



# be ye **reconciled** to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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## from the pastor's heart

### LEARNING FROM THE BIBLE



## today's program

the **news**

**hymn** | *i sing the mighty power of  
God*

opening **prayer**

**hymn** | *give of your best to the  
Master*


**hymn** | *such love*


**offertory**

**hymn** | *come to the Saviour*

**exhortation** | *pastor Johnny*

**invitation** and closing

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

 Courtesy Timothy Lee

*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

**Romans 15:4**

God has given us the Bible with both the Old Testament and New Testament. The manual for Christian living and church life is found primarily in the New Testament as the books of Matthew and Revelation reveal the heart of God regarding our sin, our

salvation and our eternal life in heaven. But Paul highlights that the Old Testament is just as inspired, as helpful and as profitable for edification and our growth in learning.

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He tells that the "the things were written aforetime." This refers to the Old Testament Scriptures: the creation of the world the fall of man, the hatred of Cain, the righteousness of Abel, the rapture of Enoch, the judgment of the Flood, the incest of Lot, the sin of drink, capital punishment, the call of Israel in Abraham, the Exodus, the law of Moses, the sacrificial system, the spiritual adultery of Israel, the call to repentance by the Prophets and the coming Savior. These were written for our learning. The increase of our knowledge aids our understanding of the past, assurance in the presence and confidence for the future.

Paul then teaches that it is through understanding of the Scriptures that we may obtain hope through patience. The trials which each one experiences, and the experience of the consequences of our doing the right thing (when men revile and curse us when we do right) can be borne with the correct understanding of the things written

aforetime. Many fall by the wayside or get discouraged because they do not understand that the Bible teaches that we will go through persecution and that we will suffer wrong for the sake of the right. (Matthew 5:10 - 11)

Paul also notes that this hope is sustained as we go through the trials by the comfort that comes from the Word. The Bible instructs in the way of salvation but more than this, it gives comfort to the weary soul, strength to the heart and hope to the discouraged. This is comfort to the tired and downcast.

Dear believer, are you in the Word of God? Do you learn from your Bible reading? Are you patient as a result of your understanding of God's Word and do we receive comfort from the scriptures? God wants us to gather the gems in His word, that we may decorate our lives with the light of His Word for us to grow in Him and for others to see Him in us.

thought of the week

Thank your mum,  
not just today, but  
every day!

memory verse

He that trusteth in his own heart is  
a fool: but whoso walketh wisely,  
he shall be delivered

Proverbs 28:26

*Sunday Worship Service*  
*12 May 2013*  
*"Honour Thy Mother"*

**Genesis 3:20** And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

**Exodus 20:12** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

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

**Exodus 21:15** And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

**Exodus 21:17** And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

**Proverbs 20:20** Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

**Leviticus 20:9** For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

**Proverbs 30:17** The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

**Deuteronomy 27:16** Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother ( when we treat our mother with contempt, dishonor) . And all the people shall say, Amen.

**Proverbs 23:22** Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

**Proverbs 28:24** Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

**Proverbs 30:11** There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

**Proverbs 15:20** A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother

**James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

**Proverbs 1:8** My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

*Sunday Worship Service*  
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Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

## introduction

- I. The name of mother is a \_\_\_\_\_
- II. It is God given \_\_\_\_\_
- III. To dishonor the mother comes with \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. We are living in a generation that does not \_\_\_\_\_ their mother
- V. Only a \_\_\_\_\_ man will \_\_\_\_\_ the mother

## why are mothers so special?

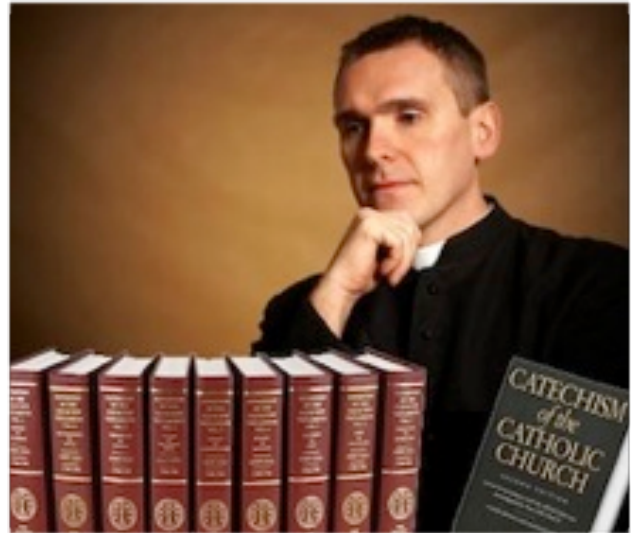
- I. Mothers are \_\_\_\_\_
- II. You only have \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The one that God gives is always the \_\_\_\_\_
- III. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ she has made for you.
- IV. Your mum is special because she reflects the \_\_\_\_\_ love of God.



# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## CHRISTIANITY TODAY PROMOTING “EVANGELICAL CATHOLICISM”

*Christianity Today* is continuing to promote the insanity of “evangelical Catholicism” in its positive reviews of George Weigel’s book *Evangelical Catholicism: Deep Reform in the 21st-Century Church*. Weigel is a Roman Catholic, and recently *ChristianityToday.com* had a glowing review of the book by his fellow Roman Catholic, Brantly Millegan, plus a positive interview of Weigel entitled “Catholics on the Evangelical Trail” conducted by Chris Castaldo, director of Ministry for Gospel renewal at Wheaton College’s Billy Graham Center. The concept of “evangelical Catholic” was popularized in the days of the late John Paul II through books such as Keith Fournier’s *Evangelical Catholics* (Thomas Nelson, 1990), *A House United* (NavPress, 1994), and *Evangelicals & Catholics toward a Common Mission Together* (Word Publishing, 1995), and through the publication of the “Evangelicals and Catholics Together” statement in 1994, which was signed by some three dozen evangelical and Catholic leaders. To say that there is such a thing as an “evangelical Catholic” is to ignore the fact that the Roman Catholic Church teaches a false gospel of grace plus works/sacraments, has put a papal curse on those who say that salvation is by grace alone (at the Council of Trent), and holds dozens of other gross heresies such as Catholic tradition equal in authority to Scripture, baptismal regeneration, transubstantiation, papal supremacy, mariolatry, relic veneration, and auricular confession. George Weigel promotes these heresies even while



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pretending to be “evangelical.” For example, he calls for “unpacking the Scriptures through the tradition of the Church,” suggesting that Catholic leaders “prepare their homilies with a good Biblical commentary (often Protestant in origin) in one hand, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the other.” *Christianity Today*, which was founded by Billy Graham, has been a major force for the building of the end-time, one-world “church.”



Mikey Weinstein

## ADVISOR TO PENTAGON CALLS BIBLE- BELIEVING CHRISTIANS DANGEROUS “MONSTERS”

The following is excerpted from “Pentagon Taps Anti-Christian Extremist,” *Breitbart.com*, Apr. 28, 2013: “Today, we face incredibly well-funded gangs of fundamentalist Christian monsters who terrorize their fellow Americans by forcing their weaponized and twisted version of Christianity upon their helpless subordinates in our nation’s armed forces.’ Those words were recently written by Mikey Weinstein, founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF), in a column he wrote for the *Huffington Post*. Weinstein will be a consultant to the Pentagon to develop new policies on religious tolerance, including a policy for court-martialing military chaplains who share the Christian Gospel during spiritual counseling of American troops. Weinstein decries

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## CREMATION CONTINUING TO GROW IN POPULARITY

The number of cremations in North America is increasing dramatically. In 1975, only 6% of the people who died were cremated. By 1996, it was still only about 20%, but by 2010 that had doubled to 40%, and it is estimated that by 2025, 56% of America's dead will be cremated as a national average. (Figures are from Cremation Association of North America's 2011 report.) In some states, the percentage is already much higher than that: Nevada, 72%; Washington, 71%; Oregon and Hawaii, 69%; Montana, 65%; Maine, 64%; Colorado, 63%; Arizona, 62%; New Hampshire and Alaska, 61%. (The states with the least percentage of cremations per death are in the "Bible Belt" -- Mississippi, 14%; Alabama, 17%; Kentucky, 21%; Louisiana, 21%; West Virginia, 23%.) The 2010 statistics for Canada are 57% nationally. By Province it is as follows: British Columbia 81%; Yukon Territory, 63%; Alberta, 64%; Nova Scotia, 61%; Manitoba, 58%; Saskatchewan, 55%; Ontario, 53%; New Brunswick, 46%; Prince Edward Island, 21%. According to a cover story in the December 5, 1995, issue of *USA Today*, the rising acceptance of cremation has coincided with a drop in "religious barriers to cremation." It is interesting that a secular newspaper sees the connection between religion and cremation. Historically, Christian burial has been a testimony of faith in the bodily resurrection, whereas cremation has been practiced among Hindus and others who believe in reincarnation. As paganism increases its steely hold on American and Canadian hearts, cremation becomes increasingly popular. "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body" (1 Cor. 15:42-44).

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what he calls the 'virulent religious oppression' perpetrated by conservative Christians, whom he refers to as 'monstrosities' and 'pitiable unconstitutional carpetbaggers,' comparing them to 'bigots' in the Deep South during the civil rights era. He cites Dr. James Dobson--the famous Christian founder of Focus on the Family--as 'illustrating the extremist, militant nature of these virulently homophobic organizations' rhetorically-charged propaganda.' Regarding those who teach orthodox Christian beliefs from the Bible, Weinstein concludes, 'Let's call these ignoble actions what they are: the senseless and cowardly squallings of human monsters.' Weinstein then endorses the ultra-left Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), which publishes a list of 'hate groups.' Alongside truly deplorable organizations like the KKK, the SPLC's list includes a host of traditional Christian organizations (for their support of traditional marriage) and Tea Party organizations (for supporting limited government). Weinstein says SPLC correctly labels them all as 'hate groups.'"

## BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING



U.S. agencies such as the Information Awareness Office, National Security Agency, (NSA), CIA, and FBI spend billions of dollars annually to intercept and analyze telephone and internet traffic. Since 2007, federal, state, and local government agencies have been allowed to access imagery from military intelligence satellites to observe the activities of U.S. citizens ("U.S. to Expand Domestic Use of Spy Satellites," *Wall Street Journal*, Aug. 15, 2007). The FBI is creating a billion dollar underground computer facility to store DNA, facial recognition data, iris/retina data, fingerprints, and palm prints of people living in the U.S. ("FBI Prepares Vast Database of Biometrics," *Washington Post*, Dec. 22, 2007). The CIA has committed to a \$600 million, 10-year deal with Amazon for cloud computing services ("CIA Tech Boss on Your Data," *The Blaze*, Mar. 20, 2013). Ira Hunt, the CIA's Chief Technology Officer said they "try to collect everything and hang onto it forever" and claimed that it is "very nearly within our grasp to be able to compute on all human generated information." The Department of Homeland Security awards billions of dollars in grants to assist local, state, and federal agencies to install and operate video surveillance equipment.





## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days..

The following is by the late Charles Spurgeon: "The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is one of the best attested facts on record. There were so many witnesses to behold it, that if we do in the least degree receive the credibility of men's testimonies, we cannot and we dare not doubt that Jesus rose from the dead. It is all very easy for infidels to say that these persons were deceived, but it is equally foolish, for these persons could not every one of them have been so positively deceived as to say that they had seen this man, whom they knew to have been dead, afterwards alive; they could not all, surely, have agreed together to help on this imposture: if they did, it is the most marvellous thing we have on record, that not one of them ever broke faith with the others, but that the whole mass of them remained firm. We believe it to be quite impossible that so many rogues should have agreed for ever. They were men who had nothing to gain by

it; they subjected themselves to persecution by affirming the very fact; they were ready to die for it, and did die for it. Five hundred or a thousand persons who had seen him at different times, declared that they did see him, and that he rose from the dead; the fact of his death having been attested beforehand. How, then, dare any man say that the Christian religion is not true, when we know for a certainty that Christ died and rose again from the dead? And knowing that, who shall deny the divinity of the Savior? Who shall say that he is not mighty to save? Our faith hath a solid basis, for it hath all these witnesses on which to rest, and the more sure witness of the Holy Spirit witnessing in our hearts."

..seen of Cephas, then the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethen at once..

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## ROCK MUSICIANS AS MEDIUMS

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Pete Townshend

Many rock musicians have described an outside power that has overcome them while writing and performing rock music. The most recent example of this is described in the biography of Pete Townshend of The Who, who says that he began acting as a medium for music when he learned to play the harmonica as a boy. "I got lost in the sound of the mouth organ, and then had the most extraordinary, life-changing experience. Suddenly I was hearing music within the music--rich, complex harmonic beauty that had been locked in the sounds I'd been making. The next day I went fly fishing, and this time the murmuring sound of the river opened up a wellspring of music so enormous that I fell in and out of a trance. It was the beginning of my lifelong connection to ... what might be described as the music of the spheres. ... One day I found some chords that made me lightheaded. As I

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF I TIMOTHY 2:1-4

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:1-4). We are specifically instructed to pray for the authorities that are over us that we may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty and that we may proclaim the gospel so that souls can come to Christ. Why would the Lord instruct us to pray in such a manner if He were not ready to answer? This is one of the few things we are specifically instructed to pray for and it should be obvious from the events that we are witnessing that we need to redouble this type of prayer, yet I wonder how many churches are doing this? Our church in South Asia has a special prayer like this each week led by one of our young men, as do many churches in this land, and I am convinced that this is the very reason why we have enjoyed liberty to preach even though we live under a Maoist/Hindu government and by “natural rights” we should have been under the heel of persecution long ago. God answers prayer!



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played them my body buzzed all over, and my head filled with the most complex, disturbing orchestral music. ... I had the ability to create alpha-state music in my head, go into a creative trance, have musical visions... Since so much of this music bubbled up urgently from my subconscious mind, I'm left to interpret it much like anyone else” (Townshend, *Who I Am: A Memoir*, HarperCollins, 2012, pp. 41, 46, 62, 145). Townshend speaks of “music of the spheres,” but he does not understand that there are two spiritual realms operating in this world, and one of those is the powerful of darkness. Since the rock & rollers who describe this experience are people who don't know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, the source of their influence must be that which is described in Ephesians: “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others” (Eph. 2:2-3).

#### CONCLUSION:

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**Titus 2:4 - 5** That they may teach the young women to be sober (mature and serious minded) , to love their husbands, to love their children, / To be discreet, chaste , keepers at home , good , obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

**Genesis 50:20** But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

**Romans 5:3 - 4** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Turn to: **Romans 8:28**

**Isaiah 49:15** Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?

**Luke 15:20** And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.



## IN BRIEF

### Faith Bible Institute

Students of Faith Bible Institute are reminded that the Theology (Doctrines of Christ and the Bible) test will be held tomorrow. Please make due diligence in preparation.

Ambassador thanks God for each and every mother here today!

We recognize and thank the very special women who were the first to be involved in every one of our lives: our mothers.

May God bless each and every one of our dear mothers today!  
Be a blessing to your mom!



## issues of the HEART

Why do people behave the way they do?  
Why do I behave the way I do?  
How do I **overcome** bad behaviour?  
What does the Bible say?

Find out in Sunday Bible Hour

## THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

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

**13 - 19 MAY 2013**

ambassador **baptist** church



"Be reconciled to God"  
1 Corinthians 5:20

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
- 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

- MAY 13** 1 Corinthians 9-11
- MAY 14** 1 Corinthians 12-14
- MAY 15** 1 Corinthians 15-16
- MAY 16** 2 Corinthians 1-4
- MAY 17** 2 Corinthians 5-9
- MAY 18** 2 Corinthians 10-13
- MAY 19** Galatians 1-4