

# ***Trinity Bible Church***

**The Carpenter's House**

**October 7, 2007**

**FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:**

**Love All Mankind-Step 1**

**Romans 13:8**

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**Please join us for refreshments between services**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>7 Oct</b>  | <b>The Lord's Table</b>             |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>8 Oct</b>  | <b>Youth Meeting. 6:30-8:30</b>     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10 Oct</b> | <b>Question and Answer Session.</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>11 Oct</b> | <b>Ladies Prayer Meeting.</b>       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>13 Oct</b> | <b>Ladies' Birthday Luncheon.</b>   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>15 Oct</b> | <b>Youth Meeting. 6:30-8:30</b>     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>17 Oct</b> | <b>Bible Class.</b>                 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>18 Oct</b> | <b>Ladies Prayer Meeting.</b>       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>22 Oct</b> | <b>Deacons' Meeting.</b>            |

- \*\* Ladies' Birthday Luncheon October 13 @ Java Dave's.**
- \*\* Youth Meeting every Monday at 6:30. Invite your friends.**
- \*\* Ladies' Bible Study and Prayer Meeting every Thursday @ 9:30.**
- \*\* Please be in prayer for the Self-Study Bible Training program.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**The Lord's Table**

**SECOND SERVICE MESSAGE:**

**Love All Mankind-Step 2**

**Romans 13:9**

**GENE AND DAWN WHITEHURST**  
**East West Missions**  
**October 2007**

It is with very heavy hearts that all of us who have been to Myanmar (Burma) have watched the unfolding of the events taking place there. For those of you who haven't heard much about it, there have been daily peaceful marches by the people with Buddhist monks leading the way. These have gained momentum and on Monday, there were over 100,000 demonstrators in the capitol city alone and many thousands more in 25 other cities. They are marching to protest the rule of a very oppressive and corrupt military junta who has in the past 20 years run their economy into the ground and brought destitution and misery to over 50 million people. This morning I talked with a Burmese friend who lives here in Dallas. She has a sister who lives over there and works downtown near the two major pagodas where the bulk of demonstrating is going on. She has heard some of the monks chanting, "We are willing to die fighting, but we refuse to just starve to death." Over a month ago, the government raised the price of fuel by 500% overnight. In a country that is already desperately poor, this made it impossible for the people who have jobs to even get to work. A bus ticket is about 1/2 of a day's pay.

The government reacted yesterday to the protestors by using tear gas, beating the people and shooting (it is thought mostly over their heads at this point). An undetermined number of people were rounded up at around midnight on Tues night (their time) and put into prison. The estimates are over 300 but no one is sure of the exact amount. Also, some have died from their wounds. It is very hard for the international news media to confirm reports since there are no journalists allowed in the country. All news has come via people sending the news stations e-mails over the internet and pictures and movies taken by their cell phones. These pictures portray a very grave situation and it is expected to get much worse. When the same unrest and uprising happened over there in 1988, the military opened fire on the demonstrators and thousands were killed. If you would like more information go to [www.bbcnews.com/burma](http://www.bbcnews.com/burma).

Due to this situation, we have prayerfully (and reluctantly) decided that all of the people that had planned to go in October to do ministry there with Surpassing Grace should cancel their trips. The situation is extremely volatile and therefore dangerous for Americans to be there. But more importantly, since the government has issued a curfew in the two major cities and a ban on any meeting whatsoever of over 5 people, it would be very difficult to hold the meetings, trainings, etc. that we had planned to do. If the nationals were caught in a group of 15-25 people, and some were Americans, all the people in the meeting could be put into prison. The government is very paranoid about Western nations that may be encouraging this uprising of the people for democracy and freedom. In addition to our concern about their safety, it has been reported that all communication, (limited as it is) phone lines, internet access, etc. are getting ready to be cut off within the country and from the outside world. This would make it difficult to contact anyone once we got there and some of the forms of transportation will be non-operating as well - making it impossible to even come and meet with us.

God has provided a way for us to get funds into the country so we are continuing to send the monthly support for all of the ministries and nationals we presently support over there. We will continue to do this as long as this avenue remains available to us. From the little contact we have had with people over there, we know that they are continuing to do the ministries that God has called them to do in spite of this turmoil. In fact, it will likely open up many more opportunities for evangelism since their world has become even more insecure and terrible. We certainly hope that this situation will be resolved and that we can return after the first of the year. That is our plan unless God shows us differently. Please be in prayer about this and for all of our dear friends who are facing such a dire situation right now. But, God is sovereign over all of the events of history and we know that He is in control of their country right

now. Thanks so much for your continued prayer and financial support for the ministry. Love in Christ, Dawn, Gene, Kathy

#### **EXCERPS FROM DAILY MAIL, WORLD NEWS SECTION**

**BURMA:** UN special envoy Ibrahim Gambari has met Myanmar junta supremo Than Shwe, to try to persuade him to end a crackdown on the biggest democracy protests in 20 years. Dissident groups say up to 200 protesters were killed and 6,000 detained in the crackdown, compared to the regime's report of 10 deaths. Foreign Minister Nyan Win told the UN General Assembly in New York that foreigners are the cause of his ruling junta's brutal crackdown on protestors. "They have become more and more emboldened and have stepped up their campaign to confront the government", he said. Nyan Win's comments indicated that the junta would not give up its hardline position and is willing to thumb its nose at international demands to restore democracy and free pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi. The generals continued posting troops and police across the city and dispatching pro-junta gangs to raid homes in search of monks and dissidents on the run. "You have a climate of terror all over the city," a Bangkok-based Myanmar expert said.

US charge d'affaires Shari Villarosa said arrests continued unabated. "We have heard that arrests are continuing at night, like at two o'clock in the morning. We've heard it's the military. "I don't know who is doing it, but people are going around in the middle of the night and taking people away. People are terrified. This government keeps power through fear and intimidation and they are trying to intimidate people to stay off the streets."

Gambari traveled to Burma to convey international outrage at last week's crushing of monk-led protests against decades of military rule and deepening poverty. He met three minister-generals and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who remains under house arrest. Then Gambari met with Senior General Than Shwe. The UN Security Council, endorsed the former Nigerian foreign minister's emergency visit. Gambari was expected to have a second meeting with the 62-year-old Nobel peace laureate Suu Kyi. Thousands of monks detained in Burma's biggest city will be sent to prisons in the far north. About 4,000 monks have been rounded up in the past week. The detained monks have been disrobed and shackled, according to sources quoted by BBC Radio's Burmese service.

The reports follow claims from a former intelligence officer in Burma's ruling junta that thousands of protesters have been killed and the bodies of hundreds of executed monks have been dumped in the jungle. The most senior official to defect so far, Hla Win, said: "Many more people have been killed in recent days than you've heard about. The bodies can be counted in several thousand." Mr Win said he fled when he was ordered to take part in a massacre of holy men. His defection will raise a faint hope among tens of thousands of Burmese who have fled to villages along the Thai border. They feel others in the army may follow him and turn on their ageing leaders, Than Shwe and Maung Aye.

**Overcoming Evil with Good:**

**Key Principle 13:1-7 = Respect All Authority.**

**Key Principle 13:8-10 = Love All Mankind.**

**Rom 13:8 = The Christian Life.**

**13:8 C.T. = Keep on owing nothing to anyone except to love one another of the same kind; for the one loving a different kind has filled up law.**

**Summary:**

1. **A debt is an obligation that honor dictates be paid.**
2. **Financial debt is usually first in our minds, but while there is a financial application of this passage, that would be an incomplete interpretation.**
3. **First, we are obligated to the Lord because in His grace He has paid a debt for us that we could never pay. Matt 18:21-32**
4. **The debt that we owe Him is to be paid to others.**
5. **Therefore, it is now our obligation:**
  - A. **To \_\_\_\_\_ others the way He treated us. 1 John 2:6; 4:11**
  - B. **To \_\_\_\_\_ as He forgave. Matt 18:21-32; Luke 11:2-4**
  - C. **To keep our \_\_\_\_\_. Matt 23:16-22**
  - D. **To \_\_\_\_\_ God for those who walk in faith and love one another. 2 Thes 1:3**
  - E. **To \_\_\_\_\_ what we have been taught to teach others. Heb 5:12**
  - F. **To \_\_\_\_\_ others in even the most menial ways. John 13:14**
  - G. **To bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of others. Rom 15:1**
  - H. **To \_\_\_\_\_ to the Jews. Rom 15:27**
  - I. **To love your \_\_\_\_\_. Eph 5:28**
  - J. **To help \_\_\_\_\_ in need. 1 John 3:16-17**
6. **Love in action meets its obligations, which begins with a love of other Believers.**
7. **When this love extends to unbelievers the "Law of Love" has reached its potential.**

**Step 1: See love for all as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Rom 13:9 = The Bottom Line.**

**13:9 C.T. = For this, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

**Summary:**

- 1. Paul selects four of the ten Commandments to teach about removing hatred from our relationships.**
- 2. The first three he selects are normally considered in their overt manifestations, which clearly damage relationships.**
- 3. All three of these have mental counterparts.**
  - A. Lasciviousness thoughts are \_\_\_\_\_ adultery, as are following other gods. Matt 5:28; Exo 34:13-16**
  - B. Unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ is murder. Matt 5:21-22**
  - C. Not giving God the \_\_\_\_\_ is "stealing" from Him. Rom 2:17-21**
- 4. The command to "not covet" takes us to the root of the problem, which is selfishness at others' expense. Rom 7:7-8**
- 5. Test your attitudes:**
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_**
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_**
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_**
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_**
- 6. This Law is called:**
  - A. The Second Greatest Commandment, indicating its importance. Matt 22:39; Mark 12:31**
  - B. "The" Commandment indicating its preeminence. 2 John 5-6**
  - C. The Lord's Commandment indicating its source. John 15:12**
  - D. The Royal Law indicating its unconditional nature. Jas 2:8-9**
  - E. The Summary of the Mosaic Law. Gal 5:14-15**

**Step 2: Evaluate love by your \_\_\_\_\_.**