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Invitation

VERSE FOR THE MONTH

He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Matthew 12:30

From the pastor's heart

FELLOW-COMRADES IN CHRIST

Romans 16:7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

Paul travelled many times alone in the service of King Jesus. But thanks be the Lord for there are 7000 who have not bowed down to Baal, nor have worshipped and kissed his feet.

Elijah felt alone in the ministry but GOD reminded him that he was not the only one who is serving: there are more people, who have in their hearts and life testimony, showed that they were true to God.

Andronicus and Junia were such individuals to the apostle Paul. They were Christians dedicated to the Cause of Christ and the support of God's servant.

Notice three things about these two individuals:

They Were Kinsmen Of Paul.

They were possibly from the same nation, but certainly they were kinsmen in Christ, brothers in Christ. Paul knew them as kinsmen, relative by blood. As believers in Christ, our foundation is Christ, our plea is His blood, our connection is love, our

relationship is sealed in Christ because of His work on the cross.

Is that not a beautiful and encouraging note to know that in this world, we are not alone? Yes, we have the Saviour who will never leave us, but we also have His children, God's people as our kinsmen in this world, as our brothers in Christ, as our support in need and as our help in times of tribulation in this world.

They Were Also Fellow Prisoners With Paul.

We are brothers by the blood of Christ, but we are also One in mission and cause. It is our Saviour's commission to the church, and we who are in the assembly, must be united in this one purpose: to win the world for Christ, one at a time.

The service of Christ sometimes brings sacrifice, and obstacles, it brings pain and sorrow, because of loss. Yet, the tie of love between Paul and these two men are unbroken. They are brethren by blood, and in suffering for His sake, they are one too. They were fellow prisoners, they shared a cell together in the service for Christ.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Alteration is not
always
improvement.

- C.SPURGEON -

Only in Christ does
change becomes
permanent.
2 Cor 5:17

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

**“To Win The North
Of Singapore For
Christ And A
Thousand Souls In
Five Years.”**

From the pastor's heart

Their Lives Were Testimonies For Christ.

They are of note among the apostles and in this context, they were well spoken of by the apostles. They were remarkable, eminent and had a good reputation by their lives and testimony. Brethren who encouraged one another will live for Him and Him alone. Their lives shone like jewels reflecting the light of the Sun , and as believers, they reflected the glory of God to the watching world, and they were bright testimonies of encouraging for the believers, and in this instance, even the apostles.

Does your Christian life shine? Do we recognise our brotherhood in Christ? Our comradeship in ministry and our testimony for the world?

Andronicus and Junia, both brothers in the Lord, and fellow prisoners for the Lord Jesus with Paul. To the world, what a waste of talent and lives. Yet, to the Lord, they had victory in Christ, victory in this life - Andronicus means a man of victory.

Lord, may Ambassador be an army of people of victory, as she fights as One Man for You.

*Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan
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Sunday Worship Hour

8th Sep 2013

“COMING TO JESUS FOR CLEANSING”

Matthew 8:1 – 4

Psa 119:75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Psa 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Psa 119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Luke 18:38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

Luke 18:39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

1Peter 5:5 Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Isaiah 7:10 – 13 Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, / Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. / But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. / And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

Luke 18:40 – 42 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, / Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. / And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

Sunday Worship Hour

8th Sep 2013

"COMING TO JESUS FOR CLEANSING"

Passage _____

Introduction

God is more interested in changing _____ than _____

God wants us to be _____ today.

How Do We Come To Jesus To Be Clean?

1. Come _____ to Jesus

2. Come _____ to Jesus

3. Come _____ In Jesus

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

GERMAN AUTHORITIES TAKE CHILDREN AWAY FROM HOMESCHOOLING PARENTS



The following is excerpted from “German Authorities Round up Homeschooled Children,” Breitbart, Aug. 31, 2013: “A team of 20 social workers, police officers, and special agents raided a homeschooling family’s residence near Darmstadt, Germany Thursday, forcibly removing the family’s four children, aged 7-14. Law enforcement raided the home and seized the children solely because the parents homeschool them--in defiance of a German ban on home education. According to the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA), the children of Dirk and Petra Wunderlich were taken to unknown locations. Officials reportedly told the parents they would not be seeing their children ‘anytime soon.’ HSLDA states that it obtained and translated court documents that authorized the use of force to seize the children and remove them from their parents’ custody. The documents indicated that the only legal grounds for removal were the family’s

continuation of homeschooling. Though nothing indicated that the parents were failing to provide an adequate education, the law in Germany ignores the educational progress of the child. Attendance in government schools--not learning--is the object of the German law. According to HSLDA, Judge Koenig, a Darmstadt family court judge, signed the order to seize the children on Wednesday. Koenig cited the parents’ failure to cooperate ‘with the authorities to send the children to school.’ In addition, the judge authorized the use of force ‘against the children’ if necessary, indicating that such force might be needed because the children had ‘adopted the parents’ opinion’ regarding homeschooling, and ‘no cooperation could be expected’ from either the parents or their children. ... Michael Farris [founder of HSLDA] said that the right of parents to decide on how their children are educated is a human right of the highest order: ‘This case demonstrates conclusively why the Romeike asylum case is so important. Families in Germany need a safe place where they can educate their children in peace.’ HSLDA is also representing the Romeike family, a German homeschooling family that was granted legal asylum in the United States in 2010 by a U.S. immigration judge. The Obama administration, however, successfully appealed that decision. When the Romeikes appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, but were denied asylum, HSLDA decided to ask the Supreme Court to hear the case. If denied asylum by the Supreme Court, the Romeike family faces thousands of dollars in fines and possible jail time in Germany because they have homeschooled their children.”

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE PRESIDES OVER HOMOSEXUAL “MARRIAGE”

The following is excerpted from “U.S. Supreme Court Justice to Preside,” Reuters, Aug. 30, 2013: “U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is to officiate at a wedding ceremony between two men this weekend, just two months after the court issued high-profile rulings on the highly divisive issue. A court spokesman said on Friday that Ginsburg would be officiating at the ceremony on



Saturday at the Kennedy Center. Ginsburg is the first justice to preside over a wedding ceremony involving a same-sex couple. ... In June, the court struck down a federal law that denied federal benefits to legally married same-sex couples and paved the way for gay marriage in California by letting stand a ruling that struck down a state law that restricted marriage to opposite-sex couples. ... In an interview with Reuters in July, Ginsburg said she was pleased with the court's decisions on the issue. Of the increasing public acceptance of gay marriage, she said, 'I think the country is doing remarkably well. I don't think anyone could have predicted this.'"

PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN-OWNED BAKERY CLOSES IN OREGON



The following is from "Gresham bakery that denied same-sex wedding cake closes," KGW.com, Sept. 1, 2013: "A Gresham bakery that refused to make a wedding

cake for a same-sex couple, prompting a state investigation, shut its doors. On Sunday, KGW stopped by Sweet Cakes by Melissa and found the bakery completely empty. All counter tops, display cases and decorations were gone. Hanging in the window was a sign from the Oregon Family Council that read 'Religious freedom is under attack in Gresham.' As first reported in Willamette Week, Sweet Cakes by Melissa posted on its Facebook page, 'This will be our last weekend at the shop we are moving our business to an in home bakery. I will post our new number soon.' In January, Laurel Bowman said Sweet Cakes by Melissa refused to sell her a cake after learning it would be for a same-sex wedding. In August, the Bureau of Labor and Industries said it was conducting an investigation to determine if the bakery violated the Oregon Equality Act of 2007, which protects the rights of LGBT Oregonians. Aaron Klein, one of the owners of the 'Sweet Cakes by Melissa,' refused to sell the cake to one of the brides-to-be because he said marriage should be only between a man and a woman. Bowman later filed a complaint with the justice department, which Klein's attorney Herbert Grey responded to. In his letter, Grey says the couple 'elected not to participate in an event that is not even officially recognized under Oregon law when doing so would violate their constitutionally-protected conscience and religious beliefs.'"

CHAPLAIN ASSISTANT THREATENED WITH REDUCTION IN PAY FOR CALLING HOMOSEXUALITY SIN

The following is excerpted from "Army Chaplain Assistant," *The Blaze*, Aug. 6, 2013: "A female Army chaplain's assistant recently came forward, telling conservative commentator Todd Starnes that she was reprimanded for posting a message on her personal Facebook page. In it, she called homosexuality a sin and spoke out against pastors who support same-sex relationships. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the 26-year-old told Starnes that, as a result of her post, she was accused of creating an environment that was both hostile and antagonistic. But the boldest claim she makes is that her commander gave her a choice: Either take the message down or be knocked down in both rank and pay. As an evangelical Christian, though, she's refusing to remove it. 'I haven't taken it down and I won't take it down,' she told Starnes. 'It is frustrating that people are trying to silence me--for something that I believe in. We fight for the freedom that I can't enjoy right now. That's not right.' The unnamed soldier apparently posted her message online after watching a documentary about a pastor who endorsed same-sex marriage. Frustrated by what she saw, she did what millions of other Americans just like her do: She aired her opinion openly on social media. ... The woman, who has served in the Army for six years, believes she was targeted and reported by people in her unit. She was purportedly sent to her commander's office and given the aforementioned ultimatum after the post was discovered. 'I have a good record. I've never gotten in trouble for anything,' she said. 'And there's nothing hostile or antagonistic in the post.' The unnamed soldier refuses to be silenced and is willing to go to court if need-be to defend herself."

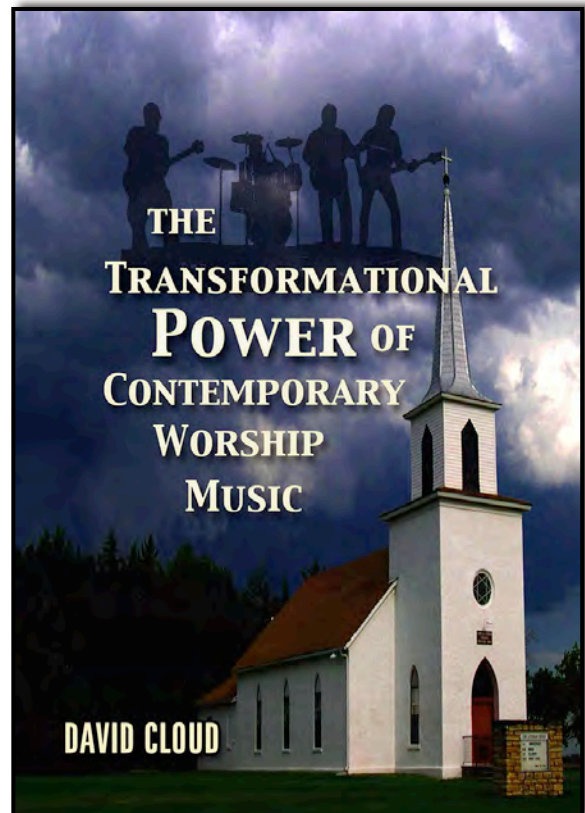
NEWS HOST SAYS LIFE STARTS WHEN PARENTS SAY IT DOES



Melissa Harris-Perry, who hosts her own news program on MSNBC, says life begins whenever parents decide it does. On the July 21 edition of her show she said, “When does life begin? I submit the answer depends an awful lot on the feeling of the parents. A powerful feeling--but not science” (Breitbart, July 26, 2013). This is moral relativism in the extreme. By such thinking, not only do my feelings determine right and wrong for me, but they even determine the right to life for others. This opens the door for authority figures to determine when a life is worth living. It is the thinking that has created the modern culture of death with its abortion and euthanasia “rights.” Since evolution rejects the doctrine that man is made in God’s image, human life in an evolutionary culture is not inherently valuable; it is only valuable as it is deemed valuable by society. Life is cheap in the culture of death.

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF CONTEMPORARY PRAISE MUSIC

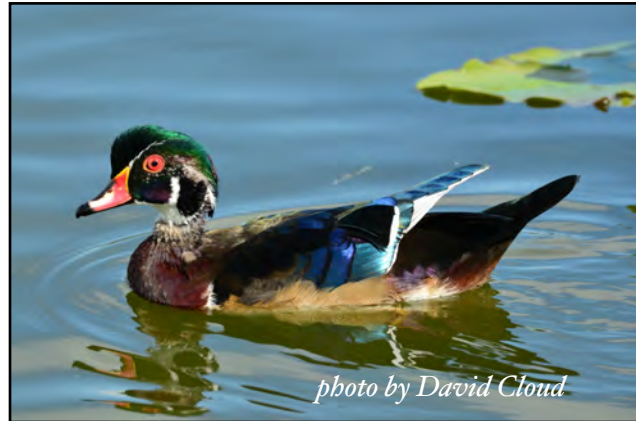
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SHOULD WE FEAR OR NOT FEAR?

It appears that there is a contradiction between 1 John 4:18, which says there is no fear in love, and other verses, such as Hebrews 12:28, which exhort us to fear God. As in most other cases of seeming contradictions in the Bible, a close examination of the context solves the problem. John is talking about fear of God in the sense of being under His eternal condemnation. That is the context. See 1 John 4:14-17. The writer of Hebrews, on the other hand, is talking about fear of God in Christian living in the sense of being afraid of His displeasure and chastisement, like a son fearing a father's loving but firm discipline. That, too, is clear in the context. See Hebrews 12:5-11.

THE WOOD DUCK



The male wood duck (or Carolina duck, *Aix sponsa*) in his breeding plumage is one of the most beautiful of birds. Its crested head is iridescent green and purple with white stripes; its chest is burgundy or chestnut with white flecks; its sides are light brown; its back is purple and black with white stripes; its belly is white; its bill is black, white and red; its legs and feet are yellow; and its iris is red. Unlike most ducks, the wood duck has strong claws that allow it to perch on branches. It can also fly through wooded areas, its short, broad wings and broad tail providing great maneuverability. The wood duck builds its nests in trees and can produce two broods in a single season.

The ducklings jump out of the tree and make their way to water only one day after they are hatched, responding to the mother's call. They can jump from heights of up to 60 feet without injury! They stay with the mother for eight to ten weeks until they can fly. The wood duck was hunted nearly to extinction in some places in the late 19th century due to the popularity of its plumage for the ladies' hat market in Europe, but it recovered after being placed under government protection in the 1920s. While flying, the wood duck bobs its head, something that no other duck does.

CONCLUSION:

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Sunday Worship Hour

8th Sep 2013

"COMING TO JESUS FOR CLEANSING"

4. Come _____ to Jesus
 - a. Expect him to do the _____
 - b. Expect him to _____ your request

5. Come _____ to Jesus
 - c. _____ to His word
 - d. Be prepared to _____

Personal Reflection and Application

Sunday Worship Hour

8th Sep 2013

“COMING TO JESUS FOR CLEANSING”

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Lev 14:10–32

Psalms 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Luke 17:12 – 19

WELCOME TO AMBASSADOR

Welcome to Ambassador Baptist Church! We aim very much to honour the name of our Saviour and we are so blessed to have you visit with us. May the Lord speak to us dearly and clearly that we will leave this place knowing what He wants us to know through His word.



Prayer Retreat 2013

Details

The prayer retreat is coming Wednesday.

Date: 11 – 13th Sep 2013

“Seeking The Lord With All Of Our Hearts”

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12

Let us make time to come and pray together as One. We need a church “upper room.”

For more information, please contact Pastor.

No Tracting on Wednesday

There will be no tracting on Wednesday 11th Sep 2013.

Kindly note.



9 September – 15 September

9 SEPT	10 SEPT	11 SEPT	12 SEPT	13 SEPT	14 SEPT	15 SEPT
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FBI		Prayer Retreat	Prayer Retreat	Prayer Retreat	ABC Youth	Worship Services

GETTING IN TOUCH

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Timings

Sunday Services

Children's Sunday School 09:30 AM
 Sunday Bible Hour 09:30 AM
 Mandarin Service 03:30 PM
 English Worship Service 11:00 AM

Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute
Mondays, 7:45PM

Rivers In a Dry Place
Fridays, 08:00PM

Ambassador Youth
Saturdays, 10:30AM

Outreach Efforts

SEMBAWANG
 Person-In-Charge: Bro. Robert
Tuesdays, 08:15PM

YISHUN
 Person-In-Charge: *We need one.*
Wednesdays, 08:15PM

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at:

www.ambassador-baptist.org

Prayer requests

- For wisdom and preparation for the move to the New place
- For God's grace for bro. Terry's palliative care and for Sis Anna as she manages the household
- For God's power for souls to be saved, baptised and added to the church
- Members to grow
- Sis Kym's parents
- Sis Lydia's parents
- For the follow-up of specific children that has come to the VBS – The LAMBS

New Testament Bible Reading Guide

9 SEPT	JDG 18-19
10 SEPT	JDG 20-21
11 SEPT	RUTH
12 SEPT	1 SAM 1-2
13 SEPT	1 SAM 3-6
14 SEPT	1 SAM 7-9
15 SEPT	1SAM 10-12