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be ye **reconciled** to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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from the pastor's heart

WHAT GENUINE FAITH PRODUCES



today's **program**

the **news**

hymn | *standing on the promises*

opening **prayer**

hymn | *verily, verily*


hymn | *surely goodness and mercy*


offertory

hymn | *o rejoice in the Lord*

exhortation | *pastor Johnny*

invitation and closing

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

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Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13

Our God is a God of hope: He gives hope, inspires hope,

and in Him, we possess the hope of eternal life, and eternal joy. Hope in the Bible is always 100% sure, unlike the promises of man. Therefore, we are assured of our hope. Paul asks the Lord of this hope to fill the Christians in Rome with joy and peace in believing.

Genuine faith produces hope. Paul prays that this faith in them will produce joy. In trials and tribulations, joy is oftentimes absent, but the Christian who possess hope by faith is joyful because although he does not see the situation, he sees the God behind the situation. This

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sight produces joy because the individual Christian knows the trial will not last. The trial seeks to build Him, strengthens his faith, leads him to the next level of growth and has been permitted by God for his good. His faith in the ever-loving Father produces joy in the Christian that glows within him and is able to sustain him as he goes through the difficult times.

Genuine faith produces peace. Paul also prays that the this genuine hope-producing faith in the Roman Christians will also produce peace. Paul asked the Lord to give this peace to the Christians as they go through trials. Peace refers to a calmness within the Christian despite the storms outside. It is God's enabling of the Christian to face tough times with a gentle, submissive and quiet attitude that is beyond the understanding of onlookers. Other people will panic and be anxious in difficulties but the child of God, who knows the God of hope, will be peaceful in these times. Paul also asks for a peace between the brethren in the local assembly. Satan seeks by all means to break the unity of the Spirit within the local church by attacking the bond of peace between God's people. That bond is the love of Christ that binds Christians together. This bond is broken by suspicion, evil thinking, jealousy, unkindness or words of gossip that do not edify each other.

In the book of Romans, the older Christians were acting uncharitably when they brought up unimportant issues that were stumbling the younger Christians. Paul asks for the peace within the local church between the brethren, that as they have faith in the Lord of Hope, it will produce peace in the local church.

Paul was also praying that the result of the joy and peace in the believers would further strengthen the believers in the hope they have in the Lord. How is this possible? It is only possible by the power of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing we can do without the help of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing that will be lasting and permanently helpful without His empowerment. There will be no souls saved, no Christian growing, no families restored, no reconciliation, no joy or peace without the power of the Holy Ghost.

Dear Christian, do you have joy in the Holy Ghost? Is there peace in your homes and in your hearts? Are you filled with hope? Are you dependent on the Holy Spirit for His power and enablement?

Lord, may the faith we have in You bring us bring joy, peace in our hearts and between brethren, as you empower us by Your Spirit.

thought of the week

Serving the Lord is a privilege
To do right is key
To receiving blessings He promised
That His glory others may see

memory verse

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 22:37-39

Sunday Worship Service
9 June 2013
"The Essence of Ministry"

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 10:12-18**

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Mark 5:19-20 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. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

Luke 4:42-43 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them. And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

Turn to: **Luke 5:1-11**

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Matthew 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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9 June 2013
"The Essence of Ministry"

Passage: _____

introduction

I. What Is The Essence Of Ministry?

A. The word essence means the _____ that constitute the _____ of the ministry.

II. What is ministry?

A. "Ministry" means to serve. Another word is "doulos" meaning "to serve as a _____"

1. In the New Testament, ministry is seen as _____ to God and to _____ in His _____ .

2. Jesus provided the pattern for Christian ministry—He came, not to _____ service, but to _____ it.

3. The Christian meet people's _____ with _____ and _____ on Christ's behalf , out of their _____ to Christ and their _____ for others, whether the other people are believers or unbelievers. Ministry to others should be _____ and _____ , always seeking to help others as Jesus _____ .

the essence of Christian service

I. The essence of ministry covers _____ God has prescribed for us

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

POPE'S "PONTIFICATE" CONSECRATED TO "OUR LADY OF FATIMA"



Pope Francis asked that his "pontificate" be consecrated to "Our Lady of Fatima" in Portugal. In response, Jose Polycarp, Patriarch of Lisbon, prayed to the Fatima Mary on May 13 as follows: "Grant (Pope Francis) the gift of discernment to know how to identify the paths of renewal for the Church, grant him the courage to not falter in following the paths suggested by the Holy Spirit, protect him in the difficult hours of suffering, so that he may overcome, in charity, the trials that the renewal of the Church will bring him" (EWTN News, May 14, 2013). He also prayed that Francis would be able to bless humanity by teaching them that Mary "leads them with tenderness on the paths of salvation." To attribute any element of spiritual blessing and salvation to Mary is heresy and blasphemy, and every ecumenical-minded "evangelical" and "Protestant" and "Baptist" who keeps his mouth shut in the face of this wickedness will answer to God. "Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not" (Prov. 29:24). "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds: (2 John 1:10-11).

DHIMMITUDE COMES TO SYRIA

The following is excerpted from "A Conversation with Christian Syrian Refugees," *Religious Freedom Coalition*, June 1, 2013. It shows that those fighting against the Syrian government want to create an Islamic state and introduce Sharia law. For Jews and Christians, this is worse than the existing corrupt administration. "The following report comes from Martin Janssen in Amman, Jordan (original in Dutch). ... Janssen had the opportunity to meet with Syrian Christian refugees, who told him how they came to flee their homes and villages. Their village was occupied by rebel forces, who proceeded to announce that they were now under an Islamic emirate, and were subject to sharia law. The Christian residents were offered four choices: (1) renounce the 'idolatry' of Christianity and convert to Islam; (2) pay a heavy tribute to the Muslims for the privilege of keeping their heads and their Christian faith (this tribute is known as *jizya*); (3) be killed; (4) flee for their lives, leaving all their belongings behind. Some Christians were killed, some fled, some tried to pay the *jizya* and found it too heavy a burden to bear after the rebels kept increasing the amount they had to pay, and some were unable to flee or pay, so they converted to Islam to save themselves. The scenario reported by Syrian refugees is a re-enactment of the historic fate of Christians across the Middle East."



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ORDAINS FIRST OPENLY HOMOSEXUAL BISHOP

The following is excerpted from “Evangelical Lutheran Church,” Associated Press, June 2, 2013: “The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America elected its first openly gay bishop to a six-year term on Friday at an annual assembly in Southern California, officials said. The election of Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin comes after the church’s controversial rule change in 2009 that allowed gays and lesbians to be ordained in the nation’s largest Lutheran



Guy Erwin.

denomination. More than 600 congregations have left the denomination since the change. ... Ordained in May 2011, Erwin said he waited years for the recognition and he brings a ‘deep faith in Christ’s presence in his church lived out in 20 years of parish experience blended with university and seminary-level teaching.’ Officials say the ‘partnered gay man’ is also the first Native American to be elected.”

SAUDIS ACCUSED ISRAEL OF SPYING VIA VULTURE

Two years ago Saudi Arabian security forces suspected “the Zionist entity” Israel of spying on them after they caught a vulture wearing a GPS transmitter and a ring inscribed with the words “Tel Aviv University” (“The Ugliest Mossad Agent,” *Israel Matzav*, Jan. 4, 2011). The bird was caught near the home of a sheikh, but in reality the bird is part of an avian research project. In spite of this, the vulture spy story made the rounds in Arabic internet sites, including Al-Jazeera and Arabic military forums.



DOJ TELLS EMPLOYEES TO AFFIRM HOMOSEXUALITY



The following is excerpted from “DOJ Tells Employees,” Todd Starnes, Fox News, May 28, 2013: “The Department of Justice has been accused of religious intolerance and viewpoint discrimination after workers were sent an email directing them to verbally affirm homosexuality, according to a law firm specializing in religious liberty and now representing a DOJ whistleblower. Liberty Counsel said DOJ employees were emailed a brochure called ‘LGBT Inclusion at Work: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Managers.’ The brochure was created as a resource from DOJ Pride, an association of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees of the DOJ. ... Among the directives in the brochure is an order for workers to vocally affirm homosexuality. ‘Don’t judge or remain silent,’ the brochure read. ‘Silence will be interpreted as disapproval.’ They were also told to post ‘DOJ Pride’ stickers in their office to indicate ‘that it is a safe place.’ ... Mat Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel, said every American should be outraged by the DOJ orders. ‘This administration is

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pushing the most radical, immoral agenda on the American people,' Staver said. 'Christians are not merely required to "shut up," but now they are being coerced to embrace immorality that goes against their sincerely held religious beliefs.' Liberty Counsel is representing an unidentified female DOJ worker in Washington, D.C. who received the brochure. Staver said the woman is terrified she might lose her job unless she publicly affirms homosexuality – and she's not the only one. 'Christians are frightened and terrified of losing their jobs,' Staver told Fox News. 'You just can't keep your head down and do your job. Now you have to become an advocate for the LGBT agenda--and if you don't--the DOJ will consider that to be intolerant.'"

MILITARY-APPOINTED MUSLIM CLERIC DAMNS SOLDIERS AT SPECIAL FORCES FUNERAL

The following is excerpted from "Biden Now Blamed in Seal Team 6 Deaths," *WorldNetDaily*, May 19, 2013: "The families of three fallen Navy SEAL Team Six members say President Obama and Vice President Biden are culpable for the deaths of their sons for publicly identifying the unit that killed Osama bin Laden and pursuing policies that coddle Muslims and put our own troops at a tactical disadvantage. SEAL Team Six carried out the daring raid in Pakistan in early May 2011. Three months later, three members of the unit were among 38 killed in a Chinook helicopter crash in Afghanistan. Twenty-five of the dead were special operations forces.

Larry Klayman is founder of Freedom Watch, a WND columnist and the attorney representing three of the families who lost their sons. He said the Obama administration carelessly and illegally revealed the role of SEAL Team Six shortly after announcing the successful mission to kill bin Laden. ... In addition to the identification of the team, Klayman said the Obama administration is culpable for these deaths due to a policy of coddling Muslims and putting tremendous restrictions on U.S. forces. 'This president has set a tone that



Muslim outreach ... is more important than protecting the lives of our servicemen ... They can't engage in return fire until they're fired upon once. They're sent into battle without adequate equipment,' he said. Perhaps the greatest insult to the families was at the funeral for their sons in Afghanistan. The military refused to allow a Christian minister or chaplain at the service and instead brought in a Muslim cleric who proceeded

to slander the fallen. 'For some bizarre reason, probably this Muslim outreach again of Barack Obama, they had a Muslim cleric give a prayer. Why ... you would have a Muslim prayer and the servicemen are Christian is beyond imagination.

So it has to come from the top down. And this cleric then proceeded in Arabic. No one understood it at the time, but we have a video of it, and it was translated by certified translators. He proceeded to damn my clients' sons, and others who died, as infidels and that they should go to hell under Allah, the Muslim god,' he said. 'That's unbelievable. We've never even gotten an apology from the military that they did that,' said Klayman, who is demanding a congressional investigation and added that an announcement of litigation will be coming soon."

CHRISTIAN WIDOW SLAIN BY MUSLIMS FOUR MONTHS AFTER MURDER OF HUSBAND

The following is excerpted from "Christian Widow," *Morning Star News*, April 22, 2013: "Islamist militants in Somalia have killed the widow of a Christian who was slain for his faith in December, leaving the couple's five children orphaned, sources said. Islamic extremist Al Shabaab rebels shot 42-year-old Fartun Omar to death on

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April 13 in Buulodbarde, 20 kilometers (12 miles) from Beledweyne, according to Abdi Aziz Suleiman of Radio Shebelle in Beledweyne. The extremists had been searching for her for several months, as they knew that she was a secret Christian like her late husband, Mursal Isse Siad, sources said. Siad had been receiving death threats for leaving Islam. 'A week before she was killed, rumors were flying that the Al Shabaab were looking for her,' one of Omar's neighbors said. ... Al Shabaab has lost control of several areas of Somalia since Kenyan military forces helped to dislodge them in the past year, but they are suspected in the shooting death of a Christian pharmacist on the outskirts of Kismayo in February. Two masked men killed Ahmed Ali Jimale, a 42-year-old father of four, on Feb. 18 as he stood outside his house in Alanley village. In the coastal city of Barawa on Nov. 16, 2012, Al Shabaab militants killed a Christian after accusing him of being a spy and leaving Islam, Christian and Muslim witnesses said. The extremists beheaded 25-year-old Farhan Haji Mose after monitoring his movements for six months, sources said."

MEDITATIONS ON THE PROMISES OF GOD'S WATCH CARE IN THE PSALMS

"For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust" (Psa. 103:14). The truth stated in this Psalm refers to much more than to general knowledge, such as the fact that the Lord knows that we are fallen sinners. It means that He knows the exact "frame" or condition of every saint and takes that into consideration in His dealings with us. He knows that we are made of the dust of the ground and that we are fallen and that we will soon return to the dust (Gen. 2:7; 3:19). It is true of even the most passionate saint that "in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" and that we live in "the body of this death" (Rom. 7:18, 24). As a potter knows the character of each type of clay, the Lord knows just how to deal with each saint to conform him to the image of Christ. "He being the potter, they the clay, he knows what they are able to bear, and what not; that if he lays his hand too heavy, or strikes too hard, or repeats his strokes too often, they will fall in pieces: he knows the inward frame of their minds, the corruption of their nature, how prone they are to sin; and therefore does not expect perfect services from them" (John Gill). "He considereth that great and constant propension to evil which is naturally in all mankind, and that therefore if he should deal severely with us, he should immediately destroy us all. And He considers the weakness and mortality of our natures, and the frailty and misery of our condition" (Matthew Poole).



CONCLUSION:

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II. The essence of ministry always _____ of doing _____ for the Lord

A. Many people serve within their comfort zone or when it is convenient. God wants us to move out for Him.

B. Luke 5:1 -11

1. The _____ of God
2. The _____ of man
3. The _____ intended
4. The _____ thereafter

III. The essence of ministry is the _____ of the servant lives for one thing:

A. Why? Because ultimately the _____ is _____ from men, but

personal application and reflection

IN BRIEF

New Facility

Be in prayer for the new facility. The tenant has submitted the relevant documents to URA. More details as we get them.

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Father's Day

Our fathers, the first men involved in our very existence, were given to us by God and are very important to Him.

Ambassador will be celebrating Father's Day next week with some special surprises!

Treasure your dad and be sure that he knows how special he is to you!



Today marks the end of the Vacation Bible School (June) 2013. Ambassador is thankful to God for the successful conclusion of the event and to the many workers involved for their contribution.

Be in prayer for the Children's Ministry as they continue working with these precious young souls. Stay tuned for the next VBS which will be held this year end!



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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1 Corinthians 5:20

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
	Outreach Efforts (SEM)	Outreach Efforts (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place (Lord's Supper Service)	ABC Youth	Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

"Note Lord's Supper on Friday"

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

JUN 10 Revelations 20-22

Congratulations! You've finished the New Testament!