

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

November 16, 2008

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Driven out of Eden

Genesis 3:22-24

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday 16 Nov Spanish Bible Class.
Monday 17 Nov Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday 19 Nov Foundations Class 7.
Wednesday 26 Nov No Class.
Thursday 27 Nov Happy Thanksgiving!!
Monday 1 Dec Gary Horton Pot Luck. 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 6 Dec Ladies' Birthday Luncheon.
Saturday 13 Dec Christmas Party. 5-8 p.m.

- ** Glenhaven offering. A basket is on the back table this month to purchase gift cards for Christmas presents.
- ** You can catch up on any missed classes on our website: www.tbcokc.org
- ** Mario Garcia teaches a Spanish Bible Class each Sunday night. Please invite anyone you might know who speaks Spanish to it.
- ** Foundations and Christianity 101 classes are on the Internet so that you may makeup missed classes.
- ** Please increase your prayers for TBC and specifically pray for wisdom and guidance for our participation in the spread of His Kingdom.

	October	Year-to-Date	General Fund	Building Fund
Income	\$6,314.00	\$73,997.15		
Expenses	7,069.90	74,616.88		
Balance	(\$645.90)	(\$619.73)	\$9,581.52	\$10,191.84

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

The Message:

Who's The Boss? Authority

VILLAGE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
Bob Thompson, CEO
November 2008

The following is an email forwarded by Mark Gassaway who is a Board Member of Village Ministries International. This gives us a chance to hear more about what is really going on in other parts of the world such as Orissa, India. Mark Gassaway writes to Don Smith from whom he received this message.

Don,

The mission organization I work with, Village Ministries International (VMI), supports a church in India. We are hearing the same sort of things from the people we support in India. We take our freedoms for granted in this country, and hearing stories like this one humbles and saddens me. Praise God for the brave people who are sacrificing and suffering to stand up for their faith. God will bless them for all eternity for their faithfulness. I see that one of the folks noted on this email is with YWAM. My nephew and his wife were with YWAM for about 5 years in Mexico and just returned to Tulsa last spring to start a family - it's a great organization. Thanks.

Date: November 6, 2008.

Dear Covenant Church family,

Please see the urgent prayer request below from YWAM in India: This is a request for prayer for YWAM missionaries and their churches in Orissa, India. The request came from Mable Hurst, an associate of HCJB Global. Please read and make this a matter of urgent prayer.

Dear beloved sponsors and friends of Good News India.

We have never seen anything like this. We knew that Orissa was the most resistant and hostile State in India as far as the Gospel is concerned. And we brushed off the continuous threats and harassment we faced as we went about His work. But none of our staff imagined that they would see this kind of carnage.... And it is totally under the radar of the Western Media.

Let me explain; A militant Hindu priest and 4 of his attendants, who were zealously going around the villages of Orissa and 'reconverting' people back to Hinduism, were gunned down by unknown assailants in Central Orissa last weekend. Immediately the Christians were blamed. The cry rose up...'Kill the Christians!' And the horror began.... In the past 4 days, we have first hand witness to hundreds of churches being blown up or burned and many, many dozens of Christian tribals have been slaughtered. For no other reason than they bear the name of Christ. Night and day I have been in touch with our Good News India Directors spread across 14 Dream Centers in Orissa... they are right in the middle of all this chaos.

In Tihidi, just after the police came to offer protection, a group of 70 blood-thirsty militants came to kill our staff and destroy the home. They were not allowed to get in, but they did a lot of damage to our Dream Center by throwing rocks and bricks and smashing our gate, etc. They have promised to come back and 'finish the job.' Our kids and staff are locked inside and have stayed that way with doors and windows shut for the past 3 days. It has been a time of desperately calling on the Lord in prayer.

More police have come to offer protection. In Kalahandi, the police and some local sympathizers got to our dream center and gave our staff and kids about 3 minutes notice to vacate. No one had time to even grab a change of clothes or any personal belonging. As they fled, the blood thirsty mob came to kill everyone in the building. We would have had a mass funeral there, but for His grace. In Phulbani, the mob came looking for Christian homes and missions. The local Hindu people, our neighbors turned them away by saying that there were no Christians in this area. So they left. We had favor. The same thing happened in Balasore. All our dream centers are under lock down with the kids and staff huddled inside and police outside. The fanatics are circling outside waiting for a chance to kill. Others were not so fortunate. In a nearby Catholic orphanage, the mob allowed the kids to leave and locked up a Priest and a computer teacher in the house and burned them to death. Many believers have been killed and hacked into pieces and left on the road.... even women and children. At another orphanage run by another organization, when this began, the Director and his wife jumped on their motorbike and simply fled, leaving all the children and staff behind. Every one of our GNI directors that I have spoken to said: 'We stay with our kids....we live together or die together, but we will never abandon what God has called us to do.' More than 5000 Christian families have had their homes burned or destroyed. They have fled into the jungles and are living in great fear waiting for the authorities to bring about peace. But so far, no peace is foreseen.

This will continue for another 10 days.... supposedly the 14 day mourning period for the slain Hindu priest. Many more Christians will die and their houses destroyed. Many more churches will be smashed down. The Federal government is trying to restore order and perhaps things will calm down. We ask for your prayers. Only the Hand of God can calm this storm. None of us know the meaning of persecution. But now our kids and staff know what that means. So many of our kids coming from Hindu backgrounds are confused and totally bewildered at what is happening around them. So many of their guardians have fled into the jungles and are unable to come and get them during these trying times. Through all this, I am more determined than ever to continue with our goal: the transformation of a community by transforming its children. Orissa will be saved... that is our heart's cry. If we can take these thousands of throw-away children and help them to become disciples of Jesus, they will transform an entire region. It is a long term goal, but it is strategic thinking in terms of the Great Commission.

What can you do? First, please uphold all this in fervent prayer. Second, pass this e-mail on to as many friends as you can. We must get the word out and increase our prayer base for this is spiritual warfare at its most basic meaning. We are literally fighting the devil in order to live for His Kingdom. The next 10 days are crucial. We pray for peace and calm to pervade across Orissa. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please pass it on and help us to get as many people to partner with us on this cutting edge effort to fulfill His mandate: Go and make disciples of all nations. Prayer works.

Chip & Sandy Wanner, Team Facilitator to YWAM frontlines.

Pastor Mark Pluimer, Covenant Church
Let's join together in prayer for this situation in Christ

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Genesis 3:22-24

Gen 3:22 = A New Problem.

3:22 C.T. = Then Yahweh Elohim said, "Behold, the man has become like one from Us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of lives, and eat, and live forever" —

Summary:

1. Adam made a transition into something that was not good.
2. He now intimately knows about human good and evil.
3. For him (and us) this will lead to confusion and pain.
4. One can know intimately about these things without participation in them, as evidenced by God Himself.
5. The phrase "like one from Us" implies that there is one from the Trinity who intimately knows this human good and evil.
6. He has experienced the knowledge of it in pre-incarnate form when the Plan was established.
7. God has known the details of this event since before the "Foundation of the world."
8. The Trinity set out to stop the man from:
 - A. Stretching out his hand which indicates a deliberate act of volition.
 - B. Taking from a specific tree which is an analytical act coming from understanding.
 - C. Eating which indicates embracing the decision as an act of faith.
9. Some decisions He chooses to enforce rather than giving man the chance to violate them.
10. The stated result of those three acts would be to live forever, which was not good for man.

Principle: God doesn't want us live forever in a _____ condition.

Principle: God clearly established His policy of _____.

Principle: _____ from God on His children is from His grace.

Gen 3:23 = The Physical Solution.

3:23 C.T. = therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to serve the ground from which he was taken.

Summary:

1. This is justice working in conjunction with grace, as there is still discipline for the transgression.
2. Man was made outside the garden and placed inside it as a picture of God's blessing. 2:8
3. Being removed from the blessing to live under the curse is a constant reminder of what was lost because of sin.
4. The Fall of man brought change and discipline to all of creation. Rom 8:19-25
5. The man is called to serve in a now hostile environment, which is a picture of the role of the Innocent Substitute.
6. In the Angelic Conflict, man will come to God from farther away, hence man's reward one day is to be higher than the angels. Heb 1-2
7. Properly understood, hard labor in hostile environment lets one identify with the Person of Jesus Christ.
8. It also permits one to look to the reward. Heb 12:2

Principle: God threw fallen man out of Eden so man would be able to more closely _____ with the Innocent Substitute, the _____.

Gen 3:24 = The Enforcement of the Solution.

3:24 C.T. = So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He caused to dwell the cherubim, and the flame of the two-edged sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of lives.

Summary:

1. The indication is that the man didn't want to leave and needed "encouragement."
2. At the east end of Eden, at the rising of the Sun, he permanently stationed angelic beings to keep the unrighteous out of Eden.
3. The Sunrise is to be a reminder of the ultimate blessing and cursing. Gen 1:14; Mal 4:1-6
4. The flaming two-edged sword is a picture of judgment that is based on the righteousness of God. Heb 4:12
5. To get back into the tree of lives one must go through the fire of judgment that is absolutely righteous.
6. Sounds like one will need a lot of grace to get back in.
7. Even after Adam and Eve's salvation from the penalty of sin, they had to endure life, hoping to conquer the power of sin.

Principle: When God denies access to some "good things," He still is working all things for _____. Rom 8:28

Authority

1. Authority refers to a claim of legitimacy, justification and right to exercise power to achieve a desired end.
 - A. A right means that authority is not to usurp that area.
 - B. A privilege is something that an authority gives.

2. Spheres of Authority: A Sphere of Authority is determined by where the _____ lies. Each Sphere of Authority has a _____.
 - A. The Father to the Son, Jesus Christ. Matt 28:18
Purpose: So all has the opportunity to be _____. 1 Tim 2:1-4
 - B. God to the individual. 2 Cor 5:10
Purpose: To make the individual _____.
 - C. God to families. Eph 5:22-6:1
Purpose: To display _____ and _____.
 - D. God to the church. Eph 4:11
Purpose: To _____ the saints. Eph 4:12-16; 2 Cor 10:8
 - E. God to governments. Rom 13:1-7
 1. Military. Purpose: To _____ the nation.
 2. Civilian. Purpose: To _____ the nation.
 - F. God to Social Institutions:
 1. Business. Col 3:22
Purpose: To _____ for the needs of the citizens.
 2. Academics. Heb 5:12
Purpose: To educate people about _____.
 3. Athletics. 1 Cor 9:24-27
Purpose: To teach about spiritual _____.

3. Obedience to a higher authority is _____.

4. Authorities are clearly warned throughout Scripture to not _____ the authority entrusted to them. Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 5:1-4

5. Compliance with authority _____ others. Gen 26:4-5

6. Principles of the Proper Use of Authority:
 - A. The first allegiance is to _____ and His _____.
 - B. Seek to not _____ another's legitimate sphere of authority.
 - C. Seek to work in _____ with other authorities.
 - D. Defer to _____ authority.
 - E. Seek to function _____ in your society.
 - F. Seek to remember that Authority is given to _____ others.
 - G. Seek wisdom concerning the use of appropriate power to administer _____ for violations.
 - H. Remember the _____ to you from the Highest Authority.