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from the pastor's heart

ARE OUR LIVES CONVINCING?



today's program

the **news**

hymn | *come, Thou almighty king*

opening **prayer**

hymn | *faith is the victory*


hymn | *blessed assurance*


offertory

hymn | *it is well with my soul*

exhortation | *pastor Johnny*

invitation and closing

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

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And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Romans 15:14

In 1 Corinthians 13:7, Paul taught that love believes all things. This implies that Paul had the most blessed, encouraging and confident thoughts of the Roman Christians. By saying he was persuaded - meaning convinced - Paul implied his trust and confidence in their growth and patience as saints

in the Lord Jesus. There are three things that Paul was convinced of them. Let us take the time to reflect if they are so in our own lives.

They were full of goodness.

They were full of kindness and had the motivation of love for each other and strangers in

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their lives. God's expectation of us as Christians is that we be zealous of good works (*Titus 2:13*) because we are appointed to good works (*Ephesians 2:10*). Christians' lives ought to impact another life to influence them to Christ. Their words ought to be edifying to the soul and their works should add courage and strength to other brethren. Paul is persuaded that the Roman Christians are full of goodness. Are we full of goodness?

They were full of knowledge. Kind deeds to others are excellent but our zeal and love must be based on knowledge. Apollos was mighty in the Scriptures but he knew only the baptism of John and, as he preached, God sent concerned and caring Aquila and Priscilla, who brought him aside and instructed him more fully in the way of Christ. When Apollos returned to his ministry, his zeal in serving the Lord remained constant but his effectiveness was increased tremendously because of knowledge. When we are saved, our faith is strong but our knowledge of Him weak. We may serve Him with ignorance. Paul teaches in 2 Timothy 2:15 that we are to study to show ourselves approved unto God. Faith in God propels our service; knowledge of God strengthens and maintains our service; the power of God brings the fruit of the service (*John 15:7*).

The vine supplies the nutrients to the branches, that it might bear fruit. The word of God is the nutrient our soul needs for the work of God to be accomplished in our lives. Paul was persuaded that the Roman Christians were full of knowledge. Are we full of knowledge?

They were able to admonish one another. The purpose in the church to be build one another. The word "admonish" reflects feedback, counsel and advice based on the word of God. Paul yearns for all Christians to be able to be the mirror for each other, showing the way of growth. We ought to reflect God's glory in His word to each other, remind each other of God's will, reinforce Christ's intention and love in our lives and revive our hearts by the love of Christ with the power and influence of the Holy Spirit. Do we admonish each other for the glory of God and the growth of our brethren?

Dear brethren, is your life one of kindness and goodness toward men? Is your soul full of love for God's Word and your service guided by the knowledge of God? Are you a mirror to your brethren to help them grow in Christ?

May the prayer of Paul be evident in the assembly at Ambassador!

thought of the week

Let us love each other fervently from the heart

1 Peter 1:22

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
30 June 2013
"Paul's Heart for the People of God"

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 11:1 - 11**

1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

1 Corinthians 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Turn to: **Zechariah 3:1 - 4**

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

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:

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1 Corinthians 3:1 - 2 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

Hebrews 5:13 - 14 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

2 Timothy 4:2 - 4 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Turn to: **Ezekiel 12:1 - 3**

Romans 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

1 Corinthians 8:13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

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30 June 2013
"Paul's Heart for the People of God"

Passage: _____

introduction

Paul's _____ for the people were based on _____ care and _____ of someone else.

What is our motive, real desire and heart for those people under us?

what was Paul's heart for the people of God?

I. He Wanted Them To Be _____ For Christ

So how did Paul work out his _____ ?

A bride needs :

1. P _____ A _____ - R _____ of R _____

2. P _____ A _____

3. P _____ A _____ -G _____ W _____

II. He Was Afraid That They Will Be _____

A. Why should Paul be afraid? _____

B. Why were they _____?

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

RICK WARREN'S CONFERENCE PROMOTES "IN ESSENTIALS UNITY"

The Exponential Conference, which will be held at Rick Warren's church in October 2013, will promote the "in essentials unity" philosophy that shoves a large number of biblical issues into the "non-essential" category for the sake of a broader unity and ministry. The announcement for the conference says that their spiritual "DNA" includes the following: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity with a precious few essentials. Diversity of models and approaches. We seek to platform the aggregation of what God is up to rather than one model or approach. We seek to work synergistically with others to accomplish more together than the sum of the individual parts" (m.exponential.org). The same principle is being promoting by a rapidly growing number of influential fundamental Baptist preachers, as we have documented in our free eBook *In Essentials Unity*. They currently draw the line of "non-essentials" at a different place than Rick Warren and his crowd, but that is only because they are at the beginning of the "non-essential" slippery slope. Once you buy into any part of this unscriptural philosophy, there is no end to its progression. It broadens your sphere of relationship, and as your

sphere of relationship grows your list of "non-essentials" grows, and the second generation routinely pushes the list much farther than the first. This is one of the many reasons why I am warning that most independent Baptists will be emerging within 20 years.



NORTH KOREA LEADER DISTRIBUTES HITLER'S *MEIN KAMPF*



The following is excerpted from "North Korea Ruler," *Israel National News*, June 19, 2013: "North Korean ruler Kim Jong-Un has reportedly given copies of Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf* to his top officials on the occasion of his birthday celebration last January, urging them to study it as a leadership skills manual, according to a report in *New Focus International*, an online news portal run by North Korean defectors. 'Kim Jong-un gave a lecture to high-ranking officials, stressing that we must pursue the policy of *Byungjin* (Korean for "in tandem") in terms of nuclear and economic development. Mentioning that Hitler managed to rebuild Germany in a short time following its defeat in WWI, Kim Jong-un issued an order for the Third Reich to be studied in depth and asked that practical applications be drawn from it,' a source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the news site in a telephone interview."

MORMONS TO USE MORE TECHNOLOGY, LESS DOOR-TO-DOOR

Mormons are sending out record numbers of missionaries, and they are changing the rules to allow the missionaries to use more technology and less door knocking. Mormon leaders announced on June 23 that their missionaries will be allowed to use the Internet to recruit new members, whereas before Internet usage was limited to once a week and only for communicating with friends and family back home (“Mormons to Do Less Door-to-Door,” AP, June 25, 2013). During some parts of the day, they will use social media such as FaceBook, blogs, e-mail, and text messages. Matt Martinich, a Mormon who analyzes membership and missionary numbers, says



that door-to-door work has not been effective for many years. There will be 85,000 Mormon missionaries by the end of 2013, which is 15,000 more than the previous high. Young men serve two years, while young women serve for 18 months. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon) was founded in the 1800s by Joseph Smith, who claimed that John the Baptist ordained him to the priesthood of Aaron and charged him with founding a new church, and an angel showed him a book written on gold plates that, once transcribed by means of the Urim and Thummim, became the Book of Mormon. In spite of its bogus history, the Mormons grew rapidly, built a massive temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, and today claim over 14 million members worldwide, though that apparently includes anyone who has ever been baptized by them.

CHELSEA CLINTON LAMENTS THAT HER GRANDMOTHER HAD NO ACCESS TO ABORTION

Speaking at the recent Women Deliver conference in Malaysia, Chelsea Clinton lamented that her maternal grandmother was the child of unwed teenage parents who “did not have access to services that are so crucial that Planned Parenthood helps provide” (“Chelsea Clinton Laments,” LifeNews.com, June 20, 2013). Apparently Chelsea, daughter of Bill and Hillary Clinton, believes that it would have been fine if her grandmother had aborted her mother, since the major “service” provided by Planned Parenthood is abortion. They perform an average of one abortion every 94 seconds. Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, “repeatedly referred to the lower classes and the unfit as ‘human waste’ not worthy of assistance, and proudly quoted the extreme eugenic view that human ‘weeds’ should be ‘exterminated’” (Edwin Black, *War Against the Weak*, p. 127). Sanger advocated abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Calling large families “immoral,” she said, “The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it” (Sanger, *Woman and the New Race*, chapter 5). (For more on this see “Eugenics and Darwin” at www.wayoflife.org.) Women Deliver is a feminist advocacy organization, one of the goals of which is “universal access to reproductive health,” a

euphemism for birth control and abortion rights, yet it is little girls that bear the brunt of this philosophy, as a disproportion of abortions target females. China alone aborted 336 million babies since its “one child” policy was inaugurated in 1971 (“China’s One-Child Policy,” Breitbart, Mar. 22, 2013). And far more baby girls have been killed than boys, so that there is now a shortage of wives for Chinese men who want to marry. Some parts of India also have a shortage of females due to sex selection. Women Deliver claims to love women, while advocating the murder of unborn female babies. Apart from Bible prophecy, it would be impossible to understand what is happening today, but we thank the Lord for the great light He has so graciously given to those who have ears to hear. “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

2,000 YEAR OLD DATE PALM SEED SPROUTS

In the mid 1960s, several date palm seeds were found during excavations at Herod the Great's Masada fortress, and they were eventually determined by carbon dating to be about 2,000 years old. It is known that Herod had large date palm groves which had originally belonged to the famed Cleopatra, but the Judean date palm has been extinct since about 200 A.D. After being in storage for 40 years, the ancient date palm seeds found their way into the hands of Elain Solowey, an expert in desert agriculture, and she set about to see if they would grow. After soaking them in hot water, then a nutrient packed solution, and finally a fertilizer made from seaweed, she planted them on January 25, 2005. One of the seeds sprouted and thrived and by 2010 was about six feet tall. In March 2011 it flowered and was found to be a male and therefore not fruit bearing, but it is being crossbred with its closest living relative, a date from Egypt, and is expected to generate fruit by 2022. It is nicknamed "Methuselah," after the longest-lived person in the Bible.



THE ARCH OF TITUS



One of the countless archaeological treasures that confirm the Bible's historical accuracy is the Arch of Titus in Rome. In AD 70 the Roman legions destroyed Jerusalem and the Herod's Temple under the leadership of Titus, and the artifacts were transported to Rome. Titus became emperor, and in AD 85 a monumental arch was dedicated in commemoration of his victory over the Jews. A bas-relief inside the arch depicts the spoils from the Jerusalem Temple carried in a victory procession after Jerusalem's fall, and in spite of the 1,900 years of destruction that Rome has witnessed, the Arch of Titus still exists and the menorah and silver trumpets are clearly visible. The Arch stands as a silent witness to the accuracy of Bible prophecy, because the destruction depicted on it was prophesied 40 years earlier by the Lord Jesus Christ in Luke 19:41-44: "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." There are "many infallible proofs" for the Christian's faith. Unlike evolution or atheism or New Age, belief in the Bible is not a blind leap in the dark.

PLANTS DO MATH

Scientists have discovered that plants perform complex mathematical calculations in order to ration their stores of starch until the sun reappears. “By counting their starch and dividing it by the number of hours left until morning they ensure they do not run out until the crack of dawn, and can even adjust their calculations during the night. ... Prof. Alison Smith, a metabolic biologist who helped make the discovery, says, ‘The calculations are precise so that plants prevent starvation but also make the most efficient use of their food. If the starch store is used too fast, plants will starve and stop growing during the night. If the store is used too slowly, some of it will be wasted’” (“These Plants Do Math,” *Business Insider*, June 24, 2013). The study at John Innes Center in Norwich focused on *Arbidopsis*, a small flowering plant in the mustard family. When researchers changed light conditions to make night arrive unexpectedly early or late or when the plants’ light exposure was shortened so that they had a smaller batch of starch to begin with or when researchers attempted to trick the plants by introducing windows of sunlight during the night, the plants adapted in every situation. It is obvious that the starch balance is being monitored and computed continually. This illustrates the fact that there is no such thing as a “simple” living entity, and for those who have eyes to see, it illustrates the fact that Darwinian evolution is a fairy tale.



MEDITATIONS ON THE PROMISES OF GOD'S WATCHCARE IN THE PSALMS



It seems that some of the greatest trials of life occur at night. Who has not sat up in the dark hours, suffering personal afflictions, enduring doubts and fears, sorrowful and troubled and worried, waiting at a bedside or in hospital corridor or waiting for word from afar. In such times one's closest friends might be asleep. The most compassionate nurse will grow weary. In fact, you yourself will grow weary and fall asleep, eventually, no matter how severe the trial or uncertain the situation, but God never slumbers.

CONCLUSION:

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1. They were not _____

2. They were living in the _____

C. So What Do We Do?

1. Keep on _____

III. He Showed Them How To Love

A. By being _____ in his life

What did Paul do to ensure the _____ of his Christian life for the sake of those he love?

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B. By being _____ before them

C. By going out of his way to help them

D. By assuring them of his love

personal application and reflection

1 Corinthians 9:26 - 27 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. He disciplined himself to keep his flesh in check

1 Corinthians 10:33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians 4:9 - 13 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

Proverbs 14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

Proverbs 17:16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

leaving Egypt

moving on

ambassador's fourth anniversary

“This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you”

July 22, 2013

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Joshua 5:9

Details to come

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COMING UP

In The Month of July

Ambassador is organizing the following events in the month of July!

Ambassador's Fourth Anniversary

“Leaving Egypt, Moving On”

July 22

The following members' birthdays are also in the month of July.

Sis. Elizabeth Lee

July 3

Sis. Lydia Tan

July 9

Bro. Mike Boitmann

July 14

Bro. Lim Peng Kwang

July 23

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	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 the URA to approve our change of use application.**
- 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 LAMBS program

the old testament in 9 months

- JUL 1** Genesis 43-44
- JUL 2** Genesis 45-47
- JUL 3** Genesis 48-50
- JUL 4** Genesis 1-3
- JUL 5** Genesis 4-6
- JUL 6** Genesis 7-9
- JUL 7** Genesis 10-12