



be ye reconciled to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

the weekly digest of ambassador**baptistchurch**

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from the pastor's heart

HOW GOD CALLS

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As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:2

The Lord Jesus laments a lack of workers and commands us as His people to pray for the Lord to send forth more labourers into His harvest field. However, even when the labourers are few, God has His

requirements for his tasks. Are the requirements for God's service skills, or technical know-how or expertise? We will find that what we know and have learnt in our own lives are immaterial in the initial call for His work. That is not to say that our skills are unimportant but our skills are unimportant in comparison to God's perspective of what is requirement for the service of God. How does God call for people to serve Him?

We must already be serving the Lord actively in the local church.

The phrase "as they ministered to the Lord" represents the service that they were committed to as they serve the King of Kings. They were not sitting around and doing nothing, they did not shirk their responsibility of service, nor did they give excuses for not

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serving the Lord. They were serving the Lord, and importantly, they were serving God publicly. They were not concerned of the commitment as long the Lord Jesus has the glory.

We must be actively seeking the will of the Lord

Fasting in the Bible often indicates quietness before the Lord and a seeking and preparation for the individual. When we do not earnestly seek the Lord, we do not hear from Him. Many do not pray and seek God earnestly for His will and yet demand of God to know His will when they want it.

We must demonstrate ourselves faithful to the work to which the Lord has called us to

And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Acts 12:25

God called Barnabas and Paul because they showed themselves faithful to the work God called them. They just returned from 18 months of work at Jerusalem and were returning to Antioch because they had fulfilled their ministry.

Are we actively serving the Lord in a committed capacity? Do we seek the Lord actively for His will? Is it possible that we are so busy that we do not seek the Lord to ask Him what He would have us to do? Have we been faithful to the ministry that God has called us to? Both in completion and edifying the saints? God calls us when we are actively serving Him, seeking His will and faithful in completing His task. May God call us to His work - the highest Call!

*Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan
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*They were serving
the Lord...*

thought for the week

We are called to do His will and His work. Have you heard His call?

memory verse

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go ...

Isaiah 6:8-9A

Sunday Worship Service
2 October 2011
"Faith in Action"

I. **The title** for today's message is _____

II. **The passage** for today's message is _____

III. What moved the Lord Jesus to heal the man? _____

IV. **What are some specific evidences of faith** from this passage:

A. Faith in action _____ n_____ p_____ to Christ.

1. How did they come?

a) They came to _____

b) They came with a _____

c) They came to _____ bringing someone with a _____

B. Faith in action w_____ c_____ to reach n_____ p_____ for
C_____

C. Faith in action o_____

1. O_____ Faith r_____ to let o_____ s_____ them

2. O_____ Faith d_____ whatever it takes

3. O_____ Faith goes against l_____

D. Faith in action gets r_____ and r_____

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*Turn to: **Mark 2:1 - 5***

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

John 1:40 - 41 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

John 4:28 - 29 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord (one mind) in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, (one heart)

1 Corinthians 3:6 - 7 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

1 John 5:4 - 5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Psalms 78:39 - 41 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again. How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

*Turn to: **Romans 4:18 - 21***

*Turn to: **Numbers 13:26 - 33***

Friday Church News Notes

AMERICA IN PROPHECY

Many people have wondered if America is mentioned in Bible prophecy. In fact, she is mentioned many times, not by name but as one of the Gentile nations. America has a unique heritage. She has long been a bastion of religious liberty and a dynamic force for world evangelism. She has supported Israel more than any other Gentile nation and has experienced God's blessings in manifold ways, but she has never been anything other than a Gentile nation and the majority of her citizens have never been born again. This was true in the 18th century, the 19th, and the 20th. With the near wholesale corruption of her churches, America is rapidly become as great an enemy of truth and righteousness as she was once a friend. When the born again saints are Raptured away, there will be nothing left but an empty pagan nation primed and ready to serve the Antichrist. Following are some of the prophecies that describe the future of every nation except Israel. In Psalm 2:1-3 we see all the nations raging against God and Christ and rejecting God's law. That is a perfect description of America as a nation even today and the rebellion will increase in intensity after the Rapture. America will submit to the Antichrist's authority. "And ALL that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ... And he causeth ALL, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads" (Rev. 13:8, 16). America will be among the nations that rejoice and send gifts to one



another when the Two Witnesses are killed by the Antichrist (Revelation 11:10). America will be one of the nations drunken with the wine of end-time Babylon. "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (Rev. 17:5). America will be one of the nations that gather together for Armageddon. "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. ... And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army" (Rev. 16:14; 19:19). America will be judged by Christ at His return when He separates the sheep from the goats according to how they treated Israel and the 144,000 Jewish evangelists during the Great Tribulation (Matthew 25:31-46).

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY IN TREACHEROUS WATERS



Jerry Falwell led the once-fundamentalist Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty University into the treacherous waters of the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1990s, and the result was predictable. For the last few years Thomas Road and Liberty have been moving within Rick Warren's sphere of influence. Warren spoke at Liberty's SuperConference 2003; Liberty hosted a Purpose Driven conference in June 2008; Warren spoke at Thomas Road's Innovate conference in August 2008, and most recently he addressed students at Liberty on September 19, 2011. Warren says God won't ask about your doctrinal views, which is a lie because the first purpose of Scripture is "for doctrine" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Warren frequently and approvingly quotes heretics such as Roman Catholic universalists Mother Teresa and Henri Nouwen. He promotes contemplative mysticism and its most radical proponents such as Richard Foster and the Catholic-Buddhist Thomas Merton. Rick Warren yokes together in ministry with

New Age practitioners such as Mehmet Oz, who promotes occultic Reiki, and Daniel Amen who promotes Hindu tantric yoga. Warren presented Roman Catholic inter-spiritualist globalist Tony Blair with a peace prize at Saddleback Church in March of this year. The Southern Baptist Convention is a worldly mixed multitude of "evangelicals," charismatics, theological modernists, Masons, modern textual critics, theistic evolutionists, New Agers, female preachers, pastor-ruling deacons, and no-discipline churches, all dancing to the beat of rock & roll. The fact that many Independent Baptist preachers are keeping quiet about it on the public front is truly frightful. (For documentation of the treacherous waters of the Southern Baptist Convention see "The Path from Independent Baptist to The Shack, Rome, and Beyond" -- <http://www.wayoflife.org/thepath/index.html>).

CHARLES STANLEY PROMOTING CONTEMPLATIVE MYSTICISM

Charles Stanley promotes blatant contemplative mysticism. Note the following: "... solitude is a deliberate choice to spend time with God and give Him your undivided attention. ... My first suggestion is to find a silent place that's free from distractions. Once you're there, the next step is to **DO NOTHING** but make yourself available to the Lord. In that moment, God is not necessarily expecting you to read through a prayer list or study a devotional. Simply invite Him to meet with you in the stillness and speak to you through His Word, however He chooses. Depending on your point of need, He may speak words of encouragement or instruction, or simply surround you with His love. Don't be discouraged if **SENSING HIS PRESENCE** doesn't happen right away. With time you'll **EXPERIENCE IT** in ways that are transforming and unforgettable. ... through solitude we become intimate with God, and nothing in this world compares with knowing Him deeply" ("Ask Dr. Stanley," *In Touch*, Oct. 2011). What Stanley is recommending is not biblical meditation; it is blind mysticism that is borrowed from Rome's dark monastic past. Stanley is not explaining how to get alone with God without distractions and study and meditate on Scripture and pray. He is explaining how to sit in silence and DO NOTHING and expect God to meet me in that context. When he mentions God speaking through "His Word," he is not referring necessarily to Scripture but through an experience, a feeling, an intuition. To seek an "experience" with God is the opposite of walking by faith (which comes only through God's Word the Bible, Romans 10:17) and is a recipe for spiritual delusion. If I were to

follow Charles Stanley's recommendation to seek God in "the silence" and expect Him to reveal Himself to me in some experiential way apart from Scripture, how would I know that it is God that is speaking? The Bible warns



repeatedly about the danger of being deceived by the devil, who transforms himself into an angel of light (e.g., 2 Corinthians 11; 1 Peter 5:8). God's Word instructs the believer to be sober and vigilant against spiritual deception at all times. Every thought and experience must be carefully tested by Holy Scripture. Contemplative mysticism was also promoted in the January 2011 and the January 2010 issues of *In Touch* magazine. Charles Stanley is another "conservative evangelical" who is a bridge to the treacherous waters of ancient and end-time apostasy. We have documented the great danger of the contemplative mysticism movement in our book by that name.

WOMEN IN SKIRTS RATED MORE HIGHLY THAN THOSE IN PANTS



In a new workplace study, women wearing skirts were rated more highly than those wearing pants. When over three hundred people were asked to give "snap judgments" of images of women in either trouser suits or skirts, they favored those wearing skirts ("Wear a Skirt to Make a Good Impression," *Daily Telegraph*, Sept. 21, 2011). They were asked to rate women by several criteria, including confidence, success, and trustworthiness.

Professor Karen Pine of the University of Hertfordshire, who co-led the study, observed that "women can still dress in a feminine way yet still be perceived as confident and successful." Note that this secular professor admits that skirts and dresses are more "feminine" than pants. It is obvious that clothing is a language, and if it is important

how one dresses for business, how much more is it important how one dresses for godliness! The pants suit was invented by the homosexual fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent in 1966. Laurent's long-time homosexual partner, Pierre Berge, said that Laurent "played a part" in the liberation of women. In fact, he helped to enslave them to sensual fashion and tempt them to reject their God-given femininity. The pantsuit is part of the rebellious rock & roll culture. Linda Grant said that the pantsuit "put women on an equal sartorial footing with men and "is what fashion gave to feminism" ("Feminism Was Built on the Trouser Suit," *The Guardian*, June 3, 2008). This ought to be enough warning for women who love the Lord to know that they should have nothing to do with the modern female pants movement. It has gone hand-in-hand with the unisex movement and its open rebellion against the God who made man male and female. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27).

PAY PAL JOINS HANDS WITH HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVISTS TO DENY FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION



(The following is excerpted from “LGBT Group Pressures PayPal to Shut Down ‘Hate Groups,’” *Christian Post*, Sept. 23, 2011: “All Out, a leading international LGBT rights organization, has been pressuring PayPal to shut down the accounts of ‘hate groups’ who are against homosexual lifestyles since earlier this month. The organization ... claims the groups are using the online payment site to raise funds for a ‘dangerous cause.’ ... Many of the groups All Out is targeting are religious, Christian organizations that speak openly about their stance on homosexuality, which they consider to be a sin. Those include: Abiding Truth Ministries, New Generation Ministries, Faithful Word Baptist Church, Family Research Institute, Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, and American Society for the Defense of Tradition Family and Property. ‘Every day brings more evidence that the Homosexual Lobby is all about kicking pro-morality people (mostly committed Christians) who disagree with homosexual behavior OUT of the public square,’ Peter LaBarbera, president of

Americans For Truth About Homosexuality, said in a statement. ‘More and more observers are seeing this for what it is: homo-fascism.’ ... PayPal has contacted several of the targeted groups, asking them for more information about their accounts. Christian activist Julio Severo who posts on a blog called Last Days Watchman, was one victim of the campaign. He was sent an email from PayPal announcing an investigation on his account, and was told later that his account would be shut down because of ‘legal and regulatory constraints,’ according to *WorldNetDaily*. A link to the company’s user agreement was also included in the message that outlined their policy on ‘hate, violence, [and] racial intolerance.’ ... While All Out described Severo’s blog as being an extremist hate site that promotes lies about gay people, Severo, hoping to clear the misunderstanding, told PayPal, ‘I want you to know that we Christians love homosexuals, but we disagree with their immoral lifestyles.’”

TELEVISION SERIES EXPANDS LIQUOR SALES

The *Mad Men* television series is credited by researchers for a significant growth in whisky sales in England. Sale of malt whiskey has expanded by 13.4 percent in one year, and market research analysts Kantar Worldpanel believe this is “thanks to its image as aspirational and stylish boosted by *Mad Men* stars like Jon Hamm and Christina Hendricks” (“Mad Men Effect Sees Whiskey Sales Soar,” *The Telegraph*, Sept. 21, 2011). Hollywood has always tried to make sin look cool and desirable. We are told by the movie/music “artists,” that this is just “entertainment,” but they know better and so do we. A program like *Mad Men* isn’t innocent entertainment; it is the devil’s brainwashing tool. For a born-again child of God to separate from the wicked things of the world is not vain Phariseeism; it is spiritual protection. It is the path of wisdom. Proverbs, the book of practical wisdom, enjoins the strictest separatism. “Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away” (Proverbs 4:14-15). The Psalmist said, “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me” (Psalms 101:3).



CANADA PAYS FULL MATERNITY BENEFITS AFTER ABORTION



The following is excerpted from *LifeSiteNews*, Sept. 2, 2011: “Pro-life Canadians have complained for years that they are forced to pay for the direct killing of unborn children through the country’s health system. It turns out

they are also paying for abortive mothers to get full maternity benefits. Canada’s employment insurance guidelines reveal that a woman who aborts her child after 19 weeks gestation is eligible to receive 17 weeks of maternity leave, the same as a mother who gives birth. For an abortion occurring before 19 weeks gestation, the woman can collect sick leave for the same length of time. ‘The whole situation is pretty ludicrous,’ said Mary Ellen Douglas, national organizer for Campaign Life Coalition. ‘Why should you pay for somebody killing their child, and then expect to pay for benefits if the child is no longer there?’ The Canadian Taxpayers Federation first highlighted this federal policy in 2008. John Williamson, CTF’s executive director, told The Interim that maternity benefits were established by an Act of Parliament with the intention of allowing parents bonding time with their newborn child. He said extending these benefits to a woman who aborted her child is ‘obscene’ and a ‘perversion of the EI system.’”



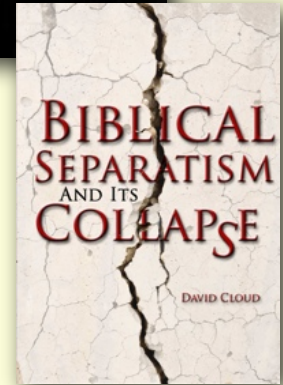
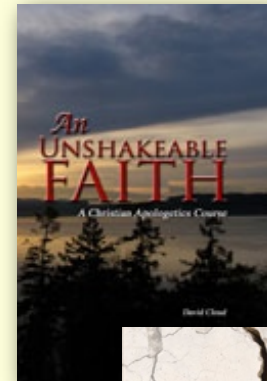
SHE LEFT HER WATER POT

“The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman ... The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city” (John 4:25-28). The following is from Jamieson, Faussett, Brown’s commentary: “Jesus scarce ever said anything like this to His own people, the

Jews. ... But what would not have been *safe* among them was safe enough with her, whose *simplicity* at this stage of the conversation appears from the sequel to have become perfect. ... We listen, the scene has changed, a new party arrives, the disciples have been to Sychar, at some distance, to buy bread, and on their return are astonished at the company their Lord has been holding in their absence. She then leaves her waterpot. How exquisitely natural! The presence of strangers made her feel that it was time for her to withdraw, and He who knew what was in her heart, and what she was going to the city to do, let her go without exchanging a word with her in the hearing of others. Their interview was too sacred ... but this one artless touch--that she ‘left her water-pot’--speaks volumes. The living water was already beginning to spring up within her; she found that man doth not live by bread nor by water only, and that there was a water of wondrous virtue that raised people above meat and drink, and the vessels that held them, and all human things. In short, she was transported, forgot everything but One, and her heart running over with the tale she had to tell, she hastens home and pours it out.”

COMING SOON!

*An Unshakeable
Faith*



*Biblical Separatism
and its Collapse*

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THE CALLING OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF HIS SERVANT

OCTOBER - MISSIONS MONTH

This month, Ambassador wants the Lord to speak to us regarding His work and what He wants us to do.

The Kingdom of God needs to grow and people need to be edified. Many lives need to be put back together and many souls need to recognize Jesus as their Saviour. Our prayer is that God will open hearts to His work, His call and the Commitment to His Service as servants of Christ!

NOTICE • MINISTRY NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 16, 2011

In compliance with requirements by the Registry of Societies, Singapore, and in accordance with Ambassador's Constitution, the church will be holding its annual general meeting (AGM) on October 16, 2011. The meeting will be comprised of the following events:

- Reading of the Accounts
- Reading of the Report
- Announcement of changes in Office-bearers

All members are required to be present. More details to be released.

NOTICE • from the heart

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Will you obey the Lord today?

If the Lord has been working on your heart about joining Ambassador, you need to do the following:

- Inform Pastor Johnny Tan of your intention
- Fill in an electronic or paper membership form
- Email or submit the form to Pastor Johnny

After receiving the form, an appointment will be made by Pastor Johnny who will go through the Biblical principles and processes for joining the local church.

COUNTDOWNS

days to:

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**Children's
Outing**
8 October 2011

Details to follow

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

“To win the north of Singapore for Christ and a thousand souls for Christ in five years.”

THEME FOR THE
MONTH:

The Calling of God in
the Life of His Servant



the week at a glance

3 - 9 OCTOBER 2011

3 Oct	4 Oct	5 Oct	6 Oct	7 Oct	8 Oct	9 Oct
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts (Visitation Only)	Outreach Efforts		Rivers in a Dry Place	Children's Ministry Outing	Worship Service

get in touch

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timings

Sunday Services

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM
 Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM
 Mandarin Service 03:30PM
 English Worship Service 11:00AM

Outreach Efforts -

SEMBAWANG
 Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert
 Tuesdays, 08:15PM

 YISHUN
 Person-in-Charge: *We need one.*
 Wednesdays, 08:15PM

Routine Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute
Mondays, 07:45PM

 "Rivers in a Dry Place" (LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE)
Fridays, 08:00PM

 Ambassador Youth
Saturdays, 10:30AM

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at www.ambassador-baptist.org

prayer list and thanksgiving

- **The new place**
- The vision of Ambassador: To Win the North for Christ!
- The various ministries
- Growth of Ambassador and its members

church building fund - project tabernacle

Ambassador Baptist Church has been blessed with more people. God has also miraculously provided us with a more permanent place of worship at Woodlands which is due in 2nd quarter 2013 to cater for our expansion.

We will need the Lord to provide us with \$180,000 to be used for renovating the new place; we will need to raise \$25,715 every three months.

If you are a Christian and believe in the Lord's work in Ambassador, you may contribute regularly by enclosing it in an envelope indicating "Church Building Fund" and dropping it into the offering bag during the service.