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

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LORD’S DAY 15 AUGUST 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 150:1-2, 6	Psalm 134
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 23 – “O Splendour of God’s Glory Bright”	RHC 48 – “O Bless Our God With One Accord”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 32	Psalm 37
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 32 verses 1, 2, 7, 8, 11</i> (to the tune of Kilmamock, RHC 561)	RHC 323 – “Trust and Obey”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 214 – “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 6:16-18	Hebrews 11:32-40
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Lessons about Biblical Fasting</i>	<i>The Demonstrations of Faith</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 409 – “Take Time to Be Holy”	RHC 400 – “Every Moment of Every Day”
<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 PART 30

I'll continue to talk about the meanings of biblical service. It is the continuation of the seventeenth point of biblical worship. Under this point, I have been dealing with preparations for service and worship. I am going to begin with the eighth point under service preparations.

Eight, preparation includes utmost efforts. There is no true service that costs us nothing. 1 Chronicles 29:2, "Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance." Proverbs 30:25, "The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer." It is important for us to put our bests into the preparations to serve the Lord. This thought may be applied in various ways to different individuals. As for the people who have duties and responsibilities in church ministries, they are required faithful preparations. Chairpersons must prepare themselves with prayers and clean hearts for worship services. Musicians should also prepare themselves with prayers and proper practices. There are ushers, finance officers, kitchen duties, and many others who must prepare themselves for the service and worship of God. Each and every one of the worshippers must come to church with heart preparations. At the same time, there are people who are still in school and job trainings. They ought to prepare themselves for their future services. Christian students must study hard for the glory of God, and they diligent trainings and educations will enable them to serve the Lord with bigger capacities. The fact that we need to prepare ourselves for the Lord's service implies at least two things: (1) there are times to prepare, and (2) there are times to use our preparations for God's service. Soldiers must sweat during their drills and hard training sessions in order to be better and more efficient soldiers. Likewise, all Christians must prepare themselves for the Lord's service with their best efforts because they are the soldiers for Christ.

Nine, preparation includes affection toward God and His things. 1 Chronicles 29:3, "Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house." True service for God must begin in our hearts. Heart preparation is important. I do not think that we do not know such principle. Rather, our question is how can we train and discipline our hearts to be prepared? It must begin with keeping our hearts from wrong things. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life." The Hebrew word for "keep" may also be translated as "guard" or "watch." The Scripture tells us that we ought to guard our inner beings. Proverbs 22:5 says, "Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them." Deuteronomy 4:9 also says, "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons." Our inner man needs careful watch from being defiled. It is because such inner cleanness is important to God. Thus, Psalm 139:23 says, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

However, our hearts are not naturally clean, either. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" That's why Proverbs 28:26 says, "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered." If our hearts are not inherently clean and pure, how can we guard it? That's why even the believers of Jesus Christ need to hear from Proverbs 23:19 saying, "Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way." We need to hear God's word and to guide our hearts in the way. At the same time, we need to cultivate our minds with good things.

Paul says in Philippians 4:8, “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.” While we are enjoying unclean things, we cannot keep our hearts in purity. All believers of God must prepare themselves to serve the Lord by taking careful considerations about the way they live, think, speak, and behave. Their hobbies may corrupt their hearts. Their interests and even certain kind of curiosities may corrupt them. We ought to be careful with what we see, hear, do, and enjoy. Unclean movies, music, or relationship will hurt our efforts to keep our hearts. In order to keep the foremost important commandment of God, which is to love Him with everything, we ought to train our minds with good things and cultivate good way of life.

Ten, preparation includes seeking the Lord. Our hearts must be prepared to seek the Lord. When we do not prepare our hearts for God, we may do evil against Him. 2 Chronicles 12:14, “And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.” When we prepare our hearts for God, we may do the right things for God’s honor. 2 Chronicles 19:3, “Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.” When we do not prepare our hearts for God, we do not properly serve and worship Him. 2 Chronicles 20:33, “Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.” 2 Chronicles 30:19, “*That* prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.” Seeking the Lord means to have hunger and thirst for His presence. It also means to put God first in everything we do. When we come to the Lord’s Table every month, our hearts must be prepared in order to partake of it. When we give our offerings, our hearts must be prepared to give our offerings to Him. When we come to church, we ought to sit down and take some time to prepare our hearts to serve and worship Him. When we come to church on Sunday morning and evening, instead of spending time to talk to each other amongst the worshippers before worship services, we ought to spend some time in prayer to prepare our hearts to worship Him. I would say that we must be in the sanctuary at least 15 minutes before the appointed worship time. In silence we either pray or read the Bible. We may sing hymns softly while musicians play music before worship services. Some people have a disrespectful habit to be late to all services. It is an indication that they have not prepared their hearts to seek God the most. Do not develop such habit. Musicians must come early and prepare themselves with prayer first. By the way, our heart preparation must be shown through our outer manners including certain dress code. When we come to church, we prepare ourselves with the best preparations instead of casual manners inside out. We come to worship with a thought that we are coming to the presence of the Lord as a body of Christ. We must come with desire to hear Him speaking to us through His servants. We seek God, Him alone in our preparation for His service.

Eleven, preparations includes right manners of life. 2 Chronicles 27:6, “So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.” 2 Timothy 2:21, “If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.” How we live truly matters.

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 20 August	7:30pm	No Young Adults Fellowship	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Ron & Denise Vandermey, and Joy's mother Diane to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 21 August	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: (led by Rev Lim)	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">LORD'S DAY DUTIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today: 15/08/2010</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Kim Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Joey Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Joy & Auntie Diane Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Week: 22/08/2010</u></p> <p>Chairman: Joey Seow Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Jonathan / John Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian</p>
Preacher	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon	
Message	One Body Many Members	Spiritual Maturity	
Text	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10	James 1:1-12	
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 "<i>The Doctrine of Church.</i>" • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew and Deborah Sherwood. Also, pray for Brian upcoming radiotherapy sessions. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Constance, Evelyn & Christiana (Ghana), Jonathan's Parents (Malaysia) • Rev Jack Sin is organising a trip to Turkey & Greece from 1-15th November 2010. Please see Rev. Ki for more information. • The Church would like to welcome Margaret as a member. 			
<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Service Collections Last Sunday: £591.80, Lunch: £28.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attendance - Morning: 25 (A), Evening: 14 (A) Prayer Meeting (14/08): 6 (A)</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">MEMORY VERSE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Last Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 8:9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 8:10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 8:11</p>
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 33			
<p>Q: What is justification?</p> <p><i>A: Justification is an <u>act of God's free grace</u>, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and <u>accepteth us as righteous</u> in his sight, only for the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST imputed to us, and received by <u>faith</u> alone.</i></p> <p>Comments: <i>Justification</i> means pronouncing a person righteous; it is the opposite of <i>condemnation</i>. It is said to be an <i>act</i>, because it is done at once; and an act of God's <i>free grace</i>, because we can do nothing of ourselves to deserve it. It consists of two parts – <i>pardon</i> and <i>acceptance</i>; and we are taught also that the <i>cause</i> of it is not our own goodness, but <i>Christ's</i>, and that Christ's righteousness becomes ours through <i>faith</i>.</p> <p>Proofs: Romans 3:24, Ephesians 1:7, Romans 5:19, Galatians 2:16</p>			