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from the pastor's heart

CHANGED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST



today's program

the news

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opening prayer

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hymn | *Jesus, i my cross have taken*

exhortation | *pastor johnny*

invitation and closing

Written by:
Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan

But we all beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image (of Christ) from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

The Lord has a glorious plan at the salvation of each of His children: to change them into His likeness and into His image. Sin in the life of each person brings corruption to the perfect nature that man had at the beginning of God's creation. It has alienated each individual from the life of God and His Spirit. The image of God in each of us

has been defaced, and corrupted. When we trusted the Lord and became Christians, the Lord's will for us was to restore each individual to the image of God. How does the Lord change us into His image?

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from the pastor's heart


By beholding the glass

The word "glass" in the Bible refers to the word of God

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

James 1:23

It is only in the Bible that we behold the glory of the Lord, His power, and majesty, His holiness and righteous life. To be changed into the image of Christ, we need to know what the image is like.



We are being transformed gradually into His character.

By the Holy Spirit

We are changed even as by the Spirit of the Lord. The Holy Spirit takes the Word that we have diligently read and studied and applies the blueprint of Christ's character into our lives. He takes the thievery and dishonesty in us and changes them into the truth and honesty of God. He takes the anger and impatience that exists in our nature and transforms it into the patience and gentleness of Christ. The Holy Spirit actively works and intervenes in our lives to both mortify (to kill) our sin,

cleanse our hearts, and transform us into the likeness of Christ.

By patience

The phrase "glory to glory" indicates a step by step progression. The Lord does not rush to change us, but changes us step by step. He uses the natural course of things that happens in this world and in the personal lives of His children to work in their lives.

Dear believer, are the things of life hard to bear? Do frustration, anxiety, and fear flood our lives as we go through the trials? Note this down: we are in the process of being changed. We are being transformed gradually into His character. God is at work! How need we then to respond? We need to be patient with one another when we see the failings, shortcomings and faults of another brother. We are not to condone sin, but we are to help, pray and encourage one another because God is still at work to change us into His image. Be patient therefore, and press on!

thought for the week

He cannot be a disciple who does not learn, but invents.

memory verse

And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach

Mark 3:14

Sunday Worship Service

4 March 2012

The Preparations of a Disciple of Christ

- I. **The title** of today's message is _____

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

- III. **What is the all-consuming passion** of the Lord Jesus in this world?

- IV. When He finished His work in this world, He did not just finished His work, **He passed it on to His** _____

- V. God wants to use us to _____ His _____ in this world

- VI. Before we even preach the word of God in this world, **God needs to prepare us to do it.** How does He prepare us to preach His word in this world?
 - A. **God prepares us by C** _____ **us**
 1. How did God _____ us? By _____

 - B. **God prepares us by our C** _____ **to Him**
 1. Why did Christ ask them to be with Him?
 - a) The goal for this being together with Christ is to be _____ into the Likeness of Christ.

Sunday Worship Service

4 March 2012

The Preparations of a Disciple of Christ

*Turn to: **Mark 3:13 – 15***

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Mark 1:38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

*Turn to: **Matthew 28:18 - 20***

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

*Turn to: **John 5:24 – 26***

*Turn to: **John 3:16***

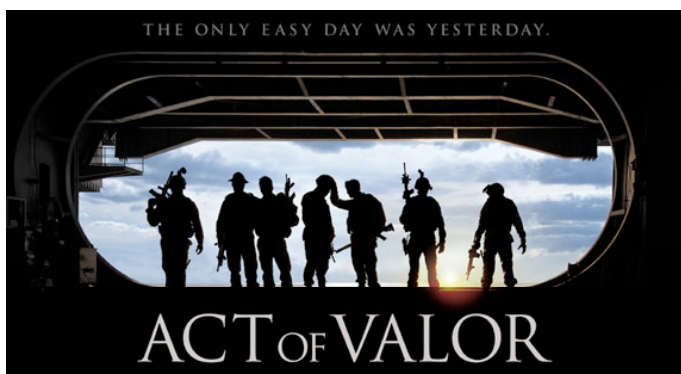
Luke 5:8 - 10 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

1 Corinthians 6:19 - 20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES



The movie “Act of Valor” is being recommended by conservative pundits such as Rush Limbaugh and Michael Medved, and though I haven’t seen the movie I have read reviews and I want to make two comments about it. First, we don’t need the public airing of military tactics. I am glad for the brave, highly-trained special forces men who are on the front lines of America’s military, and it is too bad that their hands are so tied by lack of wisdom and self-serving on the part of the political leaders and by the lawyerized, feminized, homosexualized military itself, but that is a judgment of God on America because of her wickedness and apostasy. We can’t change those conditions, but we don’t need to help the enemy by airing military tactics. I thought that one of the mottos of the Seals is “never seen,” but they are anything but not seen lately. A slew of books and documentaries have been published, and though they are edited to withhold some secrets, they still give away tactics and there can be no doubt that they help the enemy. The airing of military secrets needs to stop! The world shouldn’t even know that

the Seals were behind the killing of Bin Ladin. We shouldn’t know anything about their their tactics. Nothing! Second, God’s people don’t need to watch R-rated movies. We need to stop following in lock-step a few degrees behind the world. Just because something is patriotic and soul-stirring and has some redeeming features doesn’t make it right and acceptable before God. Christians are first and foremost citizens of a heavenly country, and we are to be a holy people unto the Lord. We are to be light and salt to this confused, sin-cursed society. We are to march to a different drummer. A love for the pop culture is at the very heart of the break-down in separation and holiness and the lack of spiritual discernment that is opening the door for worldly music and other things to enter the homes and churches. Pastors who watch R-rated movies are setting a terrible example for their families and their congregations and their neighbors. They are on a slippery slide toward ever-increasing worldliness and sensuality. The Word of God exhorts us to set NO wicked thing before our eyes (Psalm 101:3). We are to have NO fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather to reprove them (Ephesians 5:11). We are to abstain from ALL appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22). We are to lay apart ALL filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness (James 1:21). There is not an R-rated movie that passes those tests. According to the reviews and ratings, this movie includes plenty of cursing and profanity as well as bikini-clad women. The Bible says that lusting after women is an act of fornication (Matthew 5:28). Further, God will hold those accountable who are guilty of taking His holy name in vain (Exodus 20:7). To hear cursing and not expose and condemn it is to be a partner with those who are guilty of this sin (Prov. 29:24).

MUSLIMS STONE CHRISTIANS ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT

The following is excerpted from *Israel Today*, Feb. 19, 2012: “A mob of some 50 Palestinian Muslims stoned a group of Christian tourists atop Jerusalem’s Temple Mount on Sunday morning. Three of the Israeli police officers who acted to protect the Christian group were wounded by the stone-throwers. Police arrested 11 Palestinians, several of them minors, for their role in the attack. The attack is believed to have been instigated by the former Muslim mufti of Jerusalem, Ekrama Sabri, who told Palestinian media over the weekend that Jewish groups were planning to break into the mosques that occupy the holy compound and desecrate them. Sabri urged all local Muslims to protect the mosques from ‘the Israeli conspiracy against the city and its holy places.’ Muslim religious figures regularly claim that Israel is plotting to destroy the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque to pave the way for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple, which the Muslims now insist never previously existed. Because of the constant threat of Muslim violence, and despite the fact that the Temple Mount is the most holy place on earth to Jews and many Christians, the Israeli police comply with Muslim demands for harsh restrictions on non-Muslim visitors to the site. For instance, Jews and Christians are forbidden to carry Bibles atop the Temple Mount or to utter even silent prayers within its walls. Jews and Christians are regularly detained for violating these conditions.”





HOMESCHOOLS FORBIDDEN TO CALL HOMOSEXUALITY SIN UNDER NEW ALBERTA POLICY

The following is excerpted from "Homeschoolers Can't Be Taught 'Gay' Sex Sinful," *WorldNetDaily*, Feb. 27, 2012: "Homeschooling families will soon be forbidden from teaching that homosexual sex is sinful as part of their schooling program, according to the government of Alberta, Canada. Under the province's Education Act, homeschoolers and religious schools will be banned from 'disrespecting' people's differences, Alberta Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk's office told LifeSiteNews just last week. 'Whatever the nature of schooling--homeschool, private school, Catholic school--we do not tolerate disrespect for differences,' said Donna McColl, Lukaszuk's assistant director of communications. 'You can affirm the family's ideology in your family life, you just can't do it as part of your educational study and instruction.' ... Patty Marler, government liaison for the Alberta Home Education Association ... wondered how the government would stipulate the difference between homeschoolers' school and family time. 'We educate our children all the time, and that's just the way we live. It's a lifestyle,' she said. 'Making that distinction between the times when we're homeschooling and when we're just

living is really hard to do.' She added, 'Throw in the fact that I do use the Bible as part of my curriculum, and now I'm very blatantly going to be teaching stuff that will be against [the Alberta Human Rights Act].'"



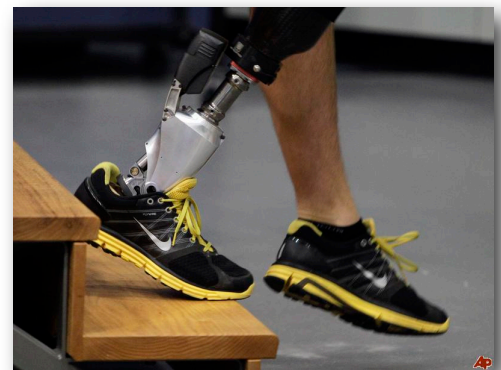
KNOWLEDGE SHALL INCREASE

Recent inventions include the following: (1) **A camera on a military drone with an 1.8 gigapixel camera** ("Latest US Military drone," *Digital Trends*, Jan. 3, 2012). The camera, which is part of the Argus-IS drone helicopter package, is 900 times the resolution of a standard 2-megapixel camera. The drone can lock on multiple targets simultaneously from altitudes as high as 20,000 feet. (2) **A nano-ear capable of detecting sounds six orders of magnitude below the threshold of human hearing to detect sounds made at the bacterial level** ("The World's First 'Nano-Ear,'" *Popular Science*, Jan. 11, 2012). The invention uses an optically-trapped gold nanoparticle as a listening device. The particle is 60 billionths of a meter or roughly a thousand times smaller than a human hair. (3)



Microrockets that can zip around the human stomach, powered by hydrogen bubbles ("Microrockets," *Popular Science*, Jan. 18, 2012). A team from the University of California, San Diego, has created the tiny self-propelled motors that can move around in an acidic environment without the need for any external fuel. The power is supplied by hydrogen bubbles produced by a reaction between an acidic solution and the zinc that the microrocket is made of. (4) **X-Ray laser that super-heats aluminum foil to 3.6 million degrees** ("World's Most

Powerful X-Ray Laser," *Popular Science*, Jan. 25, 2012). The Linac Coherent Light Source SXR chamber at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory creates and measures 2-million-degree matter, which can be used to watch biological molecules at work and to understand the processes of nuclear fusion. (5) **First bionic leg that fuses to the body to be fitted in Australia** ("Woman's Bionic Leg," *Fox News*, Feb. 13, 2012). The leg, which will be fitted to a woman who lost her leg after falling beneath a train on the London Underground in 1996, is supposed to fuse to muscle and bone. Orthopedic surgeon Munjed Al Muderis described the procedure as "the future for amputee patients." About 2,500 years ago, during the Medo-Persian Empire, an angel told the prophet Daniel, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). The Psalmist said, "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever" (Psalms 119:160).



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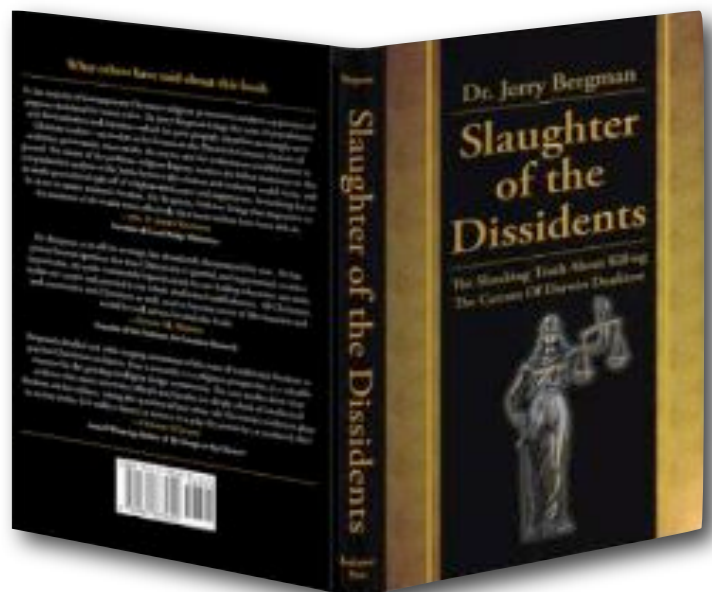
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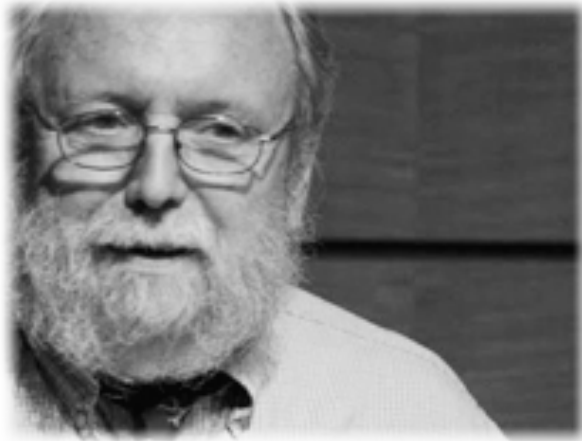
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ACADEMIC FASCISM AGAINST “DARWIN DOUBTERS”

The 477-page book *Slaughter of the Dissidents* by Dr. Jerry Bergman (2008, Leafcutter Press) documents the widespread persecution against “Darwin Doubters” within American academia. In the chapter “A Context for Discrimination,” Kevin Wirth writes: “The battle for the philosophical heart and soul of science, in the view of many, revolves around the theory of evolution. And ground zero for that battle has been, and continues to be, our academic institutions. Academia is the gateway in our culture where we determine who qualifies and who is allowed entry to practice in a scientific venue or educate our young people about the principles of science. And, academia is where we are currently witness to a grave injustice, often a purging, of students and educators who are skeptical about one or more aspects of Darwinian evolution. A contentious result of this intellectual carnage is the abrogation of a host of freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of thought, academic freedom, and freedom of religious expression, to name a few. ... This book tells the story about what has been going on behind the scenes in recent decades as students, professors, and science professionals have been systematically harassed and eliminated from their professions for harboring skepticism about Darwinism. These activities are all the result of what

Denyse O’Leary refers to as ‘academic fascism,’ that poses a serious threat, not only to freedom of speech and academic freedom, but also sends a chilling message about a pernicious agenda in academia and science as a whole.”



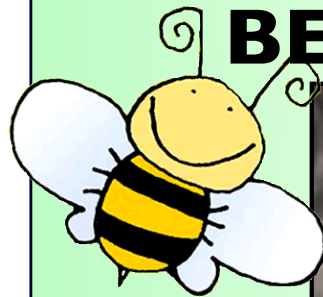


EVOLUTIONIST SAYS DARWINISM A RELIGION

Philosopher of science Michael Ruse writes: "Evolution is promoted by its practitioners as more than mere science. Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion--a full-fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality. I am an ardent evolutionist and an ex-Christian, but I must admit that in this one complaint ... the literalists are absolutely right. Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution still today" ("How Evolution Became a Religion," *National Post*, May 13, 2000).

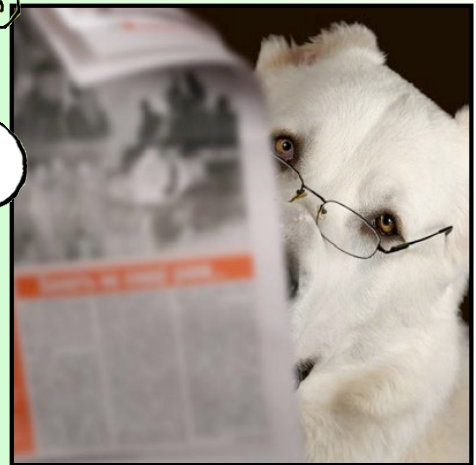
CONCLUSION:

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BEE SMARTS

The following is from *Creation Moments*, August 3, 2011,



www.creationmoments.com: "Before we had detailed knowledge of the daily lives of many animals, it was easy for scientists to dismiss signs of animal intelligence as instinct. After all, to the evolutionist, intelligence can only evolve in the highest creatures--like humans. In the last couple of decades, animal intelligence has become a busy field of study. Researchers are learning that animals can be just as intelligent as humans in their own area of specialization. In one experiment, researchers moved a supply of sugar water 25 percent further away from a beehive each day. The bees quickly figured out what was going on and started anticipating where the sugar water would be the next day. In another experiment, researchers placed sugar water on a boat that was anchored in the middle of a small lake. When scouts returned to the hive to report their find, other bees refused to go with them, knowing that bees don't find food in the middle of a lake. Scientists have concluded that bees think events through to see if they make sense. Creationists know that intelligence did not evolve. It is a gift of the Creator who generously shared what was needed with each creature He created. We also know that intelligence is not what separates us from the animals. Only humans were made for an ongoing, intimate relationship with the Creator. That also means that each of us is responsible before our



Maker. God has wisdom, not just intelligence, and He wants to share the wisdom of His forgiving love through Jesus Christ with us!"

Luke 6:12-13 ¶ And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.
And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

*Turn to: **John 15: 1 - 8***

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

*Turn to: **Matthew 28:18-20***

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

C. God prepares us by His _____ of us.

Discipleship

There are many Christians today who claim the name of Christ. The Lord tells us that those who follow Him must carry a cross and forsake all. Otherwise, we cannot be His disciples. What is a disciple of Christ? How do we become disciples of Christ? This month, we will be exploring this important aspect of the Christian life. May we become Biblical disciples of Christ.

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COMING UP • CHURCH EVENTS

April Evangelistic Meetings

Souls need to come to the Saviour

Ambassador is making plans to hold evangelistic meetings in April. Be in prayer and plan to invite at least three friends!

More details to be released.

IN BRIEF: **FILIPINO SERVICE**

The Filipino Ministry will be having a Filipino service after the main service today at 1:45PM.

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:

Discipleship

CHURCH NEWS • HIGHLIGHTS

Church Camp 2012

A time to recharge together

Mark your calendars! Church camp is on its way with more details released today. Be sure to join us for this time of spiritual charging and renewal!

Ambassador holds its church camp once every year. It is a time of being in the Word and great fellowship with Christian brethren.

FAST FACTS: CHURCH CAMP 2012

Dates: 18 - 22 June 2012

Location: Bayu Beach Resort

Cost: \$200 Adult
\$100 Child



the week at a glance

5 - 11 MARCH 2012

5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts (SMB)	Outreach Efforts (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place	ABC Youth	Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

timings

Sunday Services

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

Routine Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute
 Mondays, 07:45PM
 "Rivers in a Dry Place"
 Fridays, 08:00PM
 Ambassador Youth
 Saturdays, 10:30AM

Outreach Efforts

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

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

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prayer list

- Our new facility
- The various ministries
- **New direction for Ambassador Baptist Church**
- **Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2012**
- **Salvation of loved ones**

Bible reading plan

The New Testament in

4 months

- Mar 5 Matthew 26**
- Mar 6 Matthew 27-28**
- Mar 7 Mark 1**
- Mar 8 Mark 2-3**
- Mar 9 Mark 4-5**
- Mar 10 Mark 6**
- Mar 11 Mark 7-8**