



be ye **reconciled** to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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from the pastor's heart

MAKE NO PROVISION FOR OUR FLESH



today's program

the news

hymn | *wonderful grace of Jesus*

opening **prayer**

hymn | *the Comforter has come*

hymn | *count your blessings*

offertory

hymn | *day by day*

exhortation | *pastor Johnny*

invitation and closing

 Pastor Johnny Tan (johnny@ambassador-baptist.org)
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But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Romans 13:14

We all change our clothing everyday and, many times, we are dressed to suit our environment or occasion. For a soccer game, we will be in our sporting outfits; for church it will be our best for the Lord. Spiritually, the Lord also shows us that there is a set of dressing we need to have so that we can be strong in Him. The Bible tells us that we are

put on the Lord Jesus Christ so that we will not fulfill the personal cravings of our flesh that are not in line with the Biblical truth of His word. Notice four lessons from this verse that we can learn.

We are to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. This means to

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intentionally, decisively listen to His Word, follow His teachings, obey His instructions, read His commandments, meditate on His precepts, align with His doctrines, imitate His life and grow in His grace. It means that we fit ourselves into the principles and practices of the Lord Jesus. His desires become our desires, His objectives become our objectives, His holiness becomes our holiness, His love becomes our love. This is what it means to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. When Who Christ is becomes who we are, we are putting on the Lord Jesus. However, a brethren might ask, "If I find it hard to imitate Christ for His standard is too high, what should I do?" To that end I ask: do you have a desire to obey Christ? If you do, His yoke will be easy (Matthew 11:30).

When we have the Lord Jesus on us, we will not give way to any opportunity to do the wrong things. The flesh has a tendency to do what it wants when it wants to regardless of the consequences. As it is with a young immature child who may take glass and throw it to the ground when he wants to, the flesh is weak and can only follow what it selfishly wants. However, when we recognize the need to put on the Lord Jesus, His Words, principles and philosophies to govern our lives and our approaches, then the flesh is checked, sin is avoided and wisdom is applied to every situation which may otherwise

go out of hand. The Lord's will is for us to put on the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. How? By reducing the opportunities for the flesh to rear its ugly sinful head, leading people down a wrong place of sin and destruction.

The only defense we have against our flesh, lusts, and the sin and influence of this world, is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is Him only that can overcome this world, sin and the flesh. Our duty is merely to obey and to follow Him thoroughly and throughly, from the heart.

When our flesh is starved and not able to fulfill its cravings, we are essentially mortifying sin in our lives. When sin is not able to perform itself, it loses its grip on the Christian. When the Christian begins to be obedient to Christ, new thought patterns and new ways of living are imparted by the Word of God on to the spirit of this individual. As the Christian obeys Christ in His word, his life is changed from glory to glory.

Are we putting on ourselves the Lord Jesus? Do we die daily to ourselves and allow Christ to rule in our hearts, so that we will not fulfill the lusts of our flesh? May the Lord help us overcome daily with the Spirit's Sword.

thought of the week

Only holy Christians are useful Christians; and the preaching of Christ's truth must be backed up by the consistent living of Christ's followers if it is to have its due effect upon the hearts and lives of the ungodly

Spurgeon

memory verse

Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

1 Samuel 12:24

Sunday Worship Service
24 February 2013
"How Not To Receive Of The Grace Of God In Vain?"

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 6:1 - 13**

Turn to: **Isaiah 49:8 - 12**

Sunday Worship Service

24 February 2013

"How Not To Receive Of The Grace Of God In Vain?"

Passage _____

introduction

- I. Some of the behaviours of the Corinthians church were not in line with the grace, the _____ and the _____ of God to _____ lives.
- II. The word of God says that we will be _____, but the lives of the people say something else.

the context

- I. The context was that we are _____ for Christ.
- II. Therefore is when we fail to be _____ for Christ, we take the grace of God in _____
- III. Because the need of sharing the gospel of Christ is _____
- IV. So how do we then not receive the grace of God in vain?
 - A. By _____ taking the _____ to the _____ (v2)
 - B. By not doing anything that will give _____ to the ministry
 - C. How?
 1. By living lives _____ as ministers of Christ (v4)

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

NORTHLAND'S CONTINUED EMBRACE OF THE EMERGING CHURCH



The following is excerpted from Lou Martuneau's "Northland International University: Plunging Headlong into a Liberal Entertainment Approach Ministry," In Defense of the Gospel, Feb. 13, 2013: "Northland International University (NIU) recently participated (Feb. 2, 2013) in the I Am Redeemed CCM/Rock concert tour. The location was Community Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Bands that performed at the event were Citizen Way, Chris August, and Big Daddy Weave. I have viewed the concert photos myself. In them I see NIU faculty member Trevor Gearhart with a microphone speaking on stage with CCM's Citizen Way. NIU president Dr. Matt Olson is pictured giving a devotional at the event. NIU students are pictured at the Big Daddy Weave display, possibly as workers. NIU's display table is at the event. ... Knowledgeable sources confirm that approximately 40 students from NIU were taken to the concert. Matt Olson gave the devotional. Northland has nothing about this event on their website. Just like when they moved from KJV to NIV -- they make no announcements, they just do

it! ... Just over two years ago Dr. Matt Olson, in regard to NIU's Music Philosophy, declared, 'Philosophically, it is unchanged. Let me say it again... unchanged' (An Open Letter from Dr. Matt Olson of Northland International University, Nov. 24, 2010). Some of you might go to the Big Daddy Weave site and listen to a sample of their music ... to suggest that NIU 'is unchanged' in their musical philosophy and toleration is simply unbelievable. ... Under Matt

Olson NIU has compromised its historic foundations, current NIU handbooks and articles of faith. His destiny seems to be to become a hero to the younger generation. He will not accept the caution and counsel of many seasoned men who have tried to appeal to his senses, his conscience, and his theology. I have received independent confirmation that Northland is now marketing itself to Christian rock concerts. NIU's participation at this concert is not a fluke. It is a strategic decision by the administration. Formal participation in the I Am Redeemed tour is another one of NIU's coming out events" ("Northland International University," In Defense of the Gospel, Feb. 13, 2013). CONCLUDING NOTE FROM BROTHER CLOUD: After the previous report was published at In Defense of the Gospel's blog, all of the photos of Northland personnel's participation in this event were taken down from Facebook pages and other sites. It makes you wonder what else they are trying to hide.

ROCK'S THEME SONG: YOUNG, WILD, AND FREE

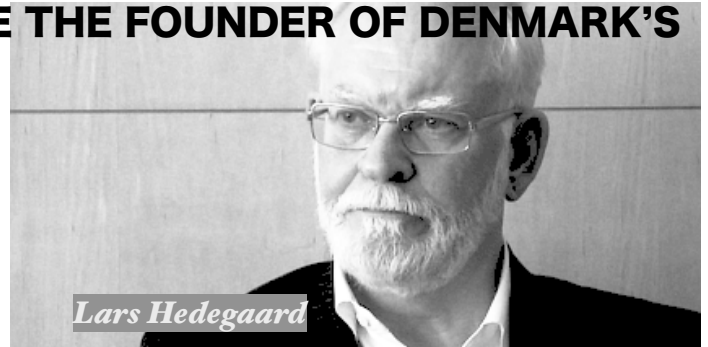
A current pop hit is a reminder that rock & roll has promoted rebellion and immorality since its inception. The song "Young, Wild and Free" by Snoop Dog and Wiz Khalifa promotes drinking, using marijuana, and other types of "wildness." The lyrics say, "So what we get drunk/ So what we don't sleep (smoke weed)/ We're just having fun/ We don't care who sees/ So what we go out/ That's how it's supposed to be/ Living young and wild and free." I've heard this foolish song played in businesses and public places in Kathmandu, Berlin, Bangkok, and New York City, and it's the same theme that has always been promoted by rock. In his history of 1950s rock, Nick Tosches says, "Elvis's 'Good Rockin' Tonight' was not merely a party song, but an invitation to a holocaust. ... Rockabilly was the face of Dionysus, full of febrile sexuality and senselessness; it flushed the skin of new housewives and made pink teenage boys reinvent themselves as flaming creatures" (Nick Tosches, Country: The Twisted Roots of Rock 'n' Roll). Another rock historian says, "If you think rockabilly is just music, you're wrong. Rockabilly's always been an attitude" (Billy Poore, RockABilly: A Forty-Year Journey). By the 1960s, the rock attitude was even more "in your face" with its call to rebellion. The Rolling Stones and The Animals and countless other rockers were encouraging that generation to sing, "I'm free to do what I want any old time," and, "It's my life and I'll do what I want." As that generation



and each succeeding generation has learned, rock & roll's message is a lie. You can't do whatever you want without serious consequences, both in this life and in that which is to come. Those who live young and wild aren't free. Multitudes of young people have died prematurely or have committed offenses that they have regretted for the rest of their lives because of wild living. True freedom is found only in Jesus Christ. "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:34-36).

MUSLIM TRIES TO ASSASSINATE THE FOUNDER OF DENMARK'S FREE PRESS SOCIETY

The following is excerpted from "Danish Champion of Free Speech Almost Assassinated," Breitbart.com, Feb. 17, 2013: "Lars Hedegaard, 70, a Danish historian and journalist was attacked [a week ago] by a murderous assassin whom Hedegaard described as a 'typical Muslim immigrant' in his mid-twenties. Hedegaard heads the Free Press Society, which fights for journalists' and cartoonists' rights to free speech and was formed after the uproar from cartoons of Mohammed. ... Hedegaard is now living under police protection at a hidden location. Interviewed after the attempt on his life, Hedegaard said: 'We have had quite a few attempts to silence people here. [The Danish cartoonist] Kurt Westergaard was almost killed a couple of years ago by a man from Somalia who came to his house and broke into it with an axe and tried to kill him. We still have prominent politicians under police guard, the former leader of the Danish People's Party Pia Kjaersgaard, and also the former Conservative politician Naser Khader, who is of Syrian descent, a liberal Muslim. And now me.' Hedegaard has just started to



publish Dispatch International, which is tackling the issues EU, climate change, immigration and Islam, much to the chagrin of the Scandinavian media, which has remained silent. What has he gotten for his efforts? Being hauled into court for 'hate-speech' two years ago, although he was unanimously acquitted. [And now he has been targeted for assassination.] ... As to the reasons Muslims would target him, he said: 'The leaders of the Ummah [Islamic nation] now evidently believe, or want to demonstrate, that Sharia law has already gained force in places like Denmark.'"

NBC NEWS REPORTER STOPS CRUISE PASSENGER FROM QUOTING BIBLE

In the midst of the weird media frenzy about the disabled Carnival cruise ship that was towed to Mobile, Alabama, last week, reporter Mark Potter of NBC News (reporting during the Ed Show on MSNBC) interviewed two young women after they disembarked, saying, "It sounds like you guys handled it really well. There were some passengers who had a really rough time. Tell me about that." One of the young women replied, "... one thing I do want to say that really made a huge difference in my time versus some other people's time is we knew where hope was. We knew the Lord was in complete control of the situation. Our verse for the trip was Joshua 1:9 which is..." At this point the microphone was rudely pulled away and the woman was not allowed to quote the verse. Potter had specifically asked why the young people could handle the trial better than others, but he apparently didn't want his audience to hear the answer if it had to do with the Word of God. By the way, Joshua 1:9 says, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."



“MOTHER” AND “FATHER” TO BE SCRAPPED FROM SCOTTISH LAW TO ACCOMMODATE SAME SEX “MARRIAGE”

The following is excerpted from “christian.org.uk, Feb. 11, 2013: “The words ‘mother’ and ‘father’ will be dropped from Scottish matrimonial law under First Minister Alex Salmond’s plans to redefine marriage. Official consultation documents which accompany the Scottish Government’s draft Bill spell out the changes to terminology. Where current matrimonial law refers to ‘mother’ and ‘father,’ the Scottish Government plans for legislation to use the gender-neutral term ‘parent.’ The proposals have been described as “politically stupid” by Gordon Wilson, the former leader of the Scottish National Party. Mr Wilson said: ‘The politically correct elite are going mad. They are going far beyond what people envisage.’ Norman Wells of the Family Education Trust said: ‘The Scottish Government’s plan to introduce a new lexicon for family relationships shows just how far its proposals to redefine marriage extend. It is engaging in a linguistic revolution to accommodate the wishes of a tiny minority of same-sex couples who want their relationships to be recognized as a marriage. Under these proposals, marriage is not so much being extended to same-sex couples as being taken over by them.’”



OBAMA’S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OPPOSES HOMESCHOOLING FAMILY

The following is excerpted from “Homeschooling Not a Fundamental Right,” Christian Post, Feb. 14, 2013: “In a political asylum case involving a German family that fled to the United States to be able to homeschool their children, the U.S. Justice Department is arguing that the freedom to choose to educate one’s own children is not a fundamental right. If the Romeike family, who are evangelical Christians, lose their case and are deported back to Germany, they could face fines, jail time, and their children could even be taken away from them. Homeschooling is illegal in Germany. The Romeike’s did not agree with some of what was taught to their children in the public schools, so they began homeschooling in violation of the law. After paying about \$10,000 in fines and watching the police apprehend their children and take them to the public school, they sought political asylum in the United States and immigrated to Tennessee. The Home School Legal Defense Association helped them with the move and now represents them in court. The Romeike’s were granted political asylum by a federal district court judge in Tennessee. Political asylum is granted to refugees who can demonstrate that they are being persecuted for religious reason or because they belong to a ‘particular social group.’ The U.S. government protested the judge’s decision and appealed to an immigration appeals court, which ruled against the Romeike’s. The case, Romeike v. Holder, is now in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. ... The Justice Department argues that governments may legitimately use its authority to force parents to send their kids to government sanctioned schools. Since it takes the position that Germany may do that, it follows that the administration believes it has the right to do that in the United States as well.”



MAJOR ISLAMIC SCHOOL SUPPORTS CANNIBALISM

The following is excerpted from “Islam and Cannibalism,” Shobat.com, Jan. 28, 2013: “In the future, the Egyptian Islamists will not only be conducting systematic violence, but cannibalism against Christians and moderates. In a recent video interview, one Egyptian scholar exposed the high school curriculum coming from Al-Azhar University, the most reputable of all Islamic schools, showing that it condoned cannibalizing non-Muslims: ‘We allowed the eating of the flesh of dead humans... under necessary conditions. It [dead human flesh] must not be cooked or grilled to avoid Haram (wrongdoing) ...and he can kill a murtadd (apostate) and eat him.’ The interviewer commented: ‘The book that is being taught to general high-school students mentions that those who don’t pray can be grilled & then eaten.’ ... And where did Obama give his 2009 speech in Egypt, which empowered the Muslim Brotherhood? Al-Azhar. As we write in our book, For God or For Tyranny, Muhammad and his minions conducted themselves in the voodoo-like act of blood drinking in which Malik ibn Sinan drank his [Muhammad’s] blood on

the Day of Uhud and licked it up. The Prophet allowed him to do that and then said, ‘The [Hell] fire will not touch you.’ ... he did not object to what he had done. ... Last year, I wrote an article on how Egyptian society is becoming more and more savage, and how the Egyptian people are becoming like zombies. I wrote on how a butcher in Egypt killed his wife, flayed her flesh off the bone, and put it for sale as lamb in his market. ... While many people see Islam as a



morally conservative religion, akin to Christianity and Judaism, they don't understand that Islam is Satanic and of no different spirit than any other pagan religion. Egypt is merely going back to its heathen roots. In ancient Egypt human sacrifice was followed by ritual cannibalism. On the temple of Edifu, all lands foreign to Egypt are pictured as being under the feet of the pharaoh, as four men, their arms bound, are about to be ritually sacrificed. ... By consuming the flesh of their enemies, the Egyptians

believed that they would absorb their desired qualities. ... And if one thinks that the Muslims have evolved into a modern mindset, one must remember what took place in Ramallah in which two Israeli soldiers were beaten and tortured to death, their bodies thrown out a window to the sounds of 'Allahu Akbar,' and their flesh then chewed by the crowd. Muslims in Ramallah held body parts of Israelis while they cried out 'I eat the flesh of my occupier!'"



THE DIVINE DESIGN OF CORN

The Bible says that man was made by God and placed in a world that was designed for his well-being, and the evidence for this is on every hand. Consider the "lowly" corn plant. One seed of corn typically produces a stalk bearing two cobs, each with 400 to 600 kernels or seeds. Thus, it multiplies itself 1,000 fold and more in one generation. If you replant the seeds from one corn stalk and each grows to maturity--each stalk bearing two cobs with an average of 500 kernels per cob (2,000 X 500)--you get one million kernels of corn. That's just the second generation. And if you plant those one million kernels and each stalk grows to maturity, you get a billion corn seeds in just three generations! This is an example of the bountiful way that God has blessed this world for man's benefit. "Such is the tremendous

reproductive power of DNA, especially in primary producer plants that must generate sufficient food-web biomass so all consumers--including we humans--can survive" (Kenneth Poppe, *Exposing Darwinism's Weakest Link*, p. 33). Corn is self-pollinating, in that each stalk has both male and female flowers. The females are the ears that send out strands of silk that grow out of the top of the ear. (The flower is actually composed of the kernel, which is the ovule, and the silk, which is the stigma.) Each kernel of corn is individually pollinated by a strand of silk, which is covered with fine, sticky hairs that catch the pollen. The male flowers on the tassels release their pollen into the air. The pollen is held in anthers which contain large numbers of pollen grains, and when released the grains usually settle within 20 to 50 feet of the stalk. Thus it is advised to plant corn in blocks rather than in long rows. Each tassel contains from 2 to 5 million pollen grains, which translates to 2,000 to 5,000 pollen grains for each silk of the ear shoot. The emergence of the silk and the release of the pollen further demonstrates the amazing intelligence the Creator has programmed into the plant's DNA. It must be precisely timed, for example. The pollen shed usually begins two or three days prior to silk emergence and continues for five to eight days, and it is shed in late morning after the dew has dried off the tassels (Ohio State University Agronomy Facts). The pollen shed responds to climatic conditions, stopping when the tassel is too wet or too dry and beginning again when temperature conditions are favorable. By this means the pollen is rarely washed off the silk by rain since it doesn't release during wet conditions. These amazing processes have enabled the corn plant to survive and thrive for man's benefit. "O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches" (Psalm 104:24).



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a) In much _____ in _____ (v5)

b) In much personal _____ and _____ (v6)

c) In using only _____ for the _____ (v7)

d) Irregardless of _____ (v8 - 10)

D. By _____ of _____

personal application and reflection

The Gospel According To You...
There's a Gospel according to Matthew; To Mark;
To Luke; and John too.
There's another gospel that many are reading...
The Gospel according to You.

All teachings we find in the Bible
Are facts we know to be true;
You must live them to make them the Gospel...
The Gospel according to You

Many read not the words of the Bible;
I will tell you what some of them do...
They are reading the book you are writing...
The Gospel according to you.

There's Great Power In Gospel Preaching
The Bible teaches that this is true.
But the sermon most likely to influence others
Is The Gospel according to You.

God help us to be faithful to Jesus...
To live all His teachings so true,
So that all may see His Spirit
In the Gospel according to You

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day;
By things that you do; By things you say.
Others read that gospel, whether faithless or true!
Say! What is the Gospel According To You?

Leroy Brownlow

Courtesy Timothy Lee

Ambassador Baptist Church welcomes you! We are thankful that the Lord Jesus has brought you and we believe He has something wonderful for you. May our spiritual life reach new heights of growth this year for Christ's name sake.

IN BRIEF

Easter Evangelistic Weekend

This will be held at the end of March. Your prayers and labours are sought for this important event. More details to be released

Church Calendar

You can be notified about church events that will be happening. Visit www.ambassador-baptist.org/week-bar/

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

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

COMING UP

In the Month of March

Fellowship and worship with the brethren is a wonderful time to learn and grow spiritually. Mark your calendars and join us for the following events in March!

Easter Evangelistic Weekend

End March, details to be released

The following members have birthdays in the month of March! Let them know you remembered!

Sis. Marcelyn Bucal
5 March

Bro. Joshua Poon
13 March

Sis. Agnes Lee
16 March

25 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH 2013

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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 (Lord's Supper Service)	ABC Youth	Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

"Lord's Supper will be held this 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
- For direction and unity in the training of Discipleship Group Leaders and other areas of training
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2013
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- ABC Biblical doctrines manual

the new testament in 4 months

- FEB 25** Matthew 14-15
- FEB 26** Matthew 16-17
- FEB 27** Matthew 18-19
- FEB 28** Matthew 20-21
- MAR 1** Matthew 22-23
- MAR 2** Matthew 24
- MAR 3** Matthew 25