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Dear Readers,

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION (John 10:27-33)

When a sinner repents of his sins and receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour, he is a new person. 2 Cor 5:17 "Old things are passed away, all things are become new." He is sent back into the world to be a witness to the saving grace of Jesus. In His High Priestly prayer Jesus commits him to keep himself pure. Jn 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." The believer is faced with temptations and doubts about his faith and needs to be assured of his salvation. In the Reformed Faith, this is called: "The perseverance of the saints" or eternal security.

In assuring His disciples, Jesus says: "My sheep hear my voice". This means that the child of God belongs to Him. The Holy Spirit indwells in our hearts and assures us the presence of Christ. The true believer hears the voice of the Master. There is love and intimacy. There is a keen ear to hear the Master's voice and to enjoy His teachings. There is an identification and he is not ashamed to be called a Christian. Rom 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

The Saviour confirms: "I know them and they follow me". Jesus has full and intimate knowledge of our fears and weaknesses. The Christian is constantly challenged to return to his former habits and join with his unbelieving friends in their activities. But now he is a follower of Jesus. He is to give up the world. 1 Jn 2:15 "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him". The Christian is challenged to forsake the world and to follow the great Shepherd.

ETERNAL SECURITY: 3 ASSURANCES

A THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH v28

Jesus promises the sinner eternal life: "I give unto them eternal life". Faith is to take Jesus at His word. It is the absolute truth and cannot change. What the Son of God promises He will keep. His Word is His honour. He is Saviour and Lord. 1 Jn 5:11, 12 "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and that this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (memory verse).

Eternal life means that the child of God will not die. Physically all men must die one day. But the soul is eternal and will return to God. Eccl 12:7 "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it." Christ has conquered death by His resurrection. 1 Cor 15:26 "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." There is no more fear of death.

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B MY FATHER IS GREATER v29

We believe in the doctrine of election. It means that a child of God is predetermined by God to be saved. "My Father which gave them me" confirms what Jesus says. Jn 15:16 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you". Thus salvation is all of God and redemption a voluntary act of Jesus. God is great as evidenced by creation and cosmic order. God is good in His abundant provision and protection for all creation.

In His humanity Jesus calls God as greater. Really they are equal in power. This is to assure the believer that God will honour the promises given by His Son. Eternal security is assured by our Creator. The sinner is born again into the family of God. Jn 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

C UNITY OF THE FATHER AND SON v30

This is a magnificent doctrine of the Christian faith. Jesus here claims to be God. The Jews knew this claim and were ready to stone Him. Evangelical Christians believe in the unity of the Godhead (God hood). Col 1:16 "For by him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth All things were created by him, and for him."

God the Father and God the Son are of one mind in the salvation of lost sinners. Jn 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." God's love is eternal. God acted by sending His Son to be the Saviour. Christ's love is also eternal that He was willing to die on the cross for sinners. Heb 2:9 "That he (Jesus) by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

Rev Patrick Tan

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

1 How did you come to faith in Jesus Christ? Give your personal testimony of being born again and becoming a child of God.

2 Is your life different now that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour? Give some examples of the differences.

3 What do you understand by eternal life? Can you distinguish between life on earth which is temporal and life after death which is eternal?

4 Do you believe in God the Father? Who is He and what part does God the Father play in your coming to salvation in Jesus Christ?

5 Do you believe in the deity of Jesus? Is Jesus God as God the Creator is God? Does it offend you to believe that the man Jesus is also Christ the Lord?

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### Read the Bible in A Year

Calendar of Daily readings for April 2006:

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Family</u> | <u>Private</u>             |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1          | Lev 4         | Psa 1,2 Prov 19 Col 2      |
| 2          | Lev 5         | Psa 3,4 Prov 20 Col 3      |
| 3          | Lev 6         | Psa 5,6 Prov 21 Col 4      |
| 4          | Lev 7         | Psa 7,8 Prov 22 1 Thes 1   |
| 5          | Lev 8         | Psa 9 Prov 23 1 Thes 2     |
| 6          | Lev 9         | Psa 10 Prov 24 1 Thes 3    |
| 7          | Lev 10        | Psa 11,12 Prov 25 1 Thes 4 |
| 8          | Lev 11,12     | Psa 13,14 Prov 26 1 Thes 5 |
| 9          | Lev 13        | Psa 15,16 Prov 27 2 Thes 1 |
| 10         | Lev 14        | Psa 17 Prov 28 2 Thes 2    |
| 11         | Lev 15        | Psa 18 Prov 29 2 Thes 3    |
| 12         | Lev 16        | Psa 19 Prov 30 1 Tim 1     |
| 13         | Lev 17        | Psa 20,21 Prov 31 1 Tim 2  |
| 14         | Lev 18        | Psa 22 Eccl 1 1 Tim 3      |
| 15         | Lev 19        | Psa 23,24 Eccl 2 1 Tim 4   |
| 16         | Lev 20        | Psa 25 Eccl 3 1 Tim 5      |
| 17         | Lev 21        | Psa 26,27 Eccl 4 1 Tim 6   |
| 18         | Lev 22        | Psa 28,29 Eccl 5 2 Tim 1   |
| 19         | Lev 23        | Psa 30 Eccl 6 2 Tim 2      |
| 20         | Lev 24        | Psa 31 Eccl 7 2 Tim 3      |
| 21         | Lev 25        | Psa 32 Eccl 8 2 Tim 4      |
| 22         | Lev 26        | Psa 33 Eccl 9 Tit 1        |
| 23         | Lev 27        | Psa 34 Eccl 10 Tit 2       |
| 24         | Num 1         | Psa 35 Eccl 11 Tit 3       |
| 25         | Num 2         | Psa 36 Eccl 12 Phile       |
| 26         | Num 3         | Psa 37 Song 1 Heb 1        |
| 27         | Num 4         | Psa 38 Song 2 Heb 2        |
| 28         | Num 5         | Psa 39 Song 3 Heb 3        |
| 29         | Num 6         | Psa 40,41 Song 4 Heb 4     |
| 30         | Num 7         | Psa 42,43 Song 5 Heb 5     |

# The Christian's Daily Remembrancer

by Ps. James Smith

## “Lord, increase our faith” Luke 17:5

SOLA FIDE! FAITH ALONE SAVES, FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE! The believer is as his faith. If faith is weak, he is fearful, fretful, and troubled; if faith is strong and rightly placed, he is courageous, active, and happy. Faith comes from Jesus, He is its author; it leads to Jesus, He is its object. Faith is like a grain of mustard seed, it grows and increases; Jesus alone can increase our faith. Let us apply to Him this morning, and let this be our prayer, “Lord, increase my faith.” Strong faith will believe without feeling, yea, against feelings and appearances. It will trust God where it cannot trace Him; it assures the soul that what He has promised He is able to perform, and will assuredly do so. Great faith will have great trials, for God never gives faith without trying it; and the heat of the furnace is in proportion to the strength of our faith. Little faith lays hold on Christ, and brings salvation; strong faith receives much and often Christ and brings great consolation. Go to Jesus with the faith thou hast, and plead with Him for the faith He requires. He gives freely to every importunate pleader; and He will assuredly give to thee.

O Jesus, now Thyself impart  
And fix Thy presence in my heart;  
Give strong and living faith!  
Then will I throw off every load,  
And walk delightfully with God,  
Believing all He saith.

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One by one He took them from me,
All things I valued most,
Until I was empty-handed;
Every glittering toy was lost.

And I walked earth's highways, grieving,
In my rags and poverty,
Till I heard His voice inviting,
“Lift your empty hands to Me!”

So I held my hands toward Heaven,
And he filled them with a store
Of His own transcendent riches,
Till they could contain no more.

And at last I comprehended
With my stupid mind and dull,
That God could not pour out His riches
Into hands already full!

Martha Nicholson

In Green Pastures Devotional Readings for Every Day of the Year

By J.R. Miller, D.D.

9 April 2006

MORNING

ACTS 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,”

IT was a stupendous event that occurred on the day of Pentecost. It was the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell in every human heart that will receive Him. It was not a wind that made the sound the disciples heard—it was the breath of God breathing upon the little company. It was not fire which sat upon their heads, but an appearance, “like as fire,” which really was the flame of the divine Spirit, touching and consecrating the believers in Christ.

The explanation of the wonderful scene is given in the words, “They were all filled with the Holy Ghost.” The breath of God meant life, and the fire of God meant cleansing, quickening, and transformation. What took place that day may become true of every one of us today—we may be filled with the Holy Spirit. If we are, we shall speak the speech of love, of grace, of peace. It is the duty of every Christian to be filled with the divine Spirit. Then we shall have power, and our lives will begin to be blessings in the world.

EVENING

IN THE DISCOURAGED DAYS

WE all have our discouraged days, when things do not go well. The young people fail in their lessons at school, although they have studied hard and really have done their best. The mothers are tried in their household work. The children are hard to control. It has seemed impossible to keep good temper, to maintain that sweetness and that lovingness which are so essential to a happy day. Try as they will to be gentle, kindly, patient, their minds are ruffled. They come to the close of the long, unhappy hours disturbed, defeated, discouraged. They have done their best, but they feel that they have really failed. They fall upon their knees with only tears for a prayer. But if they will lift up their eyes, they will see on the shore of the troubled sea of their little day's life the form of one whose presence will give them strength and confidence, and who will help them to victoriousness. Before His sweet smile the shadows flee away; at His word new strength is given, and after that, work is easy and all goes well again.

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. Invite your friends to come to Church.

Worship Services			WELCOME
Morning	Today: 09/04/2006	Next Week: 16/04/2006	
<i>Chairman:</i>	Mok Chee Cheong	Jonathan Kim	NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
<i>Speaker:</i>	Rev Philip Eveson	Ken Chan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Service: Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC) This week: Q79: <i>May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?</i> Q80: <i>Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?</i> Q81: <i>Are all true believers at all times assured of their present being in the estate of grace, and that they shall be saved?</i> <i>Next week:</i> Q82: <i>What is the communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?</i> Q83: <i>What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Do stay back and find out the answers from the Word of God. • Good Friday & Easter Activities: The activities are as follows: <i>Fri, 11am – Good Friday Service</i> <i>Sun 11am – Easter Service</i> <i>Mon, 11am – Gospel Rally</i> Please refer to insert for more details. • 10th Anniversary preparations: This will take place on Jun 25. For those interested in helping out, please see Mok or Jonathan. • Book Sales: All books on book table are ½ price off.
<i>Message:</i>	Tbd	Diverse Opinions of Christ	
<i>Text:</i>	Tbd	John 7:25-53	
<i>Organist:</i>	Anthony	Yanning	
Evening			
<i>Chairman:</i>	John Poh	Alvin Chow	
<i>Speaker:</i>	Mok Chee Cheong	Mok Chee Cheong	
<i>Message:</i>	Assurance WLC Questions 79-81	Communion with Christ WLC Questions 82-83	
<i>Pianist:</i>	Ming Yann	Feng Qian	
Other Duties			
	Today	Next Week	
<i>Ushers</i>	John/Wah Soon	Alvin/Daniel	
<i>Sunday Sch:</i>	Yanning	No Class	
<i>Singspirat'n:</i>	Esmeralda/Ming Yann	Jonathan/Feng Qian	
<i>Lunch:</i>	Lynn	Constance	
<i>Washing-up:</i>	YAF Group 2	YAF Group 1	
<i>Bible Study:</i>	DHW – Genesis 21	DHW – Genesis 22	
Appointments of the Week			
Wed 12 Apr	7:30 pm	Mid Week Prayer Meeting: Led by Mok	
Fri 14 Apr	7.00 pm	Young Adults Fellowship: No YAF meeting	
Sat 15 Apr	4.00 pm	Prayer Meeting: C'man: Anthony	
Last Week's Worship Service Collections			
Offering:	£571.79	Lunch:	£33.00
<u>The Shorter Catechism</u>			
Q.94 What is baptism?			
<p>Ans: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water, - in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, - dost signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.</p> <p><i>Comments: The outward act in baptism is washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The inward meaning of this is the removal of our sin. We are all by nature born in sin, and we need to be born again before we can be admitted into heaven. Now, Baptism is an emblem of this new birth. And the baptismal fountain of water tells us of another fountain, which is filled with the blood of Jesus Christ, and which has been opened freely for all sin and uncleanness.</i></p>			

Easter Camp Topics 2006

Theme: Living for Jesus

Verse: “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
Philippians 1:21

Message Titles:

Fri 11.00am GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
The Last Supper
Matthew 26:17-56

Fri 3.30pm THEMATIC MESSAGE 1
Living for Christ
Philippians 1:21

Fri 8.00pm THEMATIC MESSAGE 2
What is Godliness? – Steps to Live a Godly Sober Life
Titus 2:11-14

Sat 10.00am THEMATIC MESSAGE 3
How to Overcome Evil?
Romans 12:21

Sat 3.00pm THEMATIC MESSAGE 4
The Spirit-filled Christian
Ephesians 5:18

Sun 11.00am EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Diverse Opinions of Christ
John 7:25-53

Sun 4.00pm EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
Communion with Christ
Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 82 & 83

Mon 11.30am GOSPEL RALLY
After Death What? Where will you be when you die?
Luke 16:19-31

Easter Camp Programme 2006

	Fri 14th Apr	Sat 15th Apr	Sun 16th Apr	Mon 17th Apr	
07:30		Rise and Shine		Rise and Shine	
08:00		Quiet-time	Rise and Shine	Quiet-time	
08:30		Morning Devotion	Quiet-time	Morning Devotion	
09:00		Breakfast	Morning Devotion	Breakfast	
09:30		Washing-up	Breakfast	Washing-up	
10:00			Thematic Message #3	Washing-up	BBQ Preparation
10:30				Singspiration	
11:00	Good Friday Worship Service	Outdoor Games	Morning Worship Service	Gospel Rally	
11:30					
12:00					
12:30					
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	BBQ	
13:30					
14:00	Washing-up	Washing-up	Washing-up		
14:30	Camp Check-in	Singspiration	Free-time		
15:00	Singspiration	Thematic Message #4			
15:30	Thematic Message #1		Singspiration	Cleaning-up	
16:00		Indoor Games	Prayer Meeting	Break-Camp	
16:30	Free Time			Evening Worship Service	
17:00					
17:30	Dinner Preparation	Dinner Preparation	Dinner Preparation		
18:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
18:30					
19:00	Washing-up	Washing-up	Washing-up		
19:30	Thematic Message #2	Quiz	Testimony Night		
20:00					
20:30	Free-time	Free-time	Free-time		
21:00					
21:30	Supper	Supper	Supper		
22:00	Dorm Devotion	Dorm Devotion	Dorm Devotion		
22:30	Lights-off	Lights-off	Lights-off		
23:00					