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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,

BE AN EXAMPLE

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

David was a youth when he confronted Goliath. The Philistine giant was a seasoned warrior. *"And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance."* 1 Sam 17:42. David was not to be despised. He may be youthful in his looks, but he had Jehovah God on his side. *"Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied."* David's strength was in God. Today we fight spiritual battles with giants. Can God build His Church in the midst of a hostile world? Satan assaults the Church with false historical facts like the Da Vinci Code and the Gospel according to Judas. But we have the *"Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."* Eph 6:17. The battle belongs to God and we are on God's side.

Daniel too was a youth when he was brought into the palace of the King of Babylon. He was chosen for his majesty's service. But he and his three friends were determined not to compromise their faith. They would not participate in the worldly pleasures of the King's banquet. Daniel asked his supervisor for exemption: *"Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink."* Dan 1:12. God gave Daniel wisdom and ability to rise up in the hierarchy of Babylon's civil service. God protected him from jealous colleagues. He won the favour of the Kings he served because he put God first. Is this possible for our young people of the Church today?

LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE

The apostle Paul instructed Timothy to be an example to his congregation in six areas of his life.

1 In word

What we say comes from what we think. Our mind is to be filled with the Word of God. We preach and teach God's Word. The scriptures are for doctrine, in what we must believe. We reason and know God's will by what God has revealed to us. *"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus."* 2 Tim 3:15.

2 In conversation

Our daily conduct is read like an open book by all the people around us. *"Ye are our epistles written in our hearts, known and read of all men."* 2 Cor 3:2. Our Christian...

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testimony is lived in our everyday life. Our behaviour affects our relationship with people. We commend Christ by our actions and activities. We thus live for Christ and not unto ourselves.

3 In charity
Christ's love is the hall mark of Christianity. Christ's love for sinners is the highest example of love. *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."* Jn 15:13. Paul expounds this love beautifully in 1 Cor 13. Christians are exhorted by Jesus to love one another. In fact love is a powerful tool for evangelism. *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another."* Jn 13:35.

4 In spirit
The spirit of man is a rational soul and a mental disposition. But the Holy Spirit indwells the body of the Christian. *"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you....therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* 1 Cor 6:19,20. Our thoughts and our actions are controlled by the Holy Spirit. We live a Spirit-filled life.

5 In faith
Evangelical Christians are known by their knowledge of God's Word. They know the truth of God, Jesus Christ, salvation and eternal hope. *"Nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed."* 2 Tim 1:12. We have the assurance of salvation. We are not ashamed to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We live by faith and will certainly die for our faith if the Lord wills.

6 In purity
True Christianity demands that our lives be pure and chaste. It is a condition of moral cleanliness. Thus we reflect the holiness of God in thought and deed. *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts."* 1 Pet 3:15. We are cleansed by the blood of Jesus and are holy and pure before God.

We wish London New Lifers a blessed 10th Anniversary.

Rev (Dr) & Mrs Patrick Tan
Ebenezer B-P Church, Melbourne

Baptism of James Batsa Opata

Testimony of Jessie Opata

My name is Jessie. I was born in Accra, Ghana. My parents are Presbyterian so I was baptised into a Presbyterian church. I have been a Presbyterian all my life and attend church almost regularly and believe in Jesus Christ.

When I was at secondary school, we had a retreat. I had an altar call and there received Jesus Christ fully into my life.

I thank God for my family's lives, for keeping us under his umbrella, through difficult times especially my health. I will also like my son James to be a Presbyterian and will like him to be baptised into the Presbyterian church.

Jessie Opata

Name of son:- James Batsa Opata

Date of birth:- 5th November 2005

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Welcome, precious little child

so fresh from God above.

Baptized today in Jesus' name,

held in His arms of love.

Lord, bless this tiny infant

Who is brought to You today.

And teach those precious little feet

To follow in Your way.

Lord, bless the baby's parents, too,

And with your loving care

Grant them all the happiness

A family can share

*Anonymous*

# The Christian's Daily Remembrancer

by Ps. James Smith

25 June 2006

**“What manner of persons ought ye to be?” 2 Peter 3:11**

“FOR OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN.” God’s people are in the world but not of the world. They are different: they are expected to be different from the world; they profess to have another Spirit in them and to be the sons of God. They believe the present world system is to be wherein dwelleth righteousness. They are strangers and pilgrims here. What manner of persons then ought we to be? Surely we ought to set light buy the things of time and aim at the things which are eternal. We ought to be watchful, prayerful, diligent, holy, patient, thankful, and expectant. We ought to be contented with such things as we have; to give all diligence to prove our title, make sure of our election, and rejoice in our destination. We ought to walk as Jesus walked, to live as Paul lived, dying daily to self and the world. Let us ask this morning, “Do we believe that present things will soon be dissolved?” If so, are we acting according to the same belief? Are we laying up for ourselves treasures in heaven? Are we doing good that we may be rich in good works? Is the coming of Jesus the object of our desire and hope? What manner of person are you?

The let's await the sound  
Then shall our souls release;  
And labour to be found  
Of Him in spotless peace,  
In perfect holiness renewed,  
Adorned with Christ and meet for God.

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All things I want, but One is nigh,
My want of all things to supply;
Pardon and peace and liberty,
My Lord gives me abundantly.

In Green Pastures
Devotional Readings for Every Day of the Year
By J.R. Miller, D.D.

25 June 2006

MORNING

ROMANS 1:18 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;”

IT is well that we sometimes have a glimpse of some of the possibilities of sin, that we may know what a terrible thing it is. Such a glimpse Paul gives us in our reading for today. There would not seem to be much in this fearful portrayal to give us comfort or cheer. Yet the black picture has its suggestion of praise—this is the abyss from which we have been saved by the grace of God. Someone illustrates the greatness of salvation by two visions.

First, he had a vision of the awful fruits of sin. “That,” said his guide, “is what in the ages of eternity you would have been, if you had gone on in sin, unredeemed.” Then he was shown the glories of the redeemed. He saw hosts of angels dwelling in ineffable glory, and beyond and above these, in the far distance, he beheld beings transcendently radiant and glorious. “That,” said the guide, “is yourself ages hence. Behold the bliss and glory into which your Saviour will bring you.”

EVENING

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

GOD puts something of Himself into every true human life. He helps and blesses us through our friendships, but these are meant only to help us up to Himself. Christ Jesus is the only man in whom we may have eternal trust. All other friendships are but fragments; His is the perfect friendship. Behind the sweet, gentle humanities in Him, which make it so easy for us to come to Him and repose in Him, is the might of the eternal God. When we come to this precious human love, for which our hearts crave, and which seems so satisfying, we know that infinite divine fullness lies behind the tender warmth. The humanity comes very close to us, and it is for us to lay our heads upon its bosom. Then when we lean on Him we are lifted up in the arms of Omnipotence.

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: 25/06/2006	Next Week: 02/07/2006	
<i>Chairman:</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim	
<i>Speaker:</i>	Dr Tow Siang Hwa	Rev Lim Chee Boon	NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
<i>Message:</i>	Lovest Thou Me More Than These?	Christ was Anointed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th Anniversary of New Life BP Church, London: We welcome all friends and guests to our 10th Anniversary service. We thank God for His guidance and blessings on this church for the past 10 years. May God continue to use this church as a witness to the congregation and in the Queens Park neighbourhood. Soli Deo Gloria! • Welcome: We welcome back Dr Tow Siang Hwa and Rev Lim Chee Boon to London. Rev Lim will be ministering to us while Mok is on vacation for 2 months. In the morning worship service, he will continue the series on the gospel of John. In the evening, he will begin a new series on 1 Peter. • Pray for journey mercies: For those who are travelling especially for Dr Tow Siang Hwa and Mok & Carol. • Visa Application: Mok will be applying for a minister's visa while in Singapore. Please pray for the successful application. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2006: The conference theme is "Promoting Spiritual Life and Service" and will take place from Tues 4th to Thurs 6th July. For those interested, please see Mok for the application form and costing details. • A word of thanks to those who have contributed their time and efforts in the planning and preparation of the 10th Anniversary.
<i>Text:</i>	John 21:15-22	John 12:1-11	
<i>Organist:</i>	Yanning	Anthony	
Evening			
<i>Chairman:</i>	Seetoh Yoong Chiang	John Poh	
<i>Speaker:</i>	Dr Tow Siang Hwa	Rev Lim Chee Boon	
<i>Message:</i>	Endure Hardness as a Good Soldier of Jesus Christ.	The Significant of the Blood	
<i>Text:</i>	2 Timothy 2:1-4	1 Peter 1:13-25	
<i>Pianist:</i>	Ming Yann	Anthony	
Other Duties			
	Today	Next Week	
<i>Ushers</i>	Daniel/Mok	John/Jeff	
<i>Sunday Sch:</i>	No Sunday School	Joyce	
<i>Singspirat'n:</i>	Ming Yann/Anthony	Yoong Chiang/Ming Yann	
<i>Lunch:</i>	Carry In Lunch	Maureen	
<i>Washing-up:</i>	Prema/Yetta	YAF Group 1	
<i>Bible Study:</i>	No DHW Class	DHW – Genesis 25	
Appointments of the Week			
Wed 28 June	7:30 pm	Mid Week Prayer Meeting: C'man: Mok	
Fri 30 June	7.00 pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Led by John	
Sat 1 July	4.00 pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Spkr/C'man: Rev Lim Chee Boon	
Last Week's Worship Service Collections			
Offering:	£445.42	Book/CD Sales	£21.00
YAF:	£48.36	Lunch:	£40.00
<u>The Shorter Catechism</u>			
<i>Q105. What do we pray for in the Fifth Petition?</i>			
<p>Ans: In the Fifth Petition – (which is, AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS) – we pray, That God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins, which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by His grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.</p> <p><i>Comments: In the Fifth and Sixth petitions we pray for the supply of our spiritual wants. We ask first for the pardon of our sins. This is promised in Scripture on the condition that we forgive others. If God, then, has enabled us to forgive all who have offended us, we may confidently trust that he will hear our own prayer for forgiveness. Sins are here called debts, because in sinning we become debtors to the law; and the law demands either obedience, or the penalty of disobedience.</i></p>			