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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

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 92:1-5	Psalm 24:1-5
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 47 – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”	RHC 24 – “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 44	Genesis 1
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 44, verses 1-8</i> (to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)	RHC 6 – “The Spacious Firmament on High”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 311 – “Does Jesus Care?”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 7:12	Genesis 2
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Golden Rule</i>	<i>Lessons from God’s Creation</i>
<i>Lord’s Supper</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 201 – “According to Thy Gracious Word”	“This Is My Father’s World”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 13 (stanzas 1 & 4)</i>

* 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”

WORSHIP - CONCLUSION

When I began to write about the principles of biblical worship, I did not intend to make so many articles but only a few. However, the more I studied, the more I found and learnt about worship from the Scriptures. I could not resist the desire to share what I have learnt with you as much as I could. At times, I lost the train of my thoughts but kept going, and now we are about to see the end of it. Let me reiterate the eleven principles of the biblical worship just to remind all of us of what we have learnt so far. They are: (1) The Bible tells us about manners of worship; (2) we need to know the object of worship, which is God alone; (3) worship includes offerings to God; (4) worship has its own time; (5) worship needs to be well prepared; (6) worship includes praises of Him; (7) there are worshippers; (8) worship comes with the right attitude from the worshippers; (9) worship has purposes and results; (10) worship must have proper reasons or motives behind it; and (11) there are wrong kinds of worship. If I had known everything I have written before I began to write, I could have made a better outline and tidier structure of the writing. However, I hope that you have been reading my articles carefully and learnt something about God-worship. Having read everything, if you and I are not going to be better worshippers, we are worse than the spiritually unlearned and ignorant people. Hope and pray that we will practice what we have learnt so far.

My conclusion is a talk about the key components of worship we may find from our order of worship. When we visit churches, we often find some differences in the order of worship or the components of worship. For example, concerning the order of worship, some churches give announcements and welcoming of visitors even before anything else including hymn singing and prayers. Some churches have church offering collections after the sermons, while other churches do it before the messages. Some churches open their worship service with lively singing, while other churches with solemn confession of sins and prayers. Concerning components of worship, some churches recite the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer as a part of their worship, while other churches do not have them. Some churches may stand up for the scripture reading, while others don't. I have found some churches have their yearly changing mottos, and the congregation is asked to recite them during the worship, other churches do not have such. Some churches sing hymns with musical instruments, while others sing only A cappella, singing only with the human voices. Some people sing only psalms, while others sing hymns as well. I have seen people fighting over these differences. I purposefully avoid such conflicts. I'll allow individuals to make their own judgment on these issues. However, I have a strong desire in my heart that people will respect others' preferences without condemning them. Let only God be glorified in all things.

Instead of talking about the order of worship, or the exhaustive list of its components, I'll conclude my talk about biblical worship by explaining the basic components that must be included in our worship. What I am going to say is only a skeleton, and I do not claim that these are the only components we must have in a worship program.

First, there must be prayers. I cannot think about biblical worship without considering an element of prayer in it. In our Sunday worship program, there are, in fact, a few times to make prayers. They are the (1) opening prayer, (2) offertory prayer, (3) pastoral prayer before sermon, (4) usually concluding prayer after sermon, (5) final benediction, and (6) meditational prayer after postlude (which is a personal prayer). Then, it seems that worship begins with prayer and ends with it. The Bible clearly indicates that prayer is absolutely necessary for our worship. It leads our hearts to God by confessing and praising Him. Also prayer is a humble expression of our dependence on God and recognition of God's ownership over us. Thus, through prayers we bring honor and praises to the Lord and make our requests known to Him.

At the same time, through prayer we confess that we would follow His will and obey His instructions. Therefore, it is most appropriate for us to come to church early and to prepare our hearts with earnest prayers. In general, I have seen people who are habitually late comers to worship services. I do not think they are habitually late-comers to their job interviews or important meetings. Just in case, if they are late to important meetings, they will apologize and promise that they will be more careful in the future. However, the habitual late comers to worship services are always late, and they are not sorry for it. How we worship is important. Let us prepare our hearts with prayers before each worship service.

Second, there must be singing and music. We have a few hymn singings in our worship program such as the prelude, opening hymn, Gloria Patri, second hymn, offertory hymn, doxology, closing hymn, and postlude. If we itemize the worship program, it has 16 items in it, out of which half of them are related to hymn singing. It is an indication that music is a very important part of worship. We usually use psalms for the second hymn. Music is an expression of our praises and adorations to God. Therefore, worship hymns and music must be able to reflect the worthiness of our God and to express our faith in Him. If music is to be used in worship, its primary focus must be given to God alone. Then, its secondary role is to quieten our souls before His presence. It also means that music must not take the pre-eminent place in worship. It is only a means or instrument for us to adore and praise the Lord. If music overpowers or overshadows the real sense of worship, it is being misused.

Third, there must be preaching. 2 Timothy 4:2 says, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." To preach is to proclaim. The preaching must have its contents, and Paul says that it is the Word, which is God's Word, the Bible. It has to be the Bible because of a few reasons. (1) The worship requires us to know the object of worship. When false ideas and opinions are coming into our faith, then our religion becomes perverted and distorted. Or, when people refuse to glorify God, though they know God, their religion can be corrupt, and their worship is superstitious. Romans 1:21-23, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³ And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." (2) The true knowledge of Christ consists in believing in Him. Ephesians 4:20-21, "But ye have not so learned Christ; ²¹ If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus." Faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Then, if we have neither heard nor learnt about Christ, then how can we believe in Him and worship Him? John 20:31, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." The Bible was written for our faith and salvation. Thus, preaching is necessary. (3) The Bible is the self revelation of God. He has revealed Himself in His Word. Then, in order to know Him better, we ought to know the Bible. There are so many, "thus saith the Lord," passages in the Bible, which are an indication that the Bible is His self-revelation. Then, preaching is not one of many components of worship but the most important element of worship. In a way, preaching defines true worship. I hope that this short summary has given you ample ideas of worship. May the Lord enable us to be His better and true worshippers!

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

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 12 November	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship Philippians – Rev Ki	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord’s Day. We like to welcome Adele Goh & Germaine Cheng to our worship services last Lord’s Day.	
Sat 13 November	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study		
<i>Next Lord’s Day</i>		<i>Morning Service</i> <i>Evening Service</i>		
Preacher		Rev Timothy Ki Rev Timothy Ki	LORD’S DAY DUTIES	
Message		Two Ways of Life Creation and Sin	Today: 07/11/2010	
Text		Matthew 7:13-14 Genesis 3	Chairman: John Poh Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Jonathan / Evelyn Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian / Joshua Next Week: 14/11/2010 Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Joey / Yetta Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John / Joshua	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS				
<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, Pastor Ki will continue on the series of studies based on “The Doctrine of Church.” • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May, Mrs Ki, Sonia. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Lydia (Paris), Jiak Eng (S’pore), Purdee (Australia). • Annual Congregational Meeting: The ACM will be held after the morning service on Sunday 14th November. If members wish to raise a question or topic for discussion, please submit them to Jonathan or John by today. 				
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £701.10, Lunch: £59.10			MEMORY VERSE	
Attendance - Morning: 36 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 26 (A) 2 (C)			Last Week <i>“Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”</i> Romans 8:21	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 45			This Week <i>“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”</i> Romans 8:22	
Q: Which is the First Commandment? <i>A: The First Commandment is, THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.</i> Comments: God wrote the Ten Commandments on two tables of stone. On the first table he wrote the first four commandments, which contain our duty to God; and on the second he wrote the remaining six commandments, which contain our duty to man. This First Commandment teaches us the only proper <i>object</i> of worship. It is GOD – and beside him there is no other. This is the simple meaning of the commandment, but in the Shorter Catechism each commandment is explained and expanded, by showing first what it <i>bids</i> us do, than what it <i>forbids</i> us to do, and lastly, what <i>special reasons</i> or motives there may be for its observance.			Next Week <i>“And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”</i> Romans 8:23	