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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-6

Psalm 97:1-6

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 24 – “Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty”

RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s
Awful Throne”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 35

Matthew 25:1-13

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 35 verses 24-28
(to the tune of Beatitudo, RHC 388)

RHC 220 – “Will Jesus Find
Us Watching?”

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 420 – “I Surrender All”

Scriptural Text

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

1 Thessalonians 5:1-28

Pastoral Prayer

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Sermon Message

To Walk Pleasing to God

Behold He Cometh

Lord’s Supper

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*Closing Hymn **

RHC 315 – “Walk in the Light”

RHC 227 – “O Glorious
Day!”

*Benediction / 3-Fold
Amen **

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

RHC 13 (stanzas 1 & 4)

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

Church Theme 2010 – “Believers Built in Christ”

A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD – PART 3

This is the final of the 3 part series exhortation on the topic, “A right view of God.” The purpose of the sharing is to impress on the readers the importance of having a right view of God. We believe in a Holy God. We know His will for every Christian is to live holy. We know it is necessary for us to make choices according to His Word and will. However, our choices oftentimes are outside His will. One reason is we do not have a right view of God.

In last week’s article, we see that the prophet Isaiah had a vision of God. The vision was meant to confirm and to strengthen Isaiah in his prophetic ministry. Isaiah’s life was revolutionized by the vision he had of God. We should be spending time to read and to study the Bible. I hope all of you would catch a vision of the Holy God through the study of His infallible Word.

In the vision, Isaiah saw something else – he saw himself. He saw his sinfulness and the cleansing power of God. A right view of God will invariably result in a right esteem of oneself.

I) IN THE VISION ISAIAH SAW HIMSELF (6:5)

In verse 5 Isaiah says, “Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips.” The phrase “woe is me” is a passionate cry of grief or despair. Isaiah grieved over his own sinful state and damnation. The word “undone” in the Hebrew gives to us the English word “damn,” meaning “to be destroyed.” This is how Isaiah felt when he stood before the glory and holiness of God.

What did Isaiah see about himself?

Firstly, Isaiah saw his own unworthiness. A man who has truly known God is humble. The publican prayed, beating his chest, said, “God be merciful to me a sinner.” (Luke 18:13) The Lord Jesus says of this man, “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” (Luke 18:14) No man would exalt himself above God and his fellow men when he has truly seen God.

Secondly Isaiah saw his own uncleanness. He said, “I am a man of unclean lips.” The word “unclean” needs not mean “sinful.” It does mean “off limits, out of bounds, unacceptable in the presence of God. Isaiah understood the fact that even if his speech is clean and wholesome, yet it is still not holy in the sight of God.

If our speech is filled with vulgarity and unwholesome words, it is definitely sinful in God's sight. We say the right thing in church; does it mean that God is pleased? The words of the Pharisees were correct morally. But God is not pleased with them. They were very self-righteous in their attitude. In the prayer of the Pharisee, he said, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." (Luke 18:11-12) How often we have spoken amiss. Our words hurt the hearers and turn them away from listening to the gospel. May God cleanse our sin of idle words or words that caused hurt.

II) IN THE VISION ISAIAH SAW HIS NEED FOR CLEANSING (6:6-13)

Firstly, Isaiah needs cleansing for the forgiveness of sin. (6:6,7) A seraphim was seen taking live coal with tongs from the altar. He touched the lips of Isaiah and said, "Thine iniquity is taken away and thy sin purged." The first condition for an effective service in the work of God is the cleansing of our sins. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." (Psalm 66:18)

Secondly, Isaiah needs cleansing to serve God (6:8) After being cleansed from his sin, God spoke to Isaiah, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Isaiah is sent to preach to the nation of Israel. The job was a daunting one because the people were stubborn and rebellious. Isaiah needed God's power to reach out to them. For God to use him, Isaiah needed cleansing from all his sins.

Thirdly, Isaiah needs cleansing for the proclamation of the word of God. (6:9-13) Isaiah realized that he needed God's power to preach the Word of God. The first condition for God's power to operate in our lives is, we must be cleansed from all our sins. If we want lost souls to hear the gospel we must first be free from all defilements. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:19)

In conclusion, let me answer this question, "How can we have right view of God?" First of all, let us saturate our lives with God's Word. Paul says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17) The amount of time we spend daily, weekly, monthly and early to hear God's Word is important. I hope we will all deem necessary to attend worship service, Sunday School, Bible Study, camps, and any other occasions where the Word is preached. Our view of God is sharpened in each of the meetings.

Secondly, let us surround ourselves with people who strive to have a correct view of God. The kind of people who often surround you tells others much of who you are. Many people pick up unhealthy habits in life simply by the friends they move around with. If it is true in the social realm, it must also be true in the spiritual realm. Some one taught me this truth: "Faith begets faith, and righteousness begets righteousness." The idea is when we surround ourselves with people who have faith, we stand to gain faith.

Rev Lim Chee Boon

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

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.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Fri 10 September	7:30pm	No Young Adults Fellowship	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Lydia to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 11 September	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: (led by Eld George Chew)	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Eld George Chew	Eld George Chew	Today: 05/09/2010
Message	A New Covenant	The Covenant worker	Chairman: John Poh
Text	Hebrew 8:1-13	Isaiah 49:1-13	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Joy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us every Saturday to pray and study God's Word. • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Today, Rev Lim will be leading a study based on "The Lord's Supper". • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Jonathan, Helen, Sonia and Deborah Sherwood. Thank God for Brian completing his radiotherapy sessions. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & family (Nigeria), Nick (Belgium), Lydia (Paris), Constance (Ghana), Pastor & Mrs Ki (Australia), Brian (M'sia). Thank God for safe arrival of Ching Kiong, Evelyn & Christiana. • Pastor and Mrs Ki send their greetings to the congregation from Adelaide. 			Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Jonathan
			Next Week: 12/09/2010
			Chairman: Joey Seow
			Organist: Joy
			Pianist: Anthony
			Ushers: Daniel / Jonathan
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch: Jonathan
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: John
Worship Service Collections Last Sunday: £288.95, Lunch: £36.00			MEMORY VERSE
Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 13 (A) 2 (C)			<p>Last Week</p> <p><i>"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh."</i></p> <p>Romans 8:12</p> <p>This Week</p> <p><i>"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live"</i></p> <p>Romans 8:13</p> <p>Next Week</p> <p><i>"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."</i></p> <p>Romans 8:14</p>
Prayer Meeting (04/09): 8 (A)			
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 36			
Q: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?			
<p><i>A: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, <u>assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.</u></i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> Here are five blessings enumerated for us, which, in this life, necessarily either go along with or flow from the three just described. They who are justified, adopted, and are being sanctified, enjoy for that reason: 1. Confidence that God loves them; 2. Freedom from the sense of guilt and fear of condemnation; 3. Gladness of heart in feeling that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in them; 4. A greater and greater increase of spiritual endowment; 5. The power of persevering in the enjoyment of all these graces to the end.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u> 1 John 4:16, Romans 5:1-2, Romans 15:13, Philippians 1:6</p>			

