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A DISCIPLE



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today's program

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opening prayer

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invitation and closing

Written by:
Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan

...my disciple...

Luke 14:33

A disciple by definition is a learner and a follower. A person who is not interested in what he himself thinks but only what his Master says. He lives by the teachings and the

lifestyle of his Master. He holds the standards and ideals set by his Lord. He wants to be like his Master. Paul, the apostle, says this:

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Assuming one is already a Christian and has fully trusted Christ as his Saviour (O

believer! Make this sure in your life!), what then qualifies him to be a disciple of Christ?

A disciple is one who, having a choice between Christ and this world's relationships, chooses Christ.

In Luke 14:25, there were many people who came to the Lord Jesus, but rather than

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from the pastor's heart

encouraging them, the Lord tested them and asked them, placing before them this challenge:

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple .

Luke 14:26

The Lord taught that anyone who comes to Him, clinging on to the relationships of this world, cannot be His disciples. Christ has to be in first place. Is this, the forsaking of all relationships, not a difficult demand to place on a believer? Yet, it is the Lord's will because the Lord Jesus wants the best for His child, and because the relationships of this world will always entangle the believer who wants to move forward for Christ. There is a cost, and the cost is high. Does that mean therefore that as Christians we are to hate our family? Far from that, because love is the badge of the believer in Christ. The Lord still teaches us to love the family, but our love for our Saviour needs to surpass our love even for our loved ones.

A disciple is one who has counted the cost

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? A disciple is not one by whim and fancy but one by choice.

Luke 14:28

A disciple of Christ knows the cost to pay for following Christ, and is willing to pay it. All of the apostles gave their lives for the Lord in following Him, and many more did so in the first five centuries of the Christian faith, even up till today.


Yes, there is a cost for following Christ, but a true disciple of Christ counts the cost and aims to pay the price as long as it brings him closer to His Lord.

A disciple is one who has forsaken all for Christ's sake

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

The disciple of Christ will voluntarily and without hesitation give up all for Christ and give up his position in this world for his Lord. Nothing on earth can hold his hand or his heart: he is willing to give up all for His Saviour.



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thought for the week

You cannot be Christ's servant if you are not willing to follow Him, cross and all.

What do you crave? A crown? Then it must be a crown of thorns if you are to be like Him.

Do you want to be lifted up? So you shall, but it will be upon a cross.

CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON

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

11 March 2012

The Compassion of Christ - The Disciple's Badge

I. Today's message is _____

II. Today's passage is _____

III. What does "compassion" mean in the Bible?

A. Compassion is a mixed passion, compounded of _____ and _____; (*Webster's 1828*)

IV. What are the evidences of the Compassion of Christ?

A. The compassion of Christ _____ for the _____ of others

1. He t_____ them the Word of GOD

2. He d_____ the word of the kingdom of GOD with them:

3. He did _____ to them

B. The Compassion of Christ s_____ the n_____ in others

C. The Compassion of Christ p_____

1. Because He sees the _____

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The Compassion of Christ - The Disciple's Badge

Turn to: **Matthew 9:35 - 38**

Luke 7:13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

Matthew 14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matthew 20:34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Turn to: **Matthew 10:1**

Turn to: **Matthew 11:1**

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES



FRANKLIN GRAHAM APOLOGIZES FOR QUESTIONING OBAMA'S CHRISTIANITY

Under pressure from a group of prominent black religious leaders and many others, Franklin Graham apologized for questioning President Barack Obama's Christian faith. In an interview with MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program on February 21, Graham had made the very mild statement that he could not answer as to whether Obama was a Christian. After being excoriated from many directions, Graham apologized a week later for "any comments I have

ever made which may have cast any doubt on the personal faith of our president." This is a sad statement, but it is not surprising in light of the more than half-century of compromise and spiritual cowardice represented by the Grahams. The fact is that every Bible believer should question Obama's Christian faith. We are instructed to beware of wolves in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15). We are taught by Christ that many who say "Lord, Lord" will be false Christians (Matthew 7:21-23). We are warned about those who profess Christ but deny Him in works (Titus 1:16) and those who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:5). We are exhorted to mark those that profess Christ but teach contrary to God's Word (Romans 16:17). All of these warnings fit Barack Obama. He boldly supports the murder of unborn children who are made in God's image and formed by God in the womb (Psalm 139:15-16). He promotes the "rights" of homosexuals who practice that which God's Word calls a moral abomination. In a 2004 interview with Cathleen Falsani published in part in the book *The God Factor: Inside the Spiritual Lives of Public People* and in full on the Sojourner's web site, Obama defined Heaven as something that might exist in the present rather than the future. He defines sin humanistically as "being out of alignment with my values" rather than the biblical definition of being out of alignment with God's values or breaking God's law. He says that he draws beliefs from all religions and that there are "many paths to the same place." By his own testimony, Obama has a false christ and a false gospel.

"GOD IS DEAD" THEOLOGIAN DIES

- William Hamilton, who led the "Death of God" movement in the 1960s, died this week at age 87. His liberal theology was popularized by a *Time* magazine cover story entitled "Is God Dead" in April 8, 1966. It was based on a review of Hamilton's book, co-authored by Thomas Altizer, titled *Radical Theology and the Death of God*. Hamilton rejected God because of the suffering he saw in the world, such as the Nazi death camps. He argued that there are only two choices: "God is not behind such radical evil, therefore he cannot be what we have traditionally meant by God, or God is behind everything, including the death camps--and therefore he is a killer." Actually, there is another choice, which is the biblical one. Hamilton's root error was his unbelief in the divine infallibility of Scripture and his rejection of Christ's atonement. The biblical answer to the problem of suffering is that man has rebelled against God and man's fall is what has brought the world into chaos. God cannot be blamed for man's crimes. Man thumbed his nose at God, so to speak, in the Garden of Eden, believing the Devil's lie, "Ye shall be as gods," and rejecting the God of Creation and His holy, compassionate laws. It is ridiculous and foolish for man to tell God to get



out of his life and for him to build a world apart from God's laws and then turn around and blame God for what happens, yet that is what men do! It is no wonder that the Bible twice says the atheist is a fool (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). Hamilton is dead, but God is very much alive, and the

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“God is Dead” Theologian Dies continued.....

evidence of His existence is overwhelming and irrefutable for those who are not willfully blind. God has not abandoned His creation; He is patiently working out His eternal plan of redemption. Presently, in an act of unfathomable love, He is offering eternal salvation to every sinner that repents and puts his faith in Christ. One day Christ will return, according to His promise, to establish His kingdom and set things right in this troubled world.

MORE SOUTHERN GOSPEL WORLDLY JUNK



EHSS's new album is a reminder of how worldly Southern Gospel has become. There is not any significant difference between most Southern Gospel today and Contemporary Christian Music. With few exceptions, the two fields have merged through the influence of businessmen entertainers like Bill Gaither. EHSS stands for Ernie Haase & Signature Sound. The quartet's new studio recording, "Here We are Again," features such cuts as "I Believe," a pop song made into a 1950s hit by Frankie Laine and Elvis Presley (who loved Southern Gospel nearly as much as he loved sex, drugs, and rock & roll). The final cut is "Any Other Man," which is described as "rowdy, Southern rock burner that you'd expect from a pop/rock outfit like Third Day or even dc Talk circa Jesus Freak." The field of Southern Gospel today is largely defined by conformity to the world, by entertainment, cheap emotionalism, shallow doctrine, ecumenism, and a judge not philosophy. We trace the history and spiritual downfall of Southern Gospel in the 9-part video series *Music for Good or Evil*, which is available from the Way of Life web site via digital download or DVD.

DISCERNING COMMENT ON OCCUPY WALL STREET

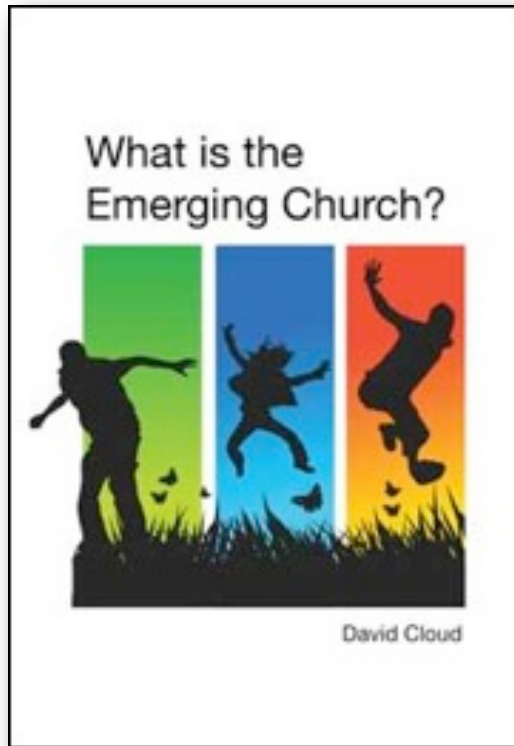
The following is excerpted from Dr. Thomas Sowell's nationally-syndicated commentary. Sowell is a black man who understands the true essence of the welfare state. "The current Occupy Wall Street movement is the best illustration to date of what President Barack Obama's America looks like. It is an America where the lawless, unaccomplished, ignorant and incompetent rule. It is an America where those who have sacrificed nothing pillage and destroy the lives of those who have sacrificed greatly. It is an America where history is rewritten to honor dictators, murderers and thieves. It is an America where violence, racism, hatred, class warfare and of murder are all promoted as acceptable means of overturning the American civil society. It is an America where humans have been degraded to the level of animals: of defecating in public, having sex in public, devoid of basic hygiene. It is an America where the basic tenets of a civil society, including faith, family, a free press and individual rights, have been always rejected. It is an America where our founding documents have been now shredded and, with them, every person's guaranteed liberties. It is an America where, ultimately, great suffering will come to the American people, but the rulers like Obama, Michelle Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Barney Frank, Chris Dodd, Joe Biden, Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, liberal college professors, union bosses and all other loyal liberal/Communist Party members will live in opulent splendor. It is the America that Obama and the Democrat Party have now created with all the willing assistance of the American media, Hollywood, unions, universities, the Communist Party of America, the Black Panthers and numerous anti-American foreign entities."



ANOTHER IFB CHURCH GOES CONTEMPORARY

Another example of the collapse of biblical separatism among fundamental Baptist churches is New Testament Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. In the 1970s Pastor Dino Pedrone was a regular speaker at Southwide Baptist Fellowship conferences. He was a separatist, used only the King James Bible and sacred music, had modest dress standards, and preached against rock & roll. But that's all gone. The church, which was renamed The Gathering Place, promotes R-rated movies, recommends books by emerging church leaders who reject the infallibility of the Bible, such as Chris Seay, and feeds its youth a steady diet of rock & roll. The church's 2011 Imagine Women of Faith conference featured ecumenical charismatic rockers such as Amy Grant, Mary Mary, Sandi Patty, and Sheila Walsh. Later this month (March 2012), New Testament Baptist will feature rapper Adriel (Skrip) Cruz at its You Generation conference. Cruz is a pastor of World Renegade, an emerging church in Chicago which

claims to be "traditional in theology and modern in how it is presented." This is the same philosophy promoted by Mark Driscoll of Seattle, who is "theologically conservative and culturally liberal."



To prove it, Driscoll hosts champagne dance parties. The New Evangelical emerging crowd wants to have the world and Christ, too, and they are quite comfortable with the sensual pop culture, but what they have is a worldly Christ. Contrary to the emerging concept, Jesus was not a party animal. To preach repentance and warn about hell and to exhort people to "go and sin no more" is not a party message! Jesus was called a friend of sinners, not because He was a party guy but because He sought to save sinners. Christ loved sinners but He was also at the same time "undefiled, separate from sinners" (Heb. 7:26). We document the error of cultural liberalism in the book *What Is the Emerging Church?* which is available in eBook and print editions from Way of Life.

MEGACHURCH PASTOR REPROVES LESBIAN MAYOR

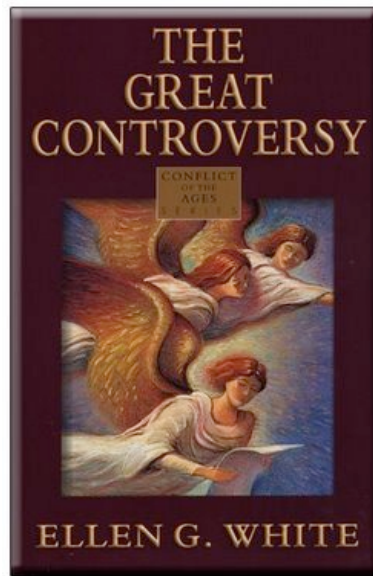


A pastor of a megachurch in Houston, Texas, has publicly reproved the city's mayor for her homosexual activism. Steve Riggle, senior pastor of Grace Community Church, published an open letter to Mayor Annise Parker requesting that she obey the state's constitution or step down from office. Parker is campaigning for same-sex marriage and her lesbian partner was called "First Lady" in an office memo. Riggle said: "I

am writing on behalf of myself and as the senior pastor of Grace to express my deep disappointment in your recent public actions and statements that undermine the express will of the people of the state of Texas in regard to traditional marriage. As you are aware, we have declared by constitutional amendment that marriage is to be defined as between one man and one woman. ... At your swearing in, I heard you take your oath of office and swear to uphold the constitution of the State of Texas. ... I would request that you be true to the vow you took to uphold the constitution of the State of Texas and stand for traditional marriage since we as the citizens of Texas have expressed by amending our constitution that marriage will be defined as between one man and one woman. Respectfully, if you cannot uphold the Texas constitution, then you should do the honorable thing and step down."

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS STILL PROMOTING ELLEN WHITE

Seventh-day Adventists are promoting a campaign for 2012. Called "The Great Controversy," which was supposedly General Conference says: "It is our months, every Seventh-day Adventist and will be inspired to share it with White, an alleged prophetess, founded her husband. She called *The Great warning to the world.*" Not only did leadership in disobedience to God's These include soul-sleep, annihilation, the sign of the antichrist, Lucifer the Judgment. She also preached a gospel as "grace alone." When I was a young correspondence courses and studied documented their errors in *Avoiding* which is available from Way of Life



Ellen White's writings in a new Controversy Countdown," the church to study White's *The Great* delivered to her by vision. The SDA vision that within the next twelve will be studying this timely message, their friends and neighbors." Ellen Seventh-day Adventism together with *Controversy* "the last message of she assume a position of teaching and Word, she taught a slew of heresies. sabbath-keeping, Sunday-worship as sin bearer, and Investigative of grace plus law which she redefined Christian I took three of the SDA many of their books. Later I *the Snare of Seventh-day Adventism*, Literature in print and eBook editions.

EVANGELISTIC PRAYER LIST

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!"



CONCLUSION:

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2. Because He sees the _____

3. _____ for _____ workers.

V. The compassion of Christ _____ but _____ to _____ as well

1. S _____ who He has (*Matthew 10:1*)

2. S _____ Himself (*Matthew 11:1*)

news highlights

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.

This section is not cleared for internet release

COMING UP • CHURCH EVENTS

Prayer And Fasting

Spiritual preparation is vital

No army goes to battle without proper armament; no Christian should go to spiritual battle without proper preparation.

As we prepare for the Evangelistic Meetings for 6 - 8 April 2012, we need to seek the Lord for His will and His power.

Ambassador will be praying and fasting specifically for the Meetings on 31 March, 2012 from 10AM - 2PM. All are encouraged to be present in this important spiritual exercise.

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

RECAP • CHURCH NEWS • HIGHLIGHTS

Church Camp 2012

A time to recharge together

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**

from the pastor's heart - continued

Dear Christian, are you a disciple of Christ? Is any relationship in this world more important to you than Christ? Have you counted the cost and forsaken all for Christ's sake and the Gospel's? Meditate on this: are we not willing to forsake all, for the Lord Jesus who forsook ALL for our eternal salvation and present happiness?

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**