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WEB EDITION

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He is reconciled to us
2 Corinthians 5:20

be ye reconciled to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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PREACH CHRIST!



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invitation and closing

Written by:
Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan

*...straightway he preached
Christ...*

Acts 9:20

Saul wasted no time in declaring the good news that genuine salvation is only found in Christ the Lord. Immediately after His salvation, he immediately

preached Christ when Saul saw the truth in the Saviour and when the scales fell off from his eyes. What led Saul to so earnestly declare the gospel of Christ?

He knew it was the will of God for His life

He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles

Acts 9:15

Saul knew that nothing else would please God more and nothing could give Saul fulfillment more than by living and doing the will of God. Saul knew that this was God's will and immediately gave himself to the preaching of the gospel. Do we, as God's people, know His will for our lives?

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from the pastor's heart

Do we give ourselves earnestly and totally?

He was earnest in declaring the Gospel of Christ because of his own love for the Lord Jesus

...the Love of Christ constraineth us...

2 Corinthians 5:14

Paul was murderer, a blasphemer, injurious, and a persecutor of the people of God. He was opposed to Lord Jesus and the people who trusted Christ. Yet, when the Lord Jesus met him on the road to Damascus, Saul experienced the mercy of God, when the Lord Jesus did not kill him for his rebellion. He experienced the grace of God when he received the love and forgiveness of God. He experienced the trust of God when God sent and commissioned him to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. He experienced the unconditional love of God and such love compelled him to say, "Woe is me if I preached not the gospel" He loved the Lord Jesus so much that he

was willing to die for Christ (Acts 20:21 - 24)

He was earnest in declaring the gospel of Christ because he loved the lost.

I wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren

Romans 9:3

Paul was declaring his heart-felt compassion for his own people: he was willing to be separated from His Saviour for his countrymen's sake. He immediately preached Christ because there were so many people dying and going to hell.

Do we preach Christ in our lives daily? Are we involved in giving out tracts, in witnessing to the lost and winning them to Christ? Paul preached Christ immediately when he got saved. We need to do so, too.

Lord, give me a burden for the lost that I may preach Christ immediately!

He loved the Lord Jesus so much that he was willing to die for Christ.

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thought for the week

You will never make a missionary of the person who does no good at home

C. H. 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
25 March 2012
Following Christ?

I. The title of today's message is

II. The passage for today's message is

III. True service to the Lord Jesus Christ requires us to be _____ to the Lord.

IV. What are some reasons why people do not follow the Lord Jesus as His disciples?

A. The first reason for people not following Christ, according to the bible is

B. The second reason the Bible says why people do not follow Christ is

1. When God calls us, we are to follow Him, we must be _____ to _____ the _____ on earth to us for the sake of Christ.

C. The third reason why people do not follow the Lord Jesus:

1. They _____ the things, the relationships, the ties with this _____, and _____ the _____ as well.

Personal Reflection:

Sunday Worship Service
25 March 2012
Following Christ?

Turn to: **Luke 9:57 – 62**

John 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

John 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

Matthew 20:20-21 ¶ Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

Matthew 6:31-33 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Matthew 15:4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Matthew 10:34-37 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Mark 10:28-31 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

RICK WARREN'S MAN, TONY BLAIR, SUPPORTS HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

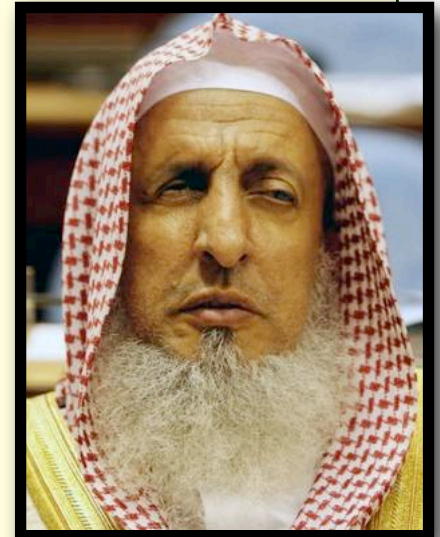


Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a Roman Catholic, is supporting the British government's plan to legalize homosexual "marriage" before 2015. The *Independent* newspaper reported on March 10 that Blair told friends that he "strongly supports the Prime Minister's proposal." Blair is pushing for a New Age global unity and world peace based on harmony among all religions. This is the man who was acclaimed by the Southern Baptist pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church. In March 2011 Warren and his congregation presented Blair with a peace prize. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).



SAUDI GRAND MUFTI CALLS FOR DESTRUCTION OF CHURCHES

The following is excerpted from "Saudi Grand Mufti Calls for Destruction," *Middle East Forum*, March 14, 2012: "According to several Arabic news sources, last Monday, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah, the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, declared that it is 'necessary to destroy all the churches of the region.' The Grand Mufti made his assertion in response to a question posed by a delegation from Kuwait. ... Accordingly, the Grand Mufti 'stressed that Kuwait was a part of the Arabian Peninsula, and therefore it is necessary to destroy all churches in it.' ... Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah is not just some random Muslim hating on churches. He is the Grand Mufti of the nation that brought Islam to the world. Moreover, he is the President of the Supreme Council of Ulema [Islamic scholars] and Chairman of the Standing Committee for Scientific Research and Issuing of *Fatwas*. Accordingly, when it comes to what Islam teaches, his words are immensely authoritative.



Considering the hysteria that besets the West whenever non-authoritative individuals offend Islam--for instance, a fringe, unknown pastor--imagine what would happen if a Christian counterpart to the Grand Mufti, say the Pope, were to declare that all mosques in Italy must be destroyed; imagine the nonstop Western media frenzy that would erupt, all the shrill screams of 'intolerance' and 'bigot,' demands for apologies if not resignation, nonstop handwringing by sensitive politicians, and worse. Yet the Grand Mufti--the highest Islamic law authority of our 'friend-and-ally' Saudi Arabia--gets a free pass when he incites Muslims to destroy churches, not that any extra incitement is needed (nary a month goes by without several churches being bombed and destroyed throughout the Islamic world)."

KINGDOM CIRCLE HERESY

The “kingdom circle” is a heresy that claims that followers of pagan religions can enter the kingdom of God directly without becoming “Christians.” It is taught using a series of circles representing the kingdom of God and various religions. (See “Why Is a Saddleback Pastor Teaching on Kingdom Circles?” Standupforthetruth.com, March 12, 2012.) According to kingdom circle theology a Muslim can become a believer in Jesus and yet remain a practicing Muslim. The “Jesus in the Quran” web site says: “Here’s what I try to say to every Muslim I meet: ‘I promise I will never ask you to become a Christian, and please don’t ask me to become a Muslim. But I also promise that I will do all that I can to help us both discover the true straight path into the Kingdom of God. And I believe that the true access to that Kingdom is through the sacrifice of Jesus the Messiah.’” These Muslims call themselves followers of “Isa,” which is the Muslim name for Jesus. Yet the Muslim God is not the God revealed in Scripture and its Isa is not the Jesus of the

Bible. Islam says God has no Son, that Jesus is not God and did not die on the cross for man’s sin. Islam teaches a gospel of works and denies that salvation is by God’s grace. It is impossible to remain any kind of Muslim while believing in the Biblical faith. The fact that this is heresy is entertained by *Christianity Today* and other “evangelicals” is evidence of evangelicalism’s apostasy and spiritual blindness.



**Pastor Abraham Meulenberg
teaching Kingdom Circles**

FURTHER COLLAPSE OF SEPARATISM AT CROWN COLLEGE

In the past we have warned about Clarence Sexton’s unity philosophy as represented by his Independent Baptist Friends International conferences. (See “An Open Letter to Clarence Sexton” and “Friends Can’t Criticize Friends” at the Way of Life web site -- www.wayoflife.org.) In a day when worldliness and heresies are spreading rapidly among independent Baptists, it is time to batten down the hatches of separatism, but instead Sexton is calling for IFB unityism. His close association with Jack Schaap is irrefutable evidence of this. Schaap is scheduled to speak at a couple’s retreat at Crown this year: Schaap, who as a staff member helped cover up Jack Hyles’

sin and lies, who remains one of the kings of the heresy of Quick Prayerism (e.g., his Teen Soul Winning Marathon on Oct. 5, 2002 claimed “over 9,500 souls saved” through 300 teen soul winners), who likens the Lord’s Supper and Bible reading to sexual union, who turns the house of God into a worldly carnival (e.g., his Fall Campaign 2010 with its game show spinning wheel and prizes at Ziggy’s Funland, etc.), who teaches the heresies of generational spirits and prosperity giving, who claims that the law was not nailed to the cross and that Jesus did not know who he was until informed by his parents, who claims that God hates men and that Jesus came to earth as an experiment, who says that Barack Obama is born again and that it is legitimate to vote for a pro-abortion candidate, and who mentors an emerging rapper church. Yes, that Jack Schaap. (See the free eBook *The Two Jacks* at the Way of Life web site -- www.wayoflife.org.) Clarence Sexton also had Roman Catholic Rick Santorum speak on Wednesday evening, February 29 (“Rick Santorum to Hold Rally at Crown,” KnoxNews.com, Feb. 28, 2012). Santorum, of course, is seeking the Republican presidential nomination. Politics was a major beginning point of Jerry Falwell’s spiritual downfall. Steeped in a pragmatic philosophy, he believed it was so important to “bring America back to God” that he was willing to ignore the Bible’s



**Rally at Crown College,
February 29**

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Further Collapse of Separatism at Crown College.....

command to separate from those who hold false teaching (e.g., Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:5). To his own detriment and that of his followers Falwell ignored God's plain and compassionate warning that evil communications corrupt good manners. Falwell's Moral Majority organization eventually was composed of a large percentage of Roman Catholics and he became so confused that called them his brothers and sisters in Christ in spite of their avowed false gospel, and he highly praised ecumenical books that treated the Roman Catholic Church as part of "Christ's body." Following in Falwell's disobedient footsteps, Sexton called Rick Santorum a "brother" at a conference in Pennsylvania last year (as per e-mail from an eyewitness, Pastor Steve Rogers, March 10, 2012). "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Corinthians 15:33).

MAN DRAWS CLOSER TO THE LORD BY GIVING UP SOUTHERN GOSPEL

We deal with Southern Gospel music in the video presentation series *Music for Good or Evil*, and we were encouraged recently to receive the following testimony: "I have compared everything you state to the Word of God and find it to be biblical. I personally came under conviction dealing with Southern Gospel music. I did research with the help of your website and prayed daily and realized I was wrong. I have found sacred Christian music to be more spiritual and now I am not listening to Southern Gospel any longer. I just wanted to be an encouragement to you and tell you we are praying for you daily. Thank you for the referral to oldchristianradio.com. I have gotten much closer to the Lord listening to sacred music."



THE GETTY'S CONTEMPORARY HYMNS



KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY AND FRIENDS

With Special Guests
Stuart Townend
Strings of the All Souls Orchestra
North East Churches Choir

Thursday 7th June 2012, 7.30pm
Gateshead, The Sage
Ticket Office: Tel 0191 443 4661 or
online at thesagegateshead.org
£12, £15, £20, £25 & £29

THE CELTIC ISLANDS TOUR 2012

Keith and Kristyn Getty's "contemporary hymns" are widely used among "traditional, non-contemporary" churches, because they are considered relatively safe. For example, at least eight of their songs are included in Majesty Music's hymnal. Their popular songs include "Don't Let Me Lose My Wonder," "In Christ Alone" (penned by Keith and Stuart Townend), "Speak, Oh Lord," and "The Power of the Cross." Typically, the lyrics are scriptural and the tunes are not blaring rock & roll. But the Gettys represent the exceedingly dangerous world of contemporary worship music as definitely as Michael W. Smith or Graham Kendrick. Their ecumenical, one-world-church goal is to "bring EVERYONE together musically" (www.keithgetty.com). They want to "bridge the gap between the traditional and contemporary" (<http://www.gettymusic.com/about.aspx>), but bible-believers should know that this is a "gap" that must not be bridged, as it is a gap between Christ and the world, between the Spirit and the flesh. The Gettys are "modern hymn writers" but their music is syncretistic. They "fuse the music of their Irish heritage with the sounds of Nashville, their newly adopted home." The Gettys list the Beatles as a major musical influence. Keith arranged some of the songs on Michael W. Smith's charismatic *Healing Rain* album. The Gettys have a close working relationship with Stuart Townend, who is radically charismatic and ecumenical. Not only do they write and publish songs with Townend, but they also tour together, joining hands, for example, in the Celtic Islands Tour 2012. (See "Stuart Townend" in the *Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians*, which is available as a free eBook at the Way of Life web site -- www.wayoflife.org.)

MARK DRISCOLL HAILS NEW MOVEMENT IN CHRISTIANITY

Mark Driscoll, senior pastor of the Mars Hills megachurch in Seattle and co-founder of the Acts 29 church planting network, believes “we’re sitting at the edge of a precipice” or “a new movement, with the potential to see revival in our generation” (Driscoll, “It’s Time to Move from Minutia to Movement,” Acts29network.org, March 8, 2012). Driscoll is excited that this movement is “spilling over traditional boundaries that have historically separated people” and describes it as “a number of tributaries coming together to form a river.” He speaks of how he has learned from a diverse assortment of Christian leaders, and though he differs with them doctrinally his “goal is to work relationally with them.” He says, “I’m fortunate to have close friendships with Christian leaders from around the world and across the theological spectrum.” The unity that Driscoll praises is created by “moving from minutia,” which is defined as “the small, precise, or trivial details of something.” This is the tired old heresy of “in essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty” which is at the heart and soul of the ecumenical program but which is rebellion to the clear commands of God’s Word. You will look in vain for support for the “non-essentials liberty” doctrine from the writings of Christ and the apostles. Jesus commanded that the churches teach “all things” (Mat. 28:20) and Paul

taught all the counsel of God (Acts 20:27). We are to keep the apostolic doctrine and commandments “without spot” (1 Tim. 6:13-14). There are no “non-essential” teachings in Scripture. While not every teaching is equally important, no teaching

is of no importance so that it can be ignored for the sake of a broader unity. Driscoll is describing a movement, for sure, but it isn’t new and it isn’t godly. It is the spirit of end-time apostasy. It is the corrupt “church” that grows into an impressive tree whose branches are filled with birds of the air (Mat. 13:31-32). It is the “church” that is well on the way to being fully leavened by ancient and end-time heresies, all orchestrated to the theme song of the world’s rock & roll (Mat. 13:33). Predictably, Driscoll concludes by taking a nasty and slanderous cheap shot at those who refuse to jump in the new movement river but instead “shoot at” and “attack” the leaders of the new movement by testing them by God’s Word. Driscoll is a likable person, a “man’s man” in a feminized society, but he has no idea what he is doing.



INVENTOR OF MRI SAYS EVOLUTION IS SCIENCE FICTION

The following is excerpted from an interview with Dr. Raymond Damadian that was conducted in January 2012 by Shem Dharampaul of Alberta, Canada. Dr. Dharampaul is a Fellow of the College of Physicians in Canada and is trained in nuclear medicine. Dr. Damadian, biophysicist, is the recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Achievement Award as

“the man who invented the MRI scanner.” In 1988 he was awarded the National Medal of Technology, America’s highest award for applied science, and a year later, he was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame, an honor he shares with Thomas Edison, Samuel Morse, and the Wright Brothers. The first MRI scanner that Dr. Damadian and his colleagues built in 1977, “The Indomitable,” resides at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. QUESTION: Why do you believe that the Bible is true? DAMADIAN: If you take the trouble to examine the evidence supporting the Bible and contradicting alternative theories, from my perception, the evidence is overwhelmingly in support of the biblical record and vacates alternative thoughts such as evolution. The evidence for evolution is non-existent. In my opinion, evolution is science fiction. QUESTION: Does the Bible’s account of creation contradict any known facts of science? DAMADIAN: No. Absolutely not. In my opinion evolution contradicts them.”



CONCLUSION:

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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!

“Why the Cross?”

6 April, 10AM

Lunch to follow; Children's and Mandarin outreach concurrently.

“What has the Cross Got to do with Me?”

7 April, 4PM

Filipino outreach

“The Morning of the Resurrection”

8 April, 9:30AM

“The Call of the Cross”

8 April, 11AM

Lunch and Mandarin Service to follow

COMING UP • CHURCH EVENTS

Prayer And Fasting

Spiritual preparation is vital

It is important that we prepare ourselves spiritually for the April Evangelistic Meetings. We need to seek the Lord to empower us to do His work and to bring souls to Himself. Many of us have loved ones and friends who still need to hear the precious Gospel!

“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”

Acts 4:31

FAST FACTS: PRAYER AND FASTING

Dates: 31 March 2012

Location: 1096 Sembawang Road

Theme: “Give us Boldness to Speak for You”

Time: 10AM - 2PM

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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 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

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"I am now reconciled to GOD"
1 Corinthians 5:20

the week at a glance

26 MARCH - 1 APRIL 2012

| 26 Mar | 27 Mar | 28 Mar | 29 Mar | 30 Mar | 31 Mar | 1 Apr |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|--|
| 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

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|-------------------------|---------|
| 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 26 Luke 12

Mar 27 Luke 13-14

Mar 28 Luke 15-16

Mar 29 Luke 17-18

Mar 30 Luke 19

Mar 31 Luke 20-21

Apr 1 Luke 22