



be ye reconciled to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

the weekly digest of ambassador**baptistchurch**

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from the pastor's heart

CALLED TO FOLLOW



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today's program

the news

hymn | *to God be the glory*

opening **prayer**

hymns of praise

offerings of praise

offertory

hymn | *trust and obey*

exhortation | *pastor johnny*

invitation and closing

photography

lunch

... I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Isaiah 48:17

From the time of Egypt until today, the Lord God of Heaven and Earth has been leading the nation of Israel. The nation, although under constant threat of war, has always been saved from seemingly the most

impossible of situations. Yet, it is not surprising because the Lord Jesus has always been their protector and preserver. The theme of the anniversary, on a spiritual level, reflects God's consistent and unbiased leadership of His children at Ambassador Baptist Church. We have been called to follow Christ and to do His will in this world. We at Ambassador are given the instructions clearly in the Word of God to follow the Lord Jesus. To do that, we need to notice

what else the Lord did in order for us to follow Him all the way:

We have the best Motivation, and that is to follow the Lord our God.

I am the LORD thy God

He is the Lord, our Master. He is Yahweh - the Self-existing One - the One who rules from a

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from the pastor's heart

sovereign throne. He is not merely the Lord, but He is the Lord our God. He is our best Motivation not merely because of His greatness but because of His great love. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

We are given the best preparation

Which teacheth thee to profit.

The word "teach" brings out the idea of training. The word profit indicates promotion, benefit and good. The Lord Jehovah therefore calls us to follow proper training with the intention to profit us, to do us good, to exalt us, to promote us in this life and to reward us in the next. To do God's will is to receive the Lord's instruction and training to do His bidding.

We are given righteous direction

which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

The word "leadeth" encompasses the thought of an archer pulling a bow. He has a target in mind, the arrow is subject to his direction and is in submission to His guiding hand that pulls the string on the bow. The way refers to the life-course that an individual will travel by the grace of God, and not by man's effort - the pilgrimage of this life for His glory led by His righteous

direction. God does not bring us into a meaningless life or a direction of waste, but He is obligated, as our Heavenly Father, to bring us to the area that we need to go for His name's sake.

We are therefore obligated by love to follow Him

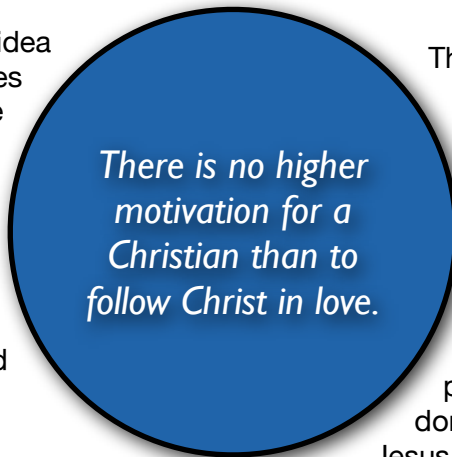
If ye love me, keep my commandments

John 14:15.

There is no higher motivation for a Christian than to follow Christ in love.

As we reflect individually and corporately on God's goodness today, we need to ask ourselves, "How much do I love the Lord Jesus?" The only grateful way to pay the Lord Jesus for what He has done for us is to dedicate to the Lord Jesus your life (Romans 12:1 - 2). The only grateful way of living is to follow Him wholly.

Lord, thank you that you have saved us, and have set us apart to serve You. May we be faithful to follow You till the day you come!



thought for the week

He has led us this far by His Grace
He has led us by fire and by cloud
He will lead us to His heavenly Home
He calls us to follow and follow Him close

memory verse

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Colossians 1:27-28

*Sunday Worship Service
29 July 2012
Called to Follow*

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

John 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them:

John 5:36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

*Turn to: **Matthew 4:4,7,10***

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Luke 22:42 – 43 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

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I. **The title** of the message is _____

II. **The passage** for the message is _____

III. **Why did the Lord Jesus call these type of people to be His followers?**

A. So that He can _____ them into what He wants them to become

IV. **How are we to follow Him?**

A. We are to follow Christ by _____ the _____ of Christ ...

1. The word example means a writing copy to be _____ to be _____, to be imitated

a) There are three areas that Christ indicated that we are to follow His steps:

(1) We need to imitate His _____

(2) We need to imitate His _____

(3) We need to imitate His _____

B. We are to follow Christ _____

1. What does it mean to follow His footprints? That means that we are to do the _____ job or do the _____ things in our lives as the Lord Jesus did.

a) **CHILDREN**

(1) As a child what did Jesus do?

(a) He was _____ God

(b) He was _____ to His parents

(2) Children, how do we serve God at a young age?

(a) Have Jesus in your _____

(b) _____ in the household

(c) Pick up the _____ you see in the church

(d) Read your _____ to _____ about the Lord.

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES



perverted things with which one can fill the imagination. In fact, dark and perverted is an apt description of much of today's music, video games, novels, and movies. Science fiction and the superhero genre, for example, have grown ever darker, stranger, more sensual and godless, and many people are living a dark fantasy world. Consider James Holmes, who murdered a dozen people and wounded nearly 60 more last week in a movie theater where *Batman: The Dark Knight Rises* was premiering. Jesus taught us that murder is an acting out of the impulses of the sin nature (Mark 7:21-23), but the fallen nature can be inflamed. Homes had dyed his hair red and said he was The Joker,

The heart is the source of one's actions. God's Word says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life," and, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 4:23; 23:7). The corruption of the imagination was one of the first steps in the downward slide to idolatry and moral perversion in man's early history as described in Romans 1. "... when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). The same thing happens in the lives of individuals. What the mind dwells on is what will eventually control the life. If the imagination becomes perverted, the life will reflect this. This is a loud warning in an age when individuals can connect 24/7 in the most private manner with any aspect of the pop culture, and there are a great many dark and

the clownish, ultra-violent enemy of the superhero Batman ("NYC Police Commissioner Said Alleged Shooter Calls Himself The Joker," *Fox News*, July 20, 2012). These are vile movies. In the 2008 movie *Batman: The Dark Knight*, a man's face is filleted by a knife, another's is burned half off, a man's eye is slammed into a pencil, a bomb is stitched inside of a man and exploded, a man is bound to a chair and set afire, a child is threatened by a man with a melted face, and clowns are shot point-blank in the head. In the comic book "Batman: The Dark Night" The Joker murders an entire television audience. Thirteen years earlier, not far from where Holmes acted out his perverted fantasies, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold murdered 13 and wounded 21. They, too, were acting out demonic fantasies that had been enflamed through violent music, video games, and dark movies.

FILM CRITIC WARNS ABOUT THE DARK VIOLENCE OF TODAY'S MOVIES

In 2008, film critic Jenny McCartney warned about the growing darkness and violence of the movie industry and the fact that children are watching this soul-corrupting trash. The following is excerpted from "Our Attitude to Violence Is Beyond a Joke," *The London Telegraph*, July 26, 2008: "But the greatest surprise of all--even for me, after eight years spent working as a film critic--has been the sustained level of intensely sadistic brutality throughout the film [*Batman: The Dark Knight*]. ... *The Dark Knight*, however, has been rated 12A by the British Board of Film Classification, which means that although the BBFC believes it is best suited to children aged 12 and over, any under-12 can see it provided he or she is accompanied by an adult. Cinemas are even holding parent-and-baby screenings. The 12A certificate, a relatively recent innovation, is a piece of fudge designed to deflect responsibility from the BBFC on to British parents. ... In 2002, the BBFC took a stand on *Spider-Man*, a hugely hyped Hollywood release: it decided that it contained unsuitable levels of violence for under-12s, and therefore awarded it a '12' certificate, meaning that under-12s should not be allowed into cinemas to see it. A public storm erupted; children and many parents were furious; and a number of councils



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announced their intention to defy the ban. At first the BBFC stoutly defended itself, saying that ‘Hollywood has carried out an aggressive worldwide marketing campaign aimed at young children when the film is not suitable for them.’ And then, fed up with being everyone’s most hated Aunt Sally, it invented the 12A certificate, which translates as a fed-up, institutional shrug of the shoulders. It’s been busy shrugging ever since. *Spider-Man* now looks like

Bambi when set next to *The Dark Knight*. ... The intensity of violence in *The Dark Knight* is a grimly logical progression from the sort of distilled brutality that has rapidly become the norm in films rated 15 and 18: the only difference is that now small children are permitted to watch it, too. ... Increasingly, extreme screen violence is used not as a necessary adjunct to a greater point, but as the pleasurable point in itself.”

CHRISTIAN ROCK CONTINUES TO BUILD ONE-WORLD CHURCH



Christian rock’s one-world church building enterprise was in full steam at the recently concluded 14th annual Lifest in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. On hand were popular CCM groups such as Switchfoot, Newsboys, Underoath, Building 429, Norma Jean, Steven Curtis Chapman, Tammy Borden, Love & Death, Casting Crowns, and Disciple. 15,000 enthusiastic fans gathered to celebrate

ecumenical unity through the sensual power of rock & roll. Participants could choose from three worship services, including a Catholic Mass led by Bishop David Ricken, who officially approves of the “Marian Apparitions” at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in northern Wisconsin. The apparition appeared to Adele Brise in 1859 and said, “I am the Queen of Heaven, who prays for the conversion of sinners,” plainly identifying itself as a demon, since the only Queen of Heaven mentioned in Scripture is an idolatrous goddess that was condemned by the prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 7:18). That Christian rock is intimately associated with such things is clear evidence of its apostasy. None of the aforementioned popular CCM groups and “artists” condemned Roman Catholic participation in the festival. (See *The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians* for extensive documentation of CCM’s one-world church building efforts. It is available as a free eBook from the Way of Life web site -- www.wayoflife.org)

ISRAEL LEGISLATOR RIPS APART BIBLE

A member of Israel’s Knesset ripped the New Testament out of a Bible in a public demonstration recently. Michael Ben-Ari said he stands by his action, claiming that the “Christian Bible led to the murder of millions of Jews in the Inquisition and throughout history” (“Ben-Ari Unapologetic,” *Arutz Sheva*, July 18, 2012). The Bible desecrated by Ben-Ari was one of the copies that were sent to each of the Knesset members by a publisher. Here we are reminded of the reproach that has been brought upon the New Testament faith by the harlot church in Rome and its vicious, unscriptural actions. The New Testament does not authorize the persecution of the Jews or of anyone else. Roman Catholicism is a terrible corruption of true New Testament Christianity. If Ben-Ari would do more careful historical research, he would learn that Rome hated Bible-believing Christians as much as she hated Jews. It is true that the New Testament puts the blame for the crucifixion of Jesus at the feet of the Jewish leaders of that day. They rejected Him as their Messiah in spite of the fact that He



fulfilled the Messianic prophecies, and they even rejected Pilate’s efforts to release Jesus, crying out, “Crucify him, crucify him,” and, “We have no king but Caesar” (John 19:15-16). But Bible-believing Christians do not hate the Jews and never have. We know that we are not better than any other men and that only by God’s grace are we saved. The nation Israel is in God’s hands, and we pray for the peace of Jerusalem because that is the glorious day that Christ will reign over the whole earth. The story of the crucifixion doesn’t stop with the part played by the Jews. The New Testament also puts the blame on the Roman government. In fact, it puts the blame upon the head of every sinner, because the Son of God would not have died had it not been for His love for sinners and His desire to redeem them. As Jesus said to Pilate, “Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above” (John 19:11). The Messianic prophecies explain exactly why Jesus died: “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

THOUSANDS OF ROMAN CATHOLICS JOIN MARCH FOR JESUS

Roman Catholics in various parts of the world joined the annual March for Jesus. In Trinidad and Tobago, for example, thousands of Roman Catholics joined Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, and the Salvation Army for this year's March ("Marchers by the Thousands," Archdiocese of Port of Spain, July 15, 2012). Catholic Archbishop Joseph Harris said the event has his full support as "ecumenical and multi-religious" ("Christians March for Jesus," Catholicnews-tt.net, June 24, 2012). In New Zealand, the Roman Catholic Church began official participation in March for Jesus in 1995. It was called "an unprecedented expression of Christian unity" (*The Challenge Weekly*, June 5, 1996). This March of the Mixed Multitude is even considered to be a form of evangelism. John Fulford of the Evangelical Fellowship of New Zealand called the declaration of unity an opportunity for evangelism (*Ibid.*), but he didn't explain how unity between those who preach different gospels can be anything other than apostasy, confusion, and spiritual death. Those who preach a false gospel are under God's curse (Galatians 1:8-9). How can blessing come by yoking together with that which is cursed? March for Jesus does not represent the true church of Jesus Christ; it represents the building of the one-world harlot church, and two of the most effective instruments in



the building of this "church" are the charismatic movement and contemporary Christian music. Graham Kendrick, one of the most influential names in contemporary praise music, was a co-founder of March for Jesus. A March for Jesus coordinator said: "Through praise and worship, we're seeing all denominations—Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, Charismatics come together to proclaim the most important points of the gospel" (*Calvary Contender*, Feb. 15, 1994). It is no surprise that Kendrick is also a radical charismatic who promotes heretical "kingdom now" theology. He is a member of the Ichthus Christian Fellowship which welcomed the so-called Toronto Blessing with its meaningless gibberish, spirit slaying, hysterical laughing, barking, braying, rolling. Kendrick claims that he received the gift of "tongues" while brushing his teeth after attending a charismatic meeting in 1971.

TISHA B'AV

Since the destruction of the Second Temple, Jews have observed Tisha B'Av (meaning ninth of Av) as the day of mourning over their loss. The practice began after the destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians and was reestablished in 71 A.D, for the first and second temples were destroyed on the same day, 655 years apart. The observance falls in July or August of the Gregorian calendar. This year it is on July 28, so the observance is deferred until Sunday July 29. On Tisha B'Av, the Torah is draped in black. There is fasting and mourning with various rituals and the reading of the book of Lamentations and Jewish poetry called *kinnot*. In some Jewish communities the book of Job is read. Orthodox Jews believe that Tisha B'Av will be kept until the Messiah comes, at which time it will become a celebration.



BOY SCOUTS AFFIRM BAN ON HOMOSEXUALS IN FACE OF PROTESTS



The following is excerpted from the Associated Press, July 17, 2012: “After a confidential two-year review, the Boy Scouts of America on Tuesday emphatically reaffirmed its policy of excluding ‘gays,’ ruling out any changes despite relentless protest campaigns by some critics. An 11-member special committee, formed discreetly by top Scout leaders in 2010, ‘came to the conclusion that this policy is absolutely the best policy for the Boy Scouts,’ the organization’s national spokesman, Deron Smith, told *The Associated Press*. Smith said the committee, comprised of professional scout executives and adult volunteers, was unanimous in its conclusion--preserving a long-standing policy that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2000 and has remained controversial ever since. As a result of the committee’s decision, the Scouts’ national executive board will take no further action on a recently submitted resolution asking for reconsideration of the membership policy. The Scouts’ chief executive, Bob Mazza, contended that most Scout families support the policy, which applies to both adult leaders and Scouts.”

CHICK-FIL-A DUBBED HATE-MONGER FOR STANDING FOR BIBLICAL FAMILY VALUES

The following is excerpted from “Chick-Fil-A Interview Triggers Media Storm,” *Biblical Recorder*, July 19, 2012: “In a day when companies such as General Mills, Nabisco, JC Penney and Target seemingly compete to appear the most supportive of gay marriage, Chick-fil-A and its biblically-based values stand out--and the nation and media are noticing. As a company, Chick-fil-A takes no position on gay marriage, but comments Chick-fil-A President Dan Cathy made to the *Biblical Recorder* newspaper--in a story re-posted by Baptist Press--have launched a media storm. ... Asked about the company’s support of the traditional family, Cathy said in the *Biblical Recorder* story, ‘Well, guilty as charged.’ ‘We are very much supportive of the family--the biblical definition of the family unit,’ Cathy said. ‘We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives. We give God thanks for that.’ Chick-fil-A’s stores are closed on Sundays and the company, he said, ‘operate on biblical principles.’ The media storm grew larger when a June 16 radio program was spotlighted in which Cathy underscored the need for children to have a mom and a dad. ‘As it relates to society in general, I think we are inviting God’s judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at Him and say, We know better than You as to what constitutes a marriage,’ Cathy said on *The Ken Coleman Show*. ‘I pray God’s mercy on our generation that has such a prideful, arrogant attitude to think that we would have the audacity to try to redefine what marriage is all about.’ ... The Human Rights Campaign--the nation’s largest gay activist group--posted a Chick-fil-A logo on its website with a fake tagline, ‘We Didn’t Invent Discrimination. We Just Support It.’”



CONCLUSION:

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(e) Children, _____ your parents t _____

b) TEENAGER

(1) As a teenager, what did the Lord Jesus do?

(2) If a teenager was to follow the Lord Jesus, he / she will be in _____
to your _____ in every way

c) ADULTS

(1) As an adult, what did the Lord Jesus do?

(a) He was _____

(b) He was _____ the will of the Father

(c) He _____

(d) He Knew the _____

(e) He was _____ to God's house

(f) He _____ those who nailed Him to the cross

(g) He _____ to the Lord's will even though it was _____

(h) He _____ God's will for His life

C. We are to _____ to this call to follow Him:

1. When we say we _____ to the call of God means what?

a) To His call for _____

b) To His call to _____

called **to** follow

ambassador **baptist** church's third anniversary

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **ye should follow his steps:**

1 PETER 2:21



WELCOME

to our third anniversary!

We thank God for bringing us to three! The Lord has been good and faithful to us all these years and truly, unless the Lord builds the house, we labour in vain. As we sing and worship the Lord, giving Him the praise He deserves, let us reflect with thanksgiving for all that the Lord has done for us!

CHURCH NEWS • TRAINING

Training Courses

CHRIST our Saviour did not send His disciples out without proper training and they turned the world upside-down for Him. Ambassador believes training is important to the proper functioning of the various ministries and is beginning a training course for chapel teachers.

The course will include topics such as child development, songleading, behaviour management and more.

Get in touch with us if you are led of the Lord to serve in the Chapel and are interested in attending the course!

CHAPEL TEACHERS' TRAINING

Date: 11, 18 August 2012

Time: 2:30PM - 5:30PM

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:

Presenting Every Person Perfect in Christ

ambassador**baptistchurch**



"We are reconciled to GOD"
1 Corinthians 1:20

the week at a glance

30 JULY - 5 AUGUST 2012

30 JUL	31 JUL	1 AUG	2 AUG	3 AUG	4 AUG	29 JUL
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
	Outreach and Visitation (SEM)	Outreach and Visitation (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place		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 - TERM BREAK
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
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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
- **THANKSGIVING: Bro. Terry's successful operation.**
- **Bro. Terry's treatment and recovery.**

the Bible in 4 months

30 JUL Luke 12

31 JUL Luke 13- 14

1 AUG Luke 15 - 16

2 AUG Luke 17 - 18

3 AUG Luke 19

4 AUG Luke 20 - 21

5 AUG Luke 22