth because it is consistent.
 - C. Truth because it appears comprehensive.
 - D. Truth because it "feels good."
 - E. Determined by majority vote.
 - F. Determined by intentions.

Principle: The "form" of teaching should be based in The Truth and designed to bring about change.

Rom 6:18 = Change Through Loyalty.

Summary:

1. At salvation we were freed from the wages of sin which was death (Rom 6:23) and we no longer stand condemned. Rom 8:1-2
2. We were set free by the Holy Spirit and the Son of God. John 8:36
3. We then face a battle to stay free. Gal 5:1
4. This requires the truth from God's Word. John 8:31-32
5. It is a sanctifying process. Rom 6:22
6. One day all creation will be set free from the corruption of sin. Rom 8:20-22

Principle: Salvation sets us free to be really free.

Rom 6:19 = A Matter Of Choice.**Summary;**

1. The choice of which master is required even of Believers.
2. We still have a "weakness" in the flesh to decide to do the right thing.
Matt 26:41
3. Flesh itself is not inherently sinful. John 1:14
4. All of us were once sinking deeper and deeper into sin.
 - A. "The" impurity in view is that inherently produced by unbelievers.
Rom 1:24-25
 - B. "Impurity" is the result of false religion.
 - C. It is a work of the flesh. Gal 5:19-21
 - D. It can be done by believers. Eph 5:3
 - E. "The" lawlessness refers to violating the Greatest Commandment.
5. Unbelievers with impure thoughts produce more and more lawlessness.
6. Now we are no longer bound to sin but are able to be sanctified.
7. The condition of sanctification is presenting ourselves to righteousness.

Principle: Sanctification involves conscious righteous decisions.

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Rom 6:20 = Sin Is Not Righteous.**Summary:**

1. As unbelievers we were not bondservants of righteousness.
2. In fact we could not be a true bondservant, but only serve righteousness as it met personal agendas.
3. Believers who choose to follow their Sin Nature act like unbelievers.
4. As Believers we have a Sin Nature and the Imputation of God's Righteousness, so we have true options.
5. How we use our freedom is extremely important. 1 Peter 2:16

Principle: Not all "freedom" is good.

Rom 6:21 = Truly Reflect And Analyze The Past.**Summary:**

1. The things done in impurity and lawlessness produced no good fruit of themselves at the time.
2. There was a "separation" from good fruit, an "operational death."
3. A changed attitude about those deeds that helps others may lead to some fruit in the future.
4. Good fruit is produced from a good Vine and a healthy branch that has undergone some pruning. John 15
5. Fruit is:
 - A. Of the Holy Spirit. Gal 5:22-23

- B. Seen in productive ministry. Rom 1:13
- C. Enhanced by God's discipline and based in righteousness. Heb 12:11
- D. From The Light and manifested in goodness, righteousness and truth. Eph 5:8-11
- E. Produced in praise to Him. Heb 13:15-16
- F. A manifestation of wisdom. James 3:17-18
- G. A step to determining virtue. Phil 1:9-11

Principle: Things done as an unbeliever have no eternal fruit.

Rom 6:22 = Slavery And Sanctification.

Summary:

1. Once there is freedom from the Sin of Adam and the resultant Sin Nature and a decision made to be a bondservant of God, we have the fruit of that decision.
2. The fruit of that decision is sanctification, setting us apart from a life totally led by sin.
3. This sanctification:
 - A. Will not occur without salvation. Heb 12:14
 - B. Is accomplished by the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 1:2
 - C. Is found in Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 1:30-31
 - D. Involves moral issues. 1 Thes 4:1-8
4. The end result of this sanctification is eternal "life."

Principle: Sanctification lets us eternally live.

Rom 6:23 = The Facts.

Summary:

1. The word OPSONIA meaning a "soldier's pay" relates to our choice of masters.
2. Good soldiers try to please their leader. 2 Tim 2:3-4
3. Those who please their Sinful Natures are separated from good fruit.
4. Those who want to please the Lord begin to experience the eternal life they have been given. 2 Peter 1:1-5
5. This life begins as a result of a grace gift from God when one believes in Jesus Christ. Rom 5:15-17
6. It will not be revoked. Rom 11:29
7. The grace gift of eternal life is given a grace gift with which to serve the Body of Christ. 1 Cor 12:4-7
8. We are not to neglect it. 1 Tim 4:14
9. We must rekindle it from time to time. 2 Tim 1:6-7
10. We must be a good steward of it. 1 Peter 4:10

Principle: Let us live in the eternal life we have been given.