

WELCOME

WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE. THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE WITH US. HAVE AN AWESOME SERVICE.

We hope that you will enjoy today's message and our praise and worship. If you would like to know more about our church or the different programs we have during the week, please approach our staff at the Admin Counter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 WAC 10TH ANNIVERSARY DVD
DVDs are ready for collection. Please collect it at the Admin Counter.

2 DADS FOR LIFE BROTHERS' SEMINAR
14 August 2010 (Sat)
Diocesan Centre, St. Andrew's Village
Sisters are welcome for the seminar.
Registration forms are available at the admin counter.

3 ALPHA COURSE
Introduction: 29 Jul (Thu)
Programme: 3 Aug - 12 Oct (Tues), 6.45pm - 9pm
St. Andrew's Cathedral
Alpha is for anyone who thinks there may be more to life than what he or she is experiencing now.
Invite your friends to the Alpha Course!
There'll be food, laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

COMING EVENTS

JUL		9 mon	NATIONAL DAY
28 wed	DI - HOUR OF POWER WISEWDT - 21	11 wed	DI - HOUR OF POWER CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING
AUG		18 wed	DI - HOUR OF POWER WISEWDT - 22
4 wed	DI - HOUR OF POWER WISEWDT - 22		
8 sun	DAY OF HIS POWER		

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE
 9.10am Boon Lay Way - Boon Lay MRT (Bus Stop)
 9.15am Jurong West St 51 Blk 511 Carpark
 9.30am Clementi MRT - Bus Stop towards City

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WORSHIP LOCATION
 WEST COAST RECREATION CENTRE
 NO. 12 WEST COAST WALK

25 Jul 2010

WESTSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES. IMPACTING COMMUNITY
 an extension of st. andrew's cathedral

Adapted Article by Rev Dr Gordon Wong "Destined To Reign" by Ps Joseph Prince Part 2 of 3



2. Prince's teaching on Law
 Prince is very strong on rejecting the value of the Law in the Old Testament as being of any positive help for Christians. For example, on p.120 he begins a section entitled "The Ten Commandments Kill" and says that these commandments are "the ministry of death".

What is very good:
 I think (and hope) that Prince is trying to say two biblical things about the Law. Firstly, he may be warning us that the Ten Commandments can be used or preached in a condemning way that destroys the soul of people and makes them cringe in fear or turn away from God as a harsh Master.

Secondly, his description of the Law as a ministry of death rather than life correctly describes the biblical view that obedience to the Law cannot lead to salvation. It is correct and good of Prince to speak against those who are "trying to use the Ten Commandments to remove their sins" (p.124).

We are saved by grace, not by obedience to the Ten Commandments or the Law. If these two points represent what Prince teaches on the Law in the Bible, then this is good and biblical.

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What is not so good:

While there are many who need the message of God's grace-filled forgiveness to save them from their guilt and despair over sin, there are many others who need the message of God's grace-filled discipline and rebuke to save them from presumption and indifference to sin. Prince's emphasis on free and full forgiveness is very good at helping the former, but not so good for the latter.

Does Prince believe that guilt is the only problem people have because of sin? That would be naïve. Sin does not only imprison us in guilt; it also lulls us into indifference and presumption. The Bible addresses both these effects of sin.

Similarly, Prince is correct to stress that the Law cannot save or justify, but his writings give the impression that the Law has no other positive function except to prove that we cannot be saved by it. In the Bible, the Law is also presented as a positive expression of God's grace in telling us what God desires. By simplistically contrasting Law and Grace, Prince makes the mistake of implying that the Law has only the negative value of telling people that they cannot be saved by their attempts at obedience to the Law.

To be fair to Prince, there are certain parts of the Bible that speak out strongly against the Law (e.g. most of Galatians and parts of the books of Romans and Hebrews). But this is balanced out in other parts of the Bible that are very positive about the Law (e.g. Jesus in Matt 5:19-20; James 1:25; Psalm 119 etc.).

The Law as a means of salvation is spoken of very negatively in the Bible, but the Law as a means of showing us God's pleasure or desire for our lives is spoken of very positively. Prince seems to speak of only the negative. In so doing he fails to do justice to the biblical balance which speaks of the ongoing positive value of the Law for Christians. Paul himself summed up the Law very positively as teaching us to love one another (Gal 5:14; Rom 13:8,10).

DUTY SCHEDULE

	This Week 25th Jul (H.C.)	Next Week 1st Aug (H.C.)
Chairperson	Tony Tay	Pang Kwee Hoon
Speaker	Sis Joyce Chow	Revd Timothy Chow
Worship Leader	Andy Philip Sng	Liow Zhong Fa
Music Team	Joanie, Elissa, Astrid, Jun Hoong, Le Fa	Rebecca, Janice, Eunice, Jun Hoong, Le Fa
Projectionist	Violet Joy Leong	Rachel Koh, Clarissa Lim
Soundworks	Carol Elizabeth Wee	Eric Matthew Sng, Amaris Lee
H.C. Server	Raymond Ang, Tony Tay	-
Intercessory Prayer	Susy Loh	Joyce Chow
Scripture Reader	Eunice Ng	Carol Loke



John 13:34-35 (New International Version)

³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."