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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 17 OCTOBER 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 93	Romans 5:18-21
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 1 – “O Worship the King”	RHC 139 – “One Day!”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 41	Psalm 103
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 41, verses 1-3, 13</i> (to the tune of St Agnes, RHC 57)	RHC 314 – “Nearer, Still Nearer”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 390 – “Something for Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 24:3-7, 24, 32-37, 42	2 Thessalonians 2:3-9, 15-17
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Tow Siang Hwa	Dr Tow Siang Hwa
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Lord is Coming!</i>	<i>The Falling Away</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 228 – “Jesus Is Coming Again”	RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Tow Siang Hwa	Dr Tow Siang Hwa
<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 33

It is a part of the continuation of the biblical worship. Under this heading, I am going to deal with the eighteenth point about preparation for service and worship.

Eighteen, the Bible warns us that there are consequences if we are not prepared to meet the Lord. The ones who render their services to someone are his servants. Likewise, the believers of God are serving Him, and they are His servants. What they have to know is that they will be accountable to Him. They will be evaluated according to their works, and they need to prepare themselves for that day. We serve Him today, and our services will be measured and weighed in the future. Faithful service is the best preparation for that day. Luke 12:47, "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*." Amos 4:12, "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

Nineteen, service must be rendered based on accurate knowledge of God: (1) Otherwise, any misinformed and misguided knowledge may produce merciless and unreasonable religious fanaticism. John 16:2 says, "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service [*latreia* added by me]." The Jews considered their persecution upon Christians as proper ways for them to serve God. It is not secret any more these days that some religious fanatics kill and murder people. They consider such barbaric acts as tokens of devotion to their god or gods. We may say that Catholics are guilty of religious fanaticism during the medieval times. They used cruel method such as Inquisition by which many people became victims. However, we should not forget that religious fanaticism has been also found within the Protestant movement. Unless we are correctly informed and become mature in the things of God, we can be cruel, fanatical, and merciless, in the meanwhile we may consider all of these mischievous misbehaviors are only for the Lord and His glory; (2) misinformed faith and knowledge may lead us to false religion as in Galatians 4:8, "Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service [*deuleuo* meaning *be a slave, be subjected* as in John 8:33; Acts 7:7; Galatians 4:25; Matthew 6:24; Luke 15:29; 16:13; Romans 14:18, all added by me] unto them which by nature are no gods." Colossians 2:4-9 offer us a good example: "And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. ⁵ For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. ⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: ⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. ⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. ⁹ For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Verse 4 warns us that we may be beguiled. Verse 8, especially, warns us that there are things to deceive and misguide us such as philosophy and deceit after the tradition of men and things of the world. All these enticements and deceptions take us to depart from the ways of Christ. Though we may fervently serve, if our service is not based and grounded in the true knowledge of God, we may render only false and fruitless services, which will not be acceptable by the Lord. In fact, Paul offers us solutions for such potential problems in verse 5-7. In particular, he reminds us that we have been taught, and we must remain steadfast in faith.

Twenty, service may benefit the fellowmen as Romans 15:31, "That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service [*diakonia* added by me] which *I have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints."

It is because every service must be offered as unto the Lord as in Ephesians 6:7, "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men." The believing masters are worthy of receiving the fellow believers' loyal services at work as in 1 Timothy 6:2, "And they that have believing masters, let them not despise *them*, because they are brethren; but rather do *them* service [*deuleuo* added by me], because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort." If we read Ephesians 6:5-6, the meaning of this point becomes even clearer. "Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; ⁶ Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." Had it been true that serving our masters (maybe in secular employment) must be done as unto the Lord, suddenly there is no division between sacred and secular for the believers of Christ. Everything we do has to be sanctified for God's glory. True service does not take place just in the church sanctuary but everywhere we go and in whatever we do. This thought encourages to sanctify everything concerning us. Every relationship we have is important, and our service must be beneficial to other people, too.

Twenty-one, service to God must be rendered according to the worthiness of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as in Hebrews 9:9, "Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service [*latreuo* added by me] perfect, as pertaining to the conscience." The blood of Jesus has cleansed us all. Then our service for Him must be sanctified, too.

The eighth principle of biblical worship begins from article no. 18 up until now, and now I am going to move onto the next principle. **The ninth principle of biblical worship is that worship has purposes and results.** Psalm 86:9 says, "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name." Psalm 99:5, "Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is holy.*" Acts 16:14, "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." Worship is to glorify the name of God, to exalt Him, and to hear God's Word. According to Psalm 86:9, when we come to worship God, we glorify His name. It tells us that worship is to be done personally. God's name indicates that God is a person. We are not worshipping lifeless objects but a person. He has attributes and nature. The reason God is worthy of our worship is that He is holy. When we worship, we pay attention to the preaching of God's Word. That's what Lydia, a seller of purple, did. Worship and proclamation of God's Word are inseparable. Thus, the worshippers ought to desire to hear God's Word. Having seen all of these points and verses, we cannot but draw a conclusion that from man's point of view worship is a matter of the believers' response to God. It implies lots of truths. (1) Worship is not a response to the greatness of nature. All idol worship is not true worship. (2) Worship is not a response to our needs. (3) Worship is not a response to our inner feelings or subjective and mystical experiences. Thus, all mysticism or new age type of worship must be rejected. (4) Worship is not a human invention. But, (5) worship is a response to the revelation of God in our soul. (6) Worship is a response to who He is. For example He is holy. He is also love. The Bible says that the reason we love God is because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). Worship is a response to the manifestation of His glory and perfection. Romans 11:36 is a good summary of this thought: "For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen."

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 22 October	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony Psalm 100 – Mr Richard Monteith	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Francis Khoo, Swee Chan Ang, Weifeng Lim, Lim Meng Kin, Tan Peng Gong, Ming Yu Lin, Yiwen Tan, John & Susan to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 23 October	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	
<i>Message</i>	Lessons about Prayer	God who Gives us a Second Chance	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Text</i>	Matthew 7:7-11	Jonah 3-4	
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." • Dr Tow has provided some books for sale: Various titles, including Dr Tow's memoirs, can be found for sale at the book table. • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May, Maureen, Mrs Ki, Sonia. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Dr Tow (S'pore) • Thank God for the safe rescue of the miners in Chile. 			<p>Today: 17/10/2010</p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Kim Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Joey Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John / Joshua</p> <p>Next Week: 24/10/2010</p> <p>Chairman: John Poh Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Jonathan / Yetta Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian / Joshua</p>
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £996.70, Love Gift: £300, Lunch: £62</p>			MEMORY VERSE
<p>Attendance - Morning: 43 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 28 (A)</p>			Last Week
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 42			<p>"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18</p> <p>This Week</p> <p>"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Romans 8:19</p> <p>Next Week</p> <p>"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope," Romans 8:20</p>
<p>Q: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?</p> <p><i>A: The sum of the Ten Commandments is, TO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and OUR NEIGHBOUR as ourselves.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> The whole of God's commands to us are here summed up in one word – LOVE. The man who with his whole soul loves God and his neighbour, fulfils the law. Neighbour here means not merely one who lives near us, but, as Christ teaches us (Luke 10), whoever holds kindred with us, or is a man.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u> Matthew 23:37, 39, 40; Romans 13:10</p>			