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from the pastor's heart

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR BRETHREN



today's program

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hymn | *praise the Saviour*

opening **prayer**

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hymn | *a passion for Thee*


offertory

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

exhortation | *pastor Johnny*

invitation and closing

 Pastor Johnny Tan (johnny@ambassador-baptist.org)

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*It is good neither to eat flesh,
nor to drink wine, nor any
thing whereby thy brother
stumbleth, or is offended, or is
made weak.*

Romans 14:21

Paul admonishes charity for a brother who is weak in the faith (Romans 14:15) and that more mature brethren should do nothing that will affect a brother in Christ. Just as the Lord Jesus will not even quench a smoking flax or break a bruised reed (Isaiah 42:3), we need to bear the infirmities of the weak and help them with their spiritual

weaknesses by curbing our personal likes or desires that are not sinful in themselves but hurt a younger, less mature Christian in the Lord.

There are three ways we can hurt a young believer in Christ.

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We can stumble by our harmless actions.

A stumbling block is an obstacle in the way that prevents the growth of an individual. Hypothetically, if a young Christian, whose tender conscience believes that Christians should not drink cola because it has caffeine but sees an older believer drinking cola, he may become confused in his minds and be greatly affected, even though drinking cola isn't necessarily a sin. Many Christians have been stumbled this way when an elder, insensitive Christian does something that is within their rights, but without consideration of other younger believers' immature conscience.

We may also offend them by our harmless actions.

An offence refers to an injury or anger, intended or no. In the context of this passage, it appears that the offence by the Roman Christians was intended as Paul had to rebuke them for their pride and lack of love for the believers. An intentional offence needs to be repented of for the sake of a young believer. An unintentional offence needs to be noted and great caution taken to prevent its repetition, again for the sake of the young believer. We remember the Lord's Word when He said, "Woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" (Matthew 18:7)

Lastly, we may weaken them. The word "weaken" implies a reduction in strength and spirit. When we insist on our rights of action and life, we can weaken or reduce the strength and spirit of a younger brother. He may have decided to serve the Lord and seek His help in service, but when another Christian acts in a self-centred fashion that stumbles and offends, the former's spiritual fervour may be dampened and discouraged through the offence.

Paul admonishes those who are matured in the faith to consider that it is good (kind) towards the younger believer when we exercise this restraint of personal rights for the sake of others.

The weak brother stumbled, offended and weakened may take heart that being in the hand of God will see to his faith, development and growth. God, as a loving Father, will perfect that which concerns us. However, the offended and stumbled believer needs to decide if he will grow through the experience or allow a permanent state of stunted growth.

Lord, as You denied yourself in this life for the sake of others, may we die to ourselves for the sake of others coming to Christ.

thought of the week

If grace does not make you to differ from your own surroundings, is it really grace at all?

Spurgeon

memory verse

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

John 10:27 – 28

Sunday Worship Service
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"Evidence of the Work of God's Grace"

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 8**

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Romans 6:1 - 2 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

Acts 16:20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

Matthew 5:10 - 12 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.)

Exodus 35:5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

Exodus 35:29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

Ephesians 2:11 - 14 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 10:34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

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Passage: _____

introduction

Churches, assemblies _____ to the Lord and _____ the _____ of God to work in their hearts will produce _____ for others and especially for others and the Lord will use as a trophy of His grace. It is essentially a _____ of mind.

what are the evidences of God's grace working in our lives?

I. **The working of God's grace causes us to do _____ despite our _____**

II. **The working of God's grace will cause us to be _____**

A. To do our _____

B. To _____ our _____

C. To do our _____ without being _____

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

THE WORLDLY INSANITY OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC

Since my first article on the subject in 1987 I have been warning that Contemporary Christian Music creates and feeds an appetite for the things of the world, and this becomes more evident with each passing year. Bible-believing churches that are messing with this music in any way are playing with fire, and the pastors will give account for not protecting their people. The words “holy” and “spiritual” mean separated unto God and separated from the filthiness of this world, but CCM musicians love secular rock; they listen to it in their private lives; they perform it in their concerts and record it for their albums. They even become so drunk on the world and so spiritually insane that they use secular rock in the alleged service and worship of a thrice-holy God. The most recent example is the popularity of the “Harlem Shake” at “evangelical” churches and schools, including Liberty University, Cedarville University, and Rick Warren’s Saddleback high school. These and others “have uploaded footage online of their youth breaking out dancing--sometimes with sensual and suggestive moves, and little clothing” (“Controversy Erupts Over Explosion of Church, College Groups Gyrating,” *ChristianNews.net*, Mar. 7, 2013). The youth ministry of Jacksonville, Florida’s Bethel Baptist Church is using their rendition of the Harlem Shake as an “evangelism” tool with their pastor’s blessing (“Florida Megachurch’s Youth Group Draws Peers

with Music, Harlem Shake,” *Christian Post*, Mar. 23, 2013). In 2011, Northpoint Church of Springfield, Missouri, performed “Sympathy for the Devil” by the Rolling Stones and “Thriller” by Michael Jackson; Proclaimers Church in Norwich, England, performed Lady Gaga’s “Telephone”; and The Church by the Glades in Miramar, Florida, performed “Calling All the Monsters.” In 2009, NewSpring Church in Florence, South Carolina, performed “Highway to Hell” by the wicked rock band AC/DC for Easter service. In 2007, Granger Community Church in Granger, Indiana, featured Beatles Music as their Christmas theme.



JEWES ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO SACRIFICE ON TEMPLE MOUNT

Conservative Jews were foiled again this year while attempting to sacrifice a lamb and goat on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. City police detained Noam Federman and others and cited them for transporting animals without a permit (“Temple Activists Detained,” *Arutz Sheva*, Mar. 25, 2013). Muslims effectively own the Temple Mount today in spite of the fact that Israel took it over in the Six Day War in 1967. Israel’s Defense Minister Moshe Dayan returned control of the Mount to the Islamic Waqf and the decision was ratified

by the Israeli Knesset. Biblically speaking, this is because Israel is still under the “times of the Gentiles.” Ever since Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonian army in 586 BC, Israel has been under the overlordship of Gentile powers, including Persia, Greece, Egypt, Rome, the Ottoman Empire, and England. This is why Israel is still at the beck and call of major Gentile powers such as America and the European Union, and it is because Israel is still in rebellion to God’s law and in rejection of her Messiah.

JEW'S PRACTICING FOR THE THIRD TEMPLE



On Thursday, March 21, a group of Jews led by Rabbi Yehuda Glick sacrificed a goat opposite the Temple Mount in preparation for the reconstruction of the Temple. Glick said, "We took the goat, as the Torah commands, and we had an

altar built like the real one ... we slaughtered the goat with Leviim [Levites] singing and priestly clothing, just like in the real Passover sacrifice" ("Temple Groups Practice Passover Sacrifice," Arutz Sheva, Mar. 22, 2013). One day Israel's eyes will be opened and she will receive the Lamb of God that she has been rejecting for 2,000 years. That's the good news. The bad news is that before then, the Third Temple will be built and occupied by the Antichrist and Israel will go through "the time of Jacob's trouble." "Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

CHRISTIANITY TODAY'S INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR OF "THE SHACK"

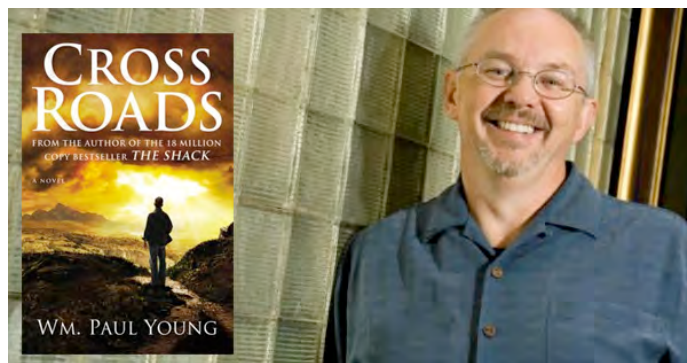
Christianity Today's apostasy was evident once again in its recent interview with William Paul Young, author of *The Shack*, in that there was not a hint of warning about his rank heresies ("The Love Shack," *Christianity Today*, March 4, 2013). Young, whose newest book is *Cross Roads*, denies (by cleverly redefining) the fall of man, eternal hell, substitutionary atonement, the necessity of the new birth, among other cardinal doctrines. But Young not only rejects the Bible's doctrine, he rejects the Bible's God. "The Shack" is about redefining God. Young has said that the book is for those with "a longing that God is as kind and loving as we wish he was" (interview with Sherman Hu, Dec. 4, 2007). He is referring to the desire on the part of natural man for a God who loves "unconditionally," does not require repentance or obedience to the Bible, does not judge sin, and does not make men feel guilty about what they do. Young's depictions of God include a young Asian woman named "Sarayu" (supposedly the Holy Spirit) and an older black woman named "Elousia" (supposedly God the Father). Young's god is the god of the emerging church. He is cool, loves rock & roll, is non-judgmental, does not exercise wrath toward sin, does not send unbelievers to an eternal fiery hell, does not

require repentance and the new birth, puts no obligations on people, doesn't like Bible churches, doesn't accept the Bible as the infallible Word of God, and doesn't mind if the early chapters of the Bible are interpreted as "myth." (For documentation see "The Shack's Cool God" via the search engine at www.wayoflife.org.)



WILLIAM YOUNG'S REDEFINITION OF BIBLE DOCTRINE

It is typical for false teachers to redefine Bible doctrine in order to hide their heresies from the gullible (Romans 16:17-18). They use Bible terms but interpret them with a heretical dictionary. That William Paul Young is adept at this practice was evident in his interview with *Christianity Today* in the context of his new book *Cross Roads* (FaithWords, 2012). When asked, "What does Jesus accomplish on the Cross and in the Resurrection?" Young replied: "It was *God in the hands of angry sinners*—that's the phrase that I would use. I'm not a penal substitutionary guy. But I am a substitutionary guy. But I don't see the Father pouring out his wrath on the Son. I see the human race pouring out their wrath on the Son. So I see the only hope for the entire cosmos is what the Son chooses to accept, crawling upon the instrument of our greatest wrath. He met us at the deepest, darkest place" ("The Love Shack," *Christianity Today*, March 4, 2013). In this mash of mumbo-jumbo, Young uses the term "substitutionary atonement" but gives it a meaning different from the one described in the Bible, which plainly states, "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" (Isa. 53:5). When asked, "But the Bible is replete with language of divine wrath, not just the Old Testament but the New as well; what do you make of that?" Young smoothly replied: "I am not opposed to wrath at all, but what's changed for me is this: I grew up inside a paradigm that said wrath was punitive and retributive in nature. I now see it as restorative." Thus, Young uses the term "wrath" but he gives it an entirely different meaning from that which we find in Scripture. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18). "For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience" (Col. 3:6). "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17). "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15).

COMMUNIST CHINA HAS MURDERED A THIRD OF A BILLION BABIES

Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews and at least five million civilian G y p s i e s , P o l e s , Byelorussians, Ukrainians, Soviets, French, Dutch, Greeks, Serbs, etc. Stalin murdered 20 million, and Mao murdered 40 million. But Hitler, Stalin, and Mao combined were lightweight murderers compared to the modern state of communist China. Thumbing its nose at

Almighty God, the Author of life who has commanded, "Thou shalt not kill," China has aborted



336 million babies since its "one child" policy was inaugurated in 1971 ("China's One-Child Policy," Breitbart, Mar. 22, 2013). That is a third of a BILLION children that have been killed in the womb, and this figure doesn't include the infanticides that have been committed outside of the womb. Far more baby girls have been killed than boys, and

there is now a shortage of wives for Chinese men who want to marry.



THE following is excerpted from “Physicists Claim to Have Found ‘God Particle,’” *Christian News Network*, Mar. 14, 2013: “Nearly a year after the announcement that scientists in Geneva had possibly discovered the existence of a particle that was believed to be the key to the universe, physicists are claiming to have confirmed their suspicions. As previously reported, scientists announced last July that they had found what appeared to be the Higgs boson, also known as ‘the God particle.’ The particle is part of a 50-year-old theory proposed by physicist and atheist Peter Higgs, who believed that a subatomic particle exists that holds everything together and gives matter mass. Physicists working on the Higgs project used the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Geneva to smash together particles and observe the reaction. ... [Other scientists] believe that the particle rather gives further support and evidence as to how God created the world to function and hold together from the beginning. ‘I think anytime a new discovery is made in science, it is very exciting, and this is no exception,’ astrophysicist Dr. Jason Lisle of the Institute for Creation Research told Christian News Network. ‘I think there is very good evidence that the particle does exist. ... It confirms Scriptural authority because only in the Christian worldview do we expect the universe to behave in a consistent and predictable way that could be understood by the human mind.’ He stated that the assertion that the discovery of the Higgs boson affirms the Big Bang theory is misguided. ‘That seems to really confuse two different issues,’ Lisle said. “The Big Bang theory is really a conjecture about the past, about how the universe could really come into existence from nothing. And the Higgs Boson has nothing to do with that. The Higgs boson is about how the universe works today,’ he advised. ‘It appears to be the mechanism by which God has chosen to give different particles different masses.’”



Dr. Jason Lisle

CONCLUSION:

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III. **The working of God's grace** _____ and
_____ thoughts

IV. **The working of God's grace considers the** _____ of others, not their

A. They had deep poverty, therefore it is implied here,

1. That they were _____

2. They were enabled to make a _____

3. That one cause of this was the _____ which they had even in their

V. **The working of God's grace starts with the** _____, _____ **with** _____

VI. **Will you** _____ **God's grace to** _____ **in you today?**

IN BRIEF

Books for the library



You may deposit books you wish to add in the box next to the children's room.

The book intake ends late April.

New facility



Be in prayer for the new facility as the church works to satisfy the Urban Redevelopment Authority's requirements.

COMING UP • CHURCH EVENTS

March Evangelistic Outreach



Ambassador thanks God for the wonderful time of reflection and learning this past Easter Weekend.

Continue to be in prayer for the souls of who have attended.

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Parent Support Group

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

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



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| monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday | sunday |
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| 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

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
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2013
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- **Sis Kym's parents**
- **Sis Lydia's parents**

the new testament in 4 months

APR 8 John 9-10

APR 9 John 11

APR 10 John 12-13

APR 11 John 14-15

APR 12 John 16-17

APR 13 John 18-19

APR 14 John 20-21