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"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)

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Dear Readers,

Moved With Compassion

It is really an understatement to say that we are commissioned to evangelize for Christ. Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ did give us the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, 20 to make disciples of all nations with promise of His presence expressed thus, *"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* (28:20b). But it doesn't stop there. Underlying the Great Commission is the love of God constraining us to go and make disciples of all nations and to teach them the word of God.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 5:5 reminds us that *"the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."* It was the love of God that sent His only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ into this sinful world for our redemption. The key verse of the Bible is John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* And this is the love of God that has regenerated our hearts by the Holy Spirit by whom we have been sealed unto eternity. (Ephesians 1:13)

This love of God *"shed abroad in our hearts"* constrains us to love Him because He first loved us. And we are commanded to do so with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. (Mark 12:30) It constrains us that *"whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."* (1 Corinthians 10:31) God's glory must be our ultimate goal!

As the redeemed of God, God's love in us must move us with the same compassion the Lord Jesus had when He saw the multitude as being *"scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd"* when He issued the call that *"the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."* (Matthew 9:36-38)

Yes, the harvest truly is plenteous. There are still so many without Christ, heading for a hopeless eternity in the lake of fire *"prepared for the devil and his angels."* (Matthew 25:41).

Let us invite our friends and relatives to our worship services on Sundays. Let us not forget to pray for them that they will come to the New Life B-P Church services and hear the Word preached and perchance, be saved as the Spirit of God work in their hearts. Let us pray for the speakers that the gospel may be made plain and that the Holy Spirit will work in the heart of all those who would come and that as many as are ordained to eternal life might believe and be saved. (Acts 13:48) And through it all, the Lord be glorified!

Just as the heavens echo praises unto our God the Almighty, may it also fill our hearts with joy to see one lost sinner come to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

May the words of the hymn *"A Passion for Souls"* by Herbert G. Tovey be our prayer as we reach out and save souls for Christ.

"Give me a passion for souls, dear Lord,
A passion to save the lost;
O that Thy love were by all adored,
And welcomed at any cost.

Though there are dangers untold and stern
Confronting me in the way,
Willingly still would I go, nor turn,
But trust Thee for grace each day.

How shall this passion for souls be mine?
Lord, make Thou the answer clear;
Help me to throw out the old Life-Line
To those who are struggling near.

Chorus
Jesus, I long, I long to be winning
Men who are lost, and constantly sinning;
O may this hour be one of beginning
The story of pardon to tell."

Elder Frederick Lan
Calvary Tengah B-P Church, S'pore

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## **Q & A**

### **How does Satan influence our minds today and what can a Christian do about it?**

That is a good question concerning the subtle occultic and malevolent work of the evil one that has intensified in the last days. I am convinced that one of the main battlefields for the Christian is the mind today.

One of the avenues where Satan can attack the mind is through drugs which adversely affect the neurological functions of the mind causing one to be "high" and later depressed or even suicidal.

The second way is through alcohol which depresses or suppresses the mental capacity and one loses control of oneself and that is why intoxicated people often say strange things or could not walk properly.

Thirdly, it is through secular music, which can be a powerful agent to saturate our minds and create an obsessive compulsive behaviour if we are exposed to it for a long period of time. That is why heavy-metal or rock music which can be addictive has led some to chronic depression or suicide or even abusive or violent behaviour if one is constantly exposed to it over a longer period of time (1 Cor 6:12).

Fourthly, it is through the mass media of the TV, internet, billboards, movies, videos and magazines. These avenues saturated our minds with their powerful images and create a lasting negative impact in our consciousness. We need to engage our minds to the truth of God by meditating on the word of God, in listening to edifying Christian music, in Christian conversation and fellowship with the saints and regular Sabbath worship and prayer (Heb 10:24,25). These will counter the diabolical influence of the evil one. Paul...

challenges us in Rom 12:1,2 saying, "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*"

Paul warned us to consciously beware or ignore or remove certain unedifying thoughts and to bring them under the control of Christ. 2 Cor 10:5 says, "*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*" And positively we are to make a conscious effort to pray and fill our minds with the thoughts that will glorify God or edify our souls. One need to be disciplined and temperate in our thought life. Phil 4:6-8 says, "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*"

Resolve to be disciplined and concentrate your mind on God and heavenly things. The secret to a peaceful and calm mind against all the worldly strife and confusion of the day is found in Isa 26:3,4, "*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:*"

Hope this helps.

Rev Jack Sin  
Maranatha B-P Church, S'pore

**In Green Pastures**  
**Devotional Readings for Every Day of the**  
**Year**  
**By J.R. Miller, D.D.**  
**1 October 2006**  
**MORNING**

**LUKE 6:13 "And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;"**

JESUS was a friend to everybody. Yet He chose twelve men whom He took into very close companionship. These men made up His personal family. He received from them the blessings of friendship, which all men need in their busy life.

The chief reason why He chose the twelve, however, was that He might train them, so that when He was gone they could carry on His work. He still went about speaking the words of life to the multitudes, but He gave the most of His time and thought to those He had chosen. They were to be His witnesses, and must see His life and hear His words, in order that they might be capable witnesses.

We should note that Jesus spent the whole night in prayer before choosing His friends. In nothing do we need more to pray than when we are choosing our friends and companions. If there was more prayer for wisdom and guidance in the forming of friendships, there would be less regret and fewer heart-breaks afterwards.

**EVENING**  
**MAKING WORK WITH BRAINS**

IT is a good thing to think. The more thought we put into our work the better it will be done. Work of all kinds becomes exalted, ennobled, refined, and produced good, lasting effects just in proportion as men put thought into it. All worthy, noble, useful, beautiful living must have its dark quarries of purposing, thinking, planning, shaping, polishing, behind its being and doing. Look well to the quarries, and you need not give much thought to the rising of the building. Prepare no stained blocks in your heart-quarries. Train yourself to think only pure thoughts—white, clean thoughts.

**WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON**  
**CHURCH THEME: STRIVING TO LIVE ABOVE OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS**  
**IN CHRIST (Ephesians 1:3)**

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

| Worship Services                               |                                                                      |                                                                                           | WELCOME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Morning</b>                                 | <b>Today: 01/10/2006</b>                                             | <b>Next Week: 08/10/2006</b>                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We welcome Martin &amp; Joy Blundell and Jennifer Tan to our worship service last week.</li> <li>• We also welcome Rev Jack &amp; Angie Sin from Maranatha B-P Church, S'pore, who will be ministering to us for the next couple of weeks.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>Chairman:</i>                               | John Poh                                                             | Alvin Chow                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                                | Rev Jack Sin                                                         | Rev Jack Sin                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Message:</i>                                | The Elements of a Healthy, Vibrant, Growing Church                   | The Grave Necessity of Remembering and Continuing the 16th Century Protestant Reformation |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Organist:</i>                               | Anthony                                                              | Anthony                                                                                   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Areas of Service:</b> For those who are interested to serve (as ushers, Sunday school teachers, pianists, organists, kitchen, ...), please see Mok, Jonathan or Daniel.</li> <li>• <b>Daily Rememberancer:</b> We have copies of the Daily Remembrance available for purchase at the book table. Each copy will cost £5.</li> <li>• <b>No Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Please take note that the prayer meeting and bible study on 7 Oct has been cancelled.</li> <li>• <b>Maranatha Resource Ministry Book Table:</b> A book table will be setup during lunch. Please see Mrs Angie Sin for purchase of materials.</li> <li>• <b>YAF Meeting:</b> Please take note that a meeting with take place on Fri 13 Oct after the YAF activity.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Evening</b>                                 |                                                                      |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Chairman:</i>                               | Jeff Pun                                                             | Seetoh Yoong Chiang                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                                | Rev Jack Sin                                                         | Rev Jack Sin                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Message:</i>                                | The Biblical Strategy for Effectual Gospel Missions in the Last Days | Growing in the Fear of God in a Hostile Environment                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Pianist:</i>                                | Feng Qian                                                            | Anthony                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Other Duties</b>                            |                                                                      |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                | <b>Today</b>                                                         | <b>Next Week</b>                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Ushers</i>                                  | Daniel/Joyce                                                         | Yoong Chiang/Evelyn                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Sunday Sch:</i>                             | Joyce                                                                | Lyn                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Lunch:</i>                                  | Constance                                                            | Jasmin                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Washing-up:</i>                             | YAF Group 1                                                          | YAF Group 2                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Bible Study:</i>                            | Indian Missions                                                      | DHW – Genesis 27                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Appointments of the Week</b>                |                                                                      |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Fri 6 Oct                                      | 7.00 pm                                                              | <b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b><br>Spkr: Rev Jack Sin                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sat 7 Oct                                      | 4.00 pm                                                              | <b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b><br>No Prayer Meeting & Bible Study               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Last Week's Worship Service Collections</b> |                                                                      |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Offering:</b> £252.33                       |                                                                      | <b>Book Sales:</b> £2.00                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                |                                                                      | <b>Lunch:</b> £32.50                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

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SABBATH DAY

If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.
 (Isaiah 58:13-14)