



be ye *reconciled* to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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from the pastor's heart

RECEIVING ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



today's program

the **news**

hymn | *when we all get to heaven*

opening **prayer**

hymn | *i will praise Him*

hymn | *nothing between*

offertory

hymn | *may the Lord find us faithful*

exhortation | *pastor Johnny*

invitation and closing

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

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Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

Christians ought to live in peace and in unity according to the word of God (*Psalm 133:1*). It is God's will that His

people love one another so that others can see the love between Christian brothers and sisters (*1 Peter 1:22*). Spiritual conversion in our hearts ought to produce genuine love to the brethren. Many Christians know this in their minds, and even in their hearts but many times, we are slow to show these actions of loving one another practically. Paul admonishes the Christian

church members to receive one another. This is apostolic teaching that we are to welcome one another in person. To receive means to accept, to welcome to lodge as a guest, to admit into fellowship and to embrace one another in the name and love of Christ. How are we to accept one another? We are to

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welcome one another just as Christ received us. This is the criteria Paul gives us. How does this acceptance manifest itself in real interpersonal relationships?

We are to receive one another even though we are imperfect. That was how the Lord Jesus received us. There was nothing good in us, nothing pleasant, nothing of beauty and nothing of worth that the Lord could possibly see in us. We were imperfect, broken, torn, half-baked and undesirable. Yet, Christ received us. Many of us have character flaws. We are slow to learn, slow to organize or slow to understand. Yet, in love, Christ received us, and therefore, we are to receive one another even though we are imperfect.

We are to receive one another even though we have sinned or offended one another. This is an awful truth, but at the cross, together with the crowd, we cried out "crucify Him". In our lives, we offend Him, neglect Him, disobey Him and even blaspheme His name when we accept sin and wickedness into our lives. Have we someone who offended us? Do we have friends who have neglected us and did not consider our situation? Do we have people who will disrespect us? The Lord Jesus have received these sinners in the love of Christ, so are we to accept them.

We are to receive one another even though the other does not reciprocate (return) our kind

deeds and intentions. The Lord Jesus is everlasting love to us. His love is so perfect that even though we are unfaithful to Him, our God remains faithful to us. When we reject Him or dishonor His name by living for this world or humiliate Him by worshipping Satan and his gifts for the sake of the riches of this world while knowing that Christ has done all things good for us, can we continue in sin, that grace may abound? Christ received sinners, so must we if we are to be like Him.

We are receive one another, though in this life, we will never be able to feel the comfort of love, and joy of relationship. Unlike the Lord Jesus - constant in love, faithful in trials, strong in grace, ever present in need and immutable - some believers will never give back to the Lord Jesus His due because of their selfishness and worldliness. Yet, we are to receive such an one should there be a believer who will not reciprocate our kindness to them. God, all kind and merciful, continues in His steadfast care and love for us even when we do not give back. That is the essence of God's love.

Brothers and sisters in the Lord, do we welcome one another as Christ received us? May I say that when we do, we receive one another to the glory of God? May we practice this truth in our lives.

thought of the week

Through what areas
Am I letting Satan in through,
That he may defeat me so
Lord help me learn to be
Mighty through GOD
That I may pull down
His strongholds

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

26 May 2013

"Overcoming Strongholds of Oppositions in our Lives"

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 10:1 - 6**

Jeremiah 7:24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

Jeremiah 9:14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

Jeremiah 11:8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: ...

Jeremiah 13:10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

Jeremiah 16:12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:

Jeremiah 23:17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

Turn to: **Isaiah 14:12-14**

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Turn to: **2 Timothy 2:24 - 26**

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Turn to: **Numbers 12:1-7**

Turn to: **Numbers 16:4-7**

Turn to: **Ephesians 6: 11-18**

2 Corinthians 6:6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

Sunday Worship Service

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"Overcoming Strongholds of Oppositions in our Lives"

Passage: _____

introduction

- I. All opposition to God and his working always begin in the _____ and _____
- II. God wants us to realise that the source of conflict and opposition to everything good and godly is in the _____.
- III. It is such a problem God calls it a _____, a _____, a _____, a _____ that must be _____
- IV. We can _____

how do we overcome the strongholds of opposition in our lives?

- I. We need to begin with a _____ and _____ spirit (verse 1)
 - A. _____ of Christ do not _____
- II. We need to realise it is a _____ (verses 3-4)
 - A. We are not fighting _____
 - B. What are the _____ of our warfare?

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, AND BUDDHISTS TOGETHER

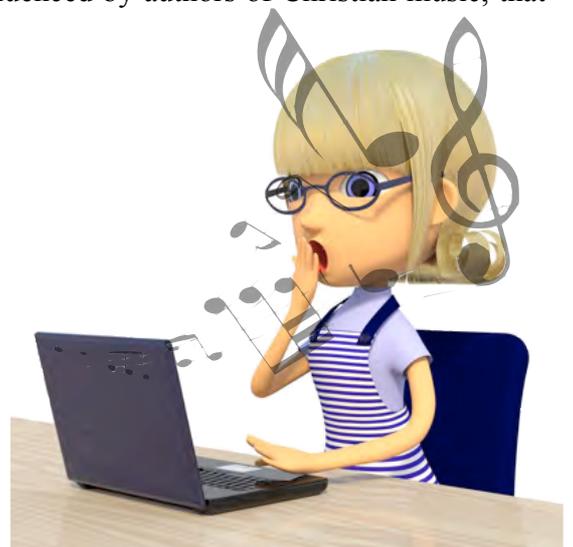
The one-world “church” described in Revelation 17 encompasses every heresy and idolatrous abomination on earth. This can be seen today in interfaith dialogue. The late Pope John Paul II was a leader in this field, bringing together every denomination and religion in the Day of Prayer for World Peace events in Assisi, Italy. The movement continues all over the world. Earlier this month the Vatican hosted the fourth Buddhist-Christian Colloquium with the theme “Inner Peace, Peace Among Peoples.” The announcement said, “The participants expressed that dialogue between Buddhists and Christians be strengthened to face new challenges such as threat to human life, poverty, hunger, endemic diseases, violence, war, etc., which belittle the sanctity of human life and poison peace in human society.” Interfaith dialogue is thus seen as the



path to a “new age.” May 27-31, the World Council of Churches (WCC), which encompasses 340 denominations and groups, is hosting a “Buddhist-Christian encounter” in Bangkok. Participants will stay at the Bangkok Christian Guest House and visit a Buddhist monastery. Wesley Ariarajah, former Director of the WCC’s Interfaith dialogue, said that all religions are one with God. At the Seventh Assembly of the WCC in Canberra, Australia, 1991, Ariarajah said that it “is inconceivable to me that a Hindu or a Buddhist, or anybody, is outside God. My understanding of God’s love is too broad for me to believe that only this narrow segment called the Christian church will be saved. If you are a Christian you must be open and broad, not narrow and exclusive” (*The Australian*, Feb. 11, 1991).

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE MUSIC AND THE AGE OF THE INTERNET

We are living in the age of end-time technology, which means that one can no longer use songs and hymns without the listeners being able to come into communication with the authors with great simplicity. Whereas even 30 years ago, it was not possible to easily contact and be influenced by authors of Christian music, that has changed dramatically with the Internet. Now if people in a church hear songs by Jack Hayford or MercyMe or Graham Kendrick or Stuart Townend or Darlene Zschech or Keith Getty, songs heard in “adapted form” in many Bible-believing churches, they can easily search for that group or individual on the web and come into intimate contact, not only with their music (played in “real” rock & roll style as opposed to the watered-down versions performed in churches that are only beginning to dabble with contemporary praise music), but also with their ecumenical/charismatic/one-world church doctrine and philosophy. Men such as Paul Chappell and Ron Hamilton, who should know better but who are defending the use of contemporary praise music, will answer to God for the souls that cross the bridges they are building to the dangerous world that is represented by this music.



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP BUILDING THE ONE-WORLD CHURCH



The greatest danger in dabbling with contemporary praise music is the fact that it is a bridge to the end-time one-world “church.” We have documented this extensively in *The Directory of Contemporary Worship Music*, which is available as a free eBook from www.wayoflife.org. The following is excerpted from this directory: The Canadian born Matt Maher (b. 1974), who lives in Tempe, Arizona, is a popular contemporary worship musician, and like John Michael Talbot, Maher is a Roman Catholic ecumenical bridge builder. Maher’s wife is Methodist, but they are raising their son “in the Catholic Church,” while also taking him to Methodist services “so he can experience both traditions” (Religion News Service, May 17, 2013). This is the perfect recipe for the building of the end-time, one-world “church.” Maher ministers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Tempe, which is devoted to Mary as the Queen of Heaven. The sign at the front of the church says, “Mary, Mother of Life, pray for us.” Maher calls himself a “musical missionary,” a missionary for Rome, that is. *Christianity Today* says “Maher is bringing his music--and a dream of unity into the Protestant church” (“Common Bonds,” *Christianity Today*, Oct. 27, 2009). He says, “I’ve had co-writing sessions with Protestants where we had that common denominator, and I’ve seen in a very radical way the real possibility of unity.” He says, “I look at it like the Catholic church is my immediate family, and all my friends from different denominations are extended family.”

POPE TO VISIT MARY SHRINE

Pope Francis has announced that he plans to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Bonaria in the Italian island of Sardinia in September (Vatican Information Service, May 15, 2013). This 14th century shrine, operated by the friars of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy, perpetuates the myth that a statue of Mary miraculously calmed a storm and saved a Spanish ship in 1370. Spanish sailors “venerated the image” and invoked its help for safe sailing. Francis will be the fourth pope to visit the idol, following in the footsteps of Pope Paul VI (1970), John Paul II (1985), and Pope Benedict XVI (2008). Francis has been widely acclaimed by evangelicals for his simple lifestyle and social justice passion, but he is as apostate in doctrine as the previous popes. In one of his first acts as “pontiff,” Francis visited the Santa Maria Maggiore basilica in Rome and “prayed to the



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THE POPE BLESSES THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

Pope Francis is an avid supporter of the “charismatic renewal” in the Catholic Church. In an address to the 36th National Assembly of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Archbishop Rino Fisichella said the Pope sent warm greetings to the 15,000 charismatics gathered in Rome, saying, “Tell them that I love them very much because I was responsible for Charismatic Renewal in Argentina” (“Pope to Catholic Charismatic Renewal,” ZENIT, April 30, 2013). Few things have been more effective at building the one-world church than the charismatic movement, which exploded on the scene in the 1960s and was nursed by organizations such as the Full Gospel Business Men’s Association. The first Pope to acknowledge the “charismatic renewal” was Paul VI, who welcomed 10,000 charismatic Catholics to Rome in 1975. Not only have charismatic Roman Catholics remained in the Catholic Church, for the most part, they have found a newfound love for Catholic dogmas. For example, in *Charisma* magazine in 1985, Nick Cavnar wrote, “Wherever I go ... CATHOLIC CHARISMATICS ARE REDISCOVERING THE MEANING OF TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC BELIEFS AND PRACTICES, INCLUDING THE SACRAMENTS, THE ROSARY, THE VIRGIN MARY AND THE SAINTS. ... For years I’ve been telling Pentecostals that the Catholic Church was de-emphasizing devotion to Mary. Now I hear it’s all coming back, with the charismatics leading the way” (Nick Cavnar, “Why Are Catholic Charismatics Getting So Catholic?” *Charisma*, April 1985). Operating hand-in-hand with the charismatic movement is contemporary worship music, which is charismatic to the core. The late Jerry Huffman, editor of the *Calvary Contender*, rightly observed that Contemporary Christian Music could be called Contemporary Charismatic Music. It is all about pursuing a sensual experience, which is the opposite of faith, without which it is impossible to please God.



Archbishop Rino Fisichella

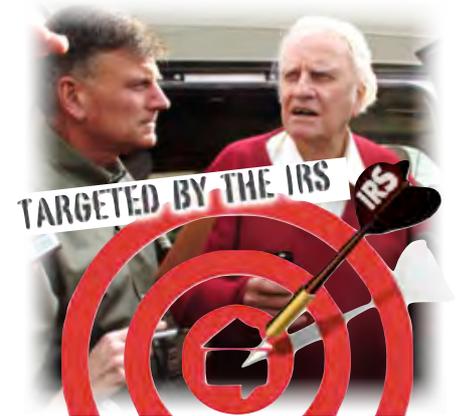
POPE TO VISIT MARY SHRINE

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Virgin” (Vatican Information Service, March 14, 2013). Nowhere is the deep apostasy of the Roman Catholic Church more evident than this basilica. Built in about AD 350 it was restored by Pope Sixtus III to commemorate the declaration of Mary’s Divine Motherhood by the Council of Ephesus in 432. The mosaic in the apse depicts Mary sitting in Jesus’ throne and being crowned Queen of Heaven. Another prominent statue is titled “Mary Queen of Peace.” Outside of the basilica, **MARY IS EVEN HANGING ON THE CROSS WITH JESUS!** These images depict Rome’s dogma that Mary is co-redemptress with Christ and that she intercedes for men and aids in their salvation. Note the following quotation from the Second Vatican Council: “Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but **BY HER MANIFOLD INTERCESSION CONTINUES TO BRING US THE GIFTS OF ETERNAL SALVATION.** ... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of **ADVOCATE, HELPER, BENEFACTRESS, and MEDIATRIX**” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, chap. 8, II, 62, pp. 382-383). For photos of Mary on God’s throne, Mary the Queen of Peace, and Mary hanging on the cross see the following: <http://www.wayoflife.org/maryolatry/index.html>

GRAHAM AND DOBSON AMONG HUNDREDS TARGETED BY IRS

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and James Dobson's Family Talk Action are among the hundreds of organizations targeted by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for their politically incorrect, conservative socio-religious and political views. Franklin Graham said his organization was visited by IRS agents last October after the ministry published newspaper ads in North Carolina backing a state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and urging voters to back "candidates who base their decisions on biblical principles and support the nation of Israel" ("Franklin Graham," *Politico*, May 14, 2013). Graham says he believes that the review was part of an Obama administration effort of "targeting and attempting to intimidate us." James Dobson said that the IRS dragged its feet for 19 months in approving his new group's 501(c) process. When the organization's lawyer contacted the IRS, he was told by the agent that the application was probably not going to be approved because "you're a right wing organization, and you're political, and YOU'VE BEEN CRITICAL OF THE PRESIDENT" ("The Conversation," *Breitbart*, May 18, 2013). There is no surprise here. The priceless liberties guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution have long been ignored by the Public School system with full backing of the U.S. judiciary. The liberties are now abused by the U.S. Military and the IRS. This is a judgment on America for its apostasy, an apostasy which has been helped greatly by the ecumenical stance of Billy and Franklin Graham and James Dobson.



THE LAW OF LIBERTY

"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:25). The believer's law is the law of liberty, not because the believer is free to do as he pleases but because his condemnation fell upon Christ and he is free to serve God without the fear of eternal condemnation. The law of liberty is like a woman who is a slave to a cruel master and serves him out of fear, but she is purchased from slavery by a kind man who loves her and makes her his wife. Now she serves her husband, perhaps working harder than she did before, but her service is out of love and without fear. The law of liberty is like a man who is drowning, and he is rescued by the kind captain of a ship. Once safe aboard, the man signs on to the ship's crew and serves the captain out of a sense of gratitude, and if he is faulty in his duty, he is disciplined, but he is not cast back into the sea. The law of liberty is like an delinquent orphan who is adopted by a kind father. Now he is a son in the man's family and he serves the father in his business, and if he is neglectful he is disciplined, but he is not cast out of the family.

CONCLUSION:

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III. We need to have the _____

A. _____ the strongholds

B. _____ those strongholds

C. Use the _____

D. The outcome is to ensure that every thought is _____ and placed under _____ to Christ

IV. This situation can only be overcome when there is a _____ to deal with it

personal application and reflection

What strongholds do I have in my life?

Can I see it? Do I want to overcome it? Is the outcome obedience to Christ?

Am I ready to deal with it?

2 Corinthians 6:7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

IN BRIEF

Faith Bible Institute

Students of Faith Bible Institute are reminded that the Old Testament (The Beginning & The Hebrew Fathers) test will be held after the service today.

COMING UP • CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School June 2013

Registration for the annual Vacation Bible School is now open! Pick up a registration form or register online at www.ambassador-baptist.org/vbs where more details are available.

Themed "Expedition Needle's Eye," the VBS will run from June 6 - 9.

The Children's Ministry requests your prayers as they hold their final coordination meeting on June 1. If you would like a camp T-shirt, inform the Children's Ministry by today.



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."*

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"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

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 27** 2 Timothy 3-4; Tit; Phlm
- MAY 28** Hebrews 1-6
- MAY 29** Hebrews 7-10
- MAY 30** Hebrews 11-13
- MAY 31** James 1-4
- JUNE 1** James 5; 1 Peter 1-3
- JUNE 2** 1 Peter 4-5; 2 Peter 1-2