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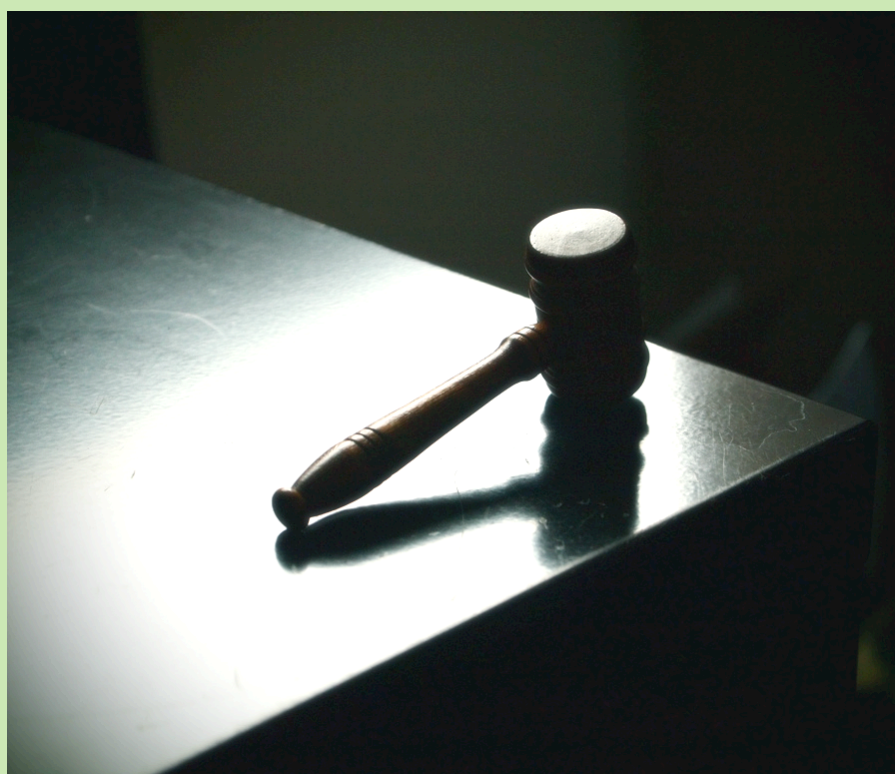
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## THE JUDGMENT OF A CHRISTIAN



### today's **program**

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**hymn** | *His eye is on the sparrow*

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**hymn** | *all i ever need is found in*

*Thee*

**exhortation** | *pastor Johnny*

**invitation** and closing

 Pastor Johnny Tan ([johnny@ambassador-baptist.org](mailto:johnny@ambassador-baptist.org))

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*So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

### **Romans 14:12**

There is a strange response among believers today when rebuked for their sin and their errors. In pride, they retaliate. "Mind your own business," is a

preferred statement, whether by reply or action. The Bible teaches us that the wise man will hear and will increase learning (Proverbs 1:5), but fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7). There is a day coming when all men on earth will be required to answer for their deeds. Notice three lessons from this verse.

**There will be a judgment for all.** *So then every one of us.* In the context, Paul refers primarily to us as Christians, that when we leave this world for the next, we are required to give an account. No one is exempt from this awesome truth. There will be day of reckoning - a time where we will be required to stand

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before the Judge and present our lives for scrutiny. This is not merely a show and tell of an opportunity for us to share what we have done, but a time of accounting for decisions made in the type of lives we lived and how we made decisions. How we served the Lord, lived in our family and responded when there was a crisis. Specifically, there will be judgment for Christians, known as the Judgment Seat of Christ. At this judgment, all Christians will stand before the Lord Jesus Christ. There will also be a judgment for those who have not trusted Christ as their Saviour - a sentencing judgment - where God, in His holiness, consigns those who have not trusted Christ to an eternity in the lake of fire.

**There is accountability for what we do here.** Each individual will give an account of what he has done here. The word 'account' has the idea of verbal computation - a running commentary of what we have done in this life.

**We will be accountable for what have done in this life.** (2 Corinthians 5:10) We will need to tell the Lord Jesus what we have done in our lives. We may not remember all the activities we have done, but the Lord Jesus will have an accurate record of our lives.

**We will be accountable for what our intentions were when we served the Lord** (1 Corinthians 4:5) The Lord who sees our hearts will make clearly known what we were thinking at that time of the activity and there will be no

misrepresentation here. God will make known our intentions.

**We will be accountable for every word spoken** (Matthew 12:36) Every word we have spoken will be brought up and we will be judged according to what we have said.

**There will be a righteous judgment.** This judgment will be presided over by the originator of all righteousness, the Lord Jesus Himself. All wrongs will be made right and all truth will be known. The Lord will have us know that our lives will undergo His scrutiny and assessment which will be an accurate evaluation. He therefore requires us to be upright, pure and truthful in our deportment and our dealings with each other and in this world.

**There will be a just reward.** After the judgment of all believers, the verdict will lead to rewards given to the believer who has run the race with patience, endurance, truth, love and holiness; those who have been wicked and lazy will receive their reward as well.

Dear believer, do you realize that you will be called to account for all that you have done in this life? Is it not therefore necessary for us to align our lives in line with His word and His will that we may hear from Him, "Well done"? Lord, we pray that we will be ready for Thy coming, both as individuals and as a church in Ambassador .

thought of the week

Somebody needs  
someone to help them  
along.

Will you be that  
someone?

memory verse

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Ezekiel 3:18

Sunday Worship Service  
 17 March 2013  
 "Characteristics of a Spiritual Carer"

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 7:2 - 16**

**2 Corinthians 12:14 - 15** Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

**Galatians 4:19** My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

**Genesis 4:9** And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

**2 Corinthians 7:2** Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 5:18 - 20**

**Luke 18:13 - 14** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other:

**Mark 5:19** Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

**Luke 19:8** And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

**1 Corinthians 15:34** Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

**Matthew 23:37** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

**Proverbs 27:6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Sunday Worship Service  
17 March 2013  
"Characteristics of a Spiritual Carer"

Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

## introduction

- I. Paul was a \_\_\_\_\_ father to spiritual children
- II. God wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_ of each other, be \_\_\_\_\_ for each other's souls.

## what are the characteristics of a carer of souls for the Lord

- I. A spiritual carer **is concerned about** \_\_\_\_\_
- II. A spiritual carer \_\_\_\_\_
- III. A spiritual carer \_\_\_\_\_ **in the individual**
- IV. A spiritual carer **is encouraged by the appropriate response to** \_\_\_\_\_
- V. A spiritual carer **is willing to** \_\_\_\_\_ **in order to** \_\_\_\_\_
- VI. A spiritual carer **is happy when there is genuine** \_\_\_\_\_ **to the word of God**
- VII. A spiritual carer **desires that his heart of care and love be** \_\_\_\_\_

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## A GOVERNMENT FOR ITSELF



In 1863, Abraham Lincoln, in his famous Gettysburg Address, called America a “nation under God” and praised the sacrifice of the Union armies to guarantee that “government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” I don’t know to what extent, really, such a government has ever existed in America, but I do know that it has long since perished. The U.S. government today is a government for itself. Take, for example, the sequester of federal spending, which came into effect March 1. The ruling requires approximately 5% reduction in domestic spending programs, which is not earth-shaking and which is literally nothing compared to the national debt, but you would think the world were coming to an end by the sounds emanating from the Obama-led government. The White House’s Office of Management and Budget issued a “sky is falling” press release, warning that the sequester could result in outbreaks of food-borne bacteria because of reduction in food inspections, etc. etc. etc. The sequester had no sooner gone into effect than Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced that TSA lines at airports were already lengthening. The Navy announced that it was keeping an aircraft carrier at home rather than deploy it where it is strategically needed. The White House announced that it is shutting down tours of the so-called “People’s House.” Government parks have announced that they are shutting down popular services. What is lacking is the type of message that would be spoken by a government that is of the

people, by the people, and for the people. Those words would be something like the following:



**“We use this occasion to apologize for taxing the people in a confiscatory manner and then spending grossly more than what we have taken in taxation so that we have gotten the country into a huge mess. It is nobody’s fault but our own, and we repent of it. Now we have to reduce the debt and start living according to our means, and we are going to do everything possible to make sure that the people aren’t hurt by the mess that we have created. The first thing we are going to do is to brutally cut waste and unnecessary and foolish spending. The President has announced that he and his family are going to stop taking expensive vacations and he is going to curtail his expensive golf outings, and they are going to cut expenses at the White House, since they acknowledge that they have been living royally rather than presidentially, and it is not right to ask the people to tighten the belt if their own leaders are unwilling to lead the way. The second thing we are going to do is take a cut in pay so that we don’t have to cut services for the people. It has been reported that the annual salary for the director of the White House Visitors Office was raised from \$70,000 in 2009 to \$100,000 in 2012 (‘White House Visitor’s Office Director,’ *Daily Caller*, March 6, 2013). This is true, and we apologize for this in a time when we are borrowing a large percentage of every government dollar spent. We are hereby reducing her pay. The President also informs us that he is going to contribute some of his own personal wealth so that the tours to the White House will not be interrupted. We are going to do this type of thing across the board in every nook and cranny of this bloated government, and it won’t be long before we are living within a reasonable budget and the shameful debt is retired. Thank you for your patience.”**



## IS IT TIME TO FRET?



There is plenty of bad news in this day and age, such as the recent ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada that found a preacher guilty of a “hate crime” against homosexuals and the foolish decisions made by those who are in control of the world’s governments, but it’s not time to fret, worry, and fear. **It’s time, rather, to demonstrate that we are truly people of faith by obeying the Psalmist’s exhortation.** “Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart” (Psalm 37:1-4). **It’s time to lift up our eyes, knowing that our redemption draweth nigh.** The homosexual rights agenda, the ecumenical movement that is devouring everything in its path, the globalism, Israel’s dilemma, all are major signs of the times. The hour is late; let’s be found with our lights burning and our loins girded for service. **It’s time to fear God rather than man, knowing that the fear of man bringeth a snare** (Proverbs 29:25). It’s not time to hide and to shut our mouths in the face of man’s foolish politically correct thinking and his unrighteous laws. It’s

time to say with Peter of old, “We ought to obey God rather than man” (Acts 5:29). **It’s time to redouble our commitment to obeying God and proclaiming His Word in this evil generation,** knowing that “the world passeth away,” and Jesus warned that if we are ashamed of Him in this present generation, He will be ashamed of us in the next (Luke 9:26). Instead of wringing our hands at what is happening, let us trust God and continue to preach His Word, in season and out of season, like Daniel’s friends when threatened by the Babylonian king and like Daniel himself when threatened by the Persian emperor. **It’s time to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves as we go about God’s business.** This was Jesus’ instruction as He sent His disciples out to preach (Matthew 10:16). Our commission is to preach the gospel to every person, and though the preaching of the gospel involves warning about sin and the wrath of God, as per Romans 1-3, we don’t see the apostles standing on the streets declaiming the “biggest” sins of the Roman Empire and holding up banners railing against homosexuals or abortionists or whatever. Paul’s way was to “reason with them out of the scriptures” (Acts 17:2). First and foremost we are to be witnesses of Christ. In his sermon on Mars Hill, in the midst of the wicked, idolatrous, morally-polluted Athens, Paul preached against sin but he didn’t rail against any particular group of sinners. Paul’s methodology in Acts 17:16-31 is an example for us today.

## BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE PRAISES THE POPE



Neville Callam

Leaders of the Baptist World Alliance praised Pope Benedict XVI upon his announcement that he was stepping down from the papacy. BWA General Secretary Neville Callam called the pope’s theological works “a rich storehouse of spiritual reflections worthy of detailed study” (“BWA Leaders Laud Pope Benedict XVI,” *Baptist World Alliance News*, Feb. 14, 2013).



BWA president John Upton praised the Pope’s ecumenical vision and his willingness to reach out to Baptists. There was no warning of the Pope’s false gospel and other damnable heresies. The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) is a liberal ecumenical alliance founded in 1905 and currently consisting of 223 Baptist

denominations in 120 countries. The BWA promotes the heresy that unity is more important than doctrinal truth. Its first stated goal is “to unite Baptists worldwide.” The Baptist World Alliance is affiliated with the exceedingly liberal World Council of Churches (WCC). (See *The World Council of Churches* at

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[www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).) The Baptist World Alliance maintains ecumenical relations with Rome through its affiliation with the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Members of the BWA include American Baptist Churches USA, Baptist Union of Great Britain, Baptist Union of Australia, Baptist Union of New Zealand, Convention of Philippine

Baptist Churches, General Baptist Church of the Philippines, Luzon Convention of Southern Baptist Churches, Singapore Baptist Convention, Thailand Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention USA, and Progressive National Baptist Convention.

## FULLER SEMINARY PROFESSOR PRAISES POPE FOR PROMOTING ECUMENISM

Fuller Seminary professor Cecil Robeck, Jr., praises Pope Benedict for his “commitment to ecumenism” (“Protestant Scholar Lauds Benedict’s Ecumenical Stride,” Catholic News Agency, Feb. 24, 2013). Robeck, also an Assemblies of God minister, has participated in ecumenical gatherings at the Vatican and at Assisi. He praises the Pope’s warm relationship with Pentecostals, Evangelicals, Protestants, and Orthodox, and the Pope’s New Evangelization program, which “helped all of our churches to rethink the question of evangelism.” This is further evidence of the spiritual blindness of “evangelicalism” today and of the fact that the formation of the one-world church is making great progress behind the scenes. The Second Vatican Council in the 1960s was a major stepping stone in this program, and the Assemblies of God in particular and the Pentecostal-Charismatic movements in general have been at the forefront of pushing the ecumenical agenda, as we have documented in the illustrated book *The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: History and Error*. Consider David DuPlessis, known as “Mr. Pentecost.” This Assemblies of God preacher was invited to attend Vatican II and co-chaired the first ten sessions of a formal Pentecostal-Roman Catholic dialogue between 1972 and 1982. He was deluded by his heretical Pentecostal propensity to trust feelings more than the

Scripture. As a result he accepted “prophecies” and “words” that encouraged him to accept the Roman Catholic Church. During a Papal Mass, he had a powerful emotional experience and felt that he was purged from suspicion about Catholic doctrine and that he could readily accept Catholic priests as brothers in Christ without any judgmentalism (*A Man Called Mr. Pentecost*, pp. 215, 216). DuPlessis found God’s will by “praying in tongues,” which is a certain path to spiritual deception. The charismatic movement is one of the many powerful forces that are creating the end-time, one world “church.” Contemporary worship music and contemplative prayer are two other major factors. Pope Benedict recently stepped down from the papacy and a new pope is being selected. We can be certain that whoever he is, he will continue to promote the ecumenical program.



*Cecil Robeck, Jr.*

## PAPAL ELECTION AND I THESSALONIANS 5:21



“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Th. 5:21). The Scripture is able to make the man of “perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17), which means that the Bible is the sole authority for faith and practice. Everything is to be tested by this perfect Authority, and when this test is applied to the papal election and its environment in Rome, nothing

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is left that is good by the biblical standard. Everything is found to be heresy. In Scripture we find no pope, no cardinals, no archbishops, no Vatican city, no papal chair, no special priesthood (only the general priesthood of believers), no mass, no candles, no bells, no incense, no saints (only the sainthood of all believers through the sanctification of the cross), no veneration of Mary, no Queen of Heaven, no prayers to the dead, no prayers for the dead, no veneration of relics, no ecclesiastical garments, no nuns, no enforced "celibacy," no baptism of infants,

no auricular confession, no consecrated buildings, no cathedrals, no crucifixes, no rosaries, no scapulars, no pledge of secrecy. The papacy is alleged to be built upon Peter, but as God's people have often observed, Peter had no crown, no gold, no throne, no state, no ambassadors. He did not try to exercise authority over all the churches, and he was a married man. "Evangelicals" who speak of the Roman Catholic Church as if it were a true church in any sense are in rebellion to God's Word and are part of the end-time apostasy.

## ARRAYED IN PURPLE AND SCARLET



"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:4-5). Photos of the cardinals gathered at the Vatican for the election of a new pope look like a sea of purple and scarlet. One photo shows cardinals wearing red caps and archbishops wearing purple ones. The colors of Rome's ecclesiastical garments differ somewhat depending on the situation, but cardinals typically wear a cassock or long robe of scarlet wool or black wool adorned with red trimmings, a scarlet *cappa magna* (a cloak with a long train and hooded shoulder cape), scarlet hose, and a scarlet silk sash. Prior to Vatican II, they also wore a red cloak, red hat, and red shoes. Bishops are attired similarly, but they wear a purple cassock and a purple *mantelletta*, which is a sleeveless vest-like garment. Ordinary Catholic priests also wear purple and scarlet clothing on various occasions, such as Good Friday and Advent.

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*Would you be a spiritual carer for someone who needs the help and building up? This world is so selfish and self-centred. Would anyone care to care?*



COMING UP • CHURCH EVENTS

## March Evangelistic Outreach

While we don't know when exactly Christ was crucified, buried and risen again, Ambassador uses the holiday season to reach lost souls for Christ.

This year, we walk through the course of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ with a series of services that are designed to reach out to those who need to hear the important Gospel message the most.

Join us and invite your family and friends!



### **The Life of Christ**

29 March 2013 (Good Friday)

### **Filipino Outreach**

30 March 2013

### **The Death of Death**

31 March 2013 (Easter Sunday)

11AM - 1PM

## 12 more days...

## THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

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

## IN BRIEF

### Books for the library



*A library system has been created for church books to be used responsibly. If you would like to give your Christian books to this collection, please deposit them into the box outside the children's room. Your contribution will help others learn and grow in their Christian lives.*

### New facility

*Be in prayer for the new facility as the church works to satisfy the Urban Redevelopment Authority's requirements. The church is currently exploring several options of tenants to lease the facility from as prescribed by the Authority.*



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monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts (SEM)	Outreach Efforts (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place	ABC Youth	Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

*"All activities running normally"*

get in touch!

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weekly activities

**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

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at [www.ambassador-baptist.org](http://www.ambassador-baptist.org)

**Outreach Efforts**

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

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

prayer requests

- **For wisdom as we prepare to move to our new facility**
- The various ministries
- For God's leadership in the transition of Ambassador Baptist Church to a Discipleship church
- For direction and unity in the training of Discipleship Group Leaders and other areas of training
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2013
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- ABC Biblical doctrines manual

the new testament in 4 months

- MAR 18** Luke 4-5
- MAR 19** Luke 6
- MAR 20** Luke 7
- MAR 21** Luke 8
- MAR 22** Luke 9
- MAR 23** Luke 10
- MAR 24** Luke 11