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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 18 JULY 2010

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>	Romans 5:6-11	Hebrews 4:14-16
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”	RHC 301 – “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 28	Jeremiah 1
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 29 verses 6-9</i> (to the tune of Crimond, RHC 344)	RHC 305 – “Wonderful Words of Life”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 348 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 6:9-15	Hebrews 11:32-40
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Lord's Prayer - Part 4</i>	<i>Jeremiah's Faith</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 175 – “For All My Sin”	Hymn (insert) – “Let Us Plead for Faith Alone”
<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 27

I'll continue to talk about the meaning of biblical service. Today, I'll begin with the sixteenth point.

Sixteen, service requires good organization as in 1 Chronicles 24:3, "And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service [leitourgia added by me]" (cf. 24:19; 25:1 [ergon]; 8:14; 31:2, 16; Ezra 8:20). 2 Chronicles 34:13, "Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters." 2 Chronicles 35:10, "So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment." 2 Chronicles 35:15, "And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them." 1 Chronicles 26:8, "All these of the sons of Obededom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, were threescore and two of Obededom." There are so many areas of service in God's work, and work needs to be distributed to people according to their gifts and availabilities. Such concepts are not foreign to the New Testament. 1 Corinthians 12 is a good example. Paul says in 12:4, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." We should pay attention to two words, "diversities" and "same." Basically, diversity means "difference" or "variety." The words diversity and same appear to be opposites. However, in God's service, there is a beautiful combination of these two words. There is diversity in God's service, but diversity does not mean disharmony or disunity, because diversity in God's service is given by the same Spirit. Paul clarifies this lesson in 12:5-6 by saying, "And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." Let us consider a few lessons concerning good organization in God's service for His worship.

(1) Service to God is the duty of all believers. It is because they are members of one body. Thus, no one should be negligent in serving God. Service for God is designed for all believers of God. If anyone neglects his duty, then the rest of the body has to bear more burdens. Think about a soccer game. If a team loses a player because of a red card, then the rest of the players have to run more to fill the gap left by the absent player. They may get weary and more tired than the opposing players. Playing the game becomes more difficult. (2) Not everybody has the same role. It is because God has given us different gifts, callings, and works. Besides, we are all different, and in fact, uniquely different. 1 Corinthians 12:14-18, "For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." As our body is not consisted of only one member such as foot, hand, or eye, so Christian service is not just one kind. There are varieties of service. (3) However, all service has one same goal. All service is rendered to build up a body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:19-20, "And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body." (4) Good intentions must be transformed into good service. What I am saying is that good intentions do not always produce good results. Sometimes good intentions need to be guided and led by one ultimate goal that God wants us to achieve, which is to build up the body of Christ. Haven't we known that lots of Christian churches and organizations have suffered divisions because of good intentions? Even good intentions need proper guidance by a higher calling and goal set by God.

Corinthian believers were zealous. Out of good hearts, they wanted to follow the teachings and examples set by Apollos, Paul, and Peter. But some people said they belonged to the party of Christ, as if others were not related to Christ (1 Corinthians 1:12). Some people eat something for religious reasons, while others do not eat the same thing because of the same reason. Some people honor one day over other days, while others treat everyday the same. For such a dilemma as this, Paul says in Romans 14:6-8, "He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. 7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. 8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." At times, we need to accept differences in methodologies in serving the Lord. Thus, while we recognize individuals' differences, all of us need to work together for one goal. It is a real picture of unity in diversity. It leads us to consider the next point.

(5) We need to avoid schisms or divisions while serving the Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:25 says, "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." In fact, service for God improves our inter-personal relationships, even to care one for another. Listen to what Paul has to say in Ephesians 4:15-16, "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." We are all fitly joined together. There is no I without you. That is the basic concept of service for God. Everybody is equally important for the service of God. (6) There are different offices for God's services. The pastoral epistles are examples to this lesson. There are duties that appointed officers have to look after. And there are duties for all who are not in those appointed offices. Such organizational structure makes for more efficient service for God. At the same time, organization does not and should not hurt the organic nature of Christian church and her services. Thus, 1 Corinthians 12:26 says, "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." We have different roles to play in God's services, but the goal is the same. It is for the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

(7) In order to have a good organization for better and more efficient services, we need to appoint right people for right service or ministries. When we appoint anyone for leadership positions, we must do it prayerfully and biblically. By all means, we should stick to the qualification conditions as prescribed in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. (8) We should not forget that good and efficient service through good organization should be able to produce good fruits. John 15:7-8, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." God expects us to be fruitful. Lastly, (9) the headship of Christ should never be forgotten. We do not have an organizational structure just for the sake of organization. We must not forget that we have appointed officers and administrative work in the service for God for God's honor and His glory. We should never forget that Jesus said in John 15:5b, "without me, ye can do nothing." Our loyalty is always to God and Him alone. We do not have any blind faith in an organization itself or its leaders. Our service is for God. All we do in serving Him is for his glory and honor. "For of him, and through him and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen" (Romans 11:36).

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 23 July	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony Psalm 76 – Mr David Park	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.	
Sat 24 July	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Shorter Catechism (led by Rev Ki)		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES	
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>Today: 18/07/2010</u>	
Message	The Lord's Prayer - Part 5	Jeremiah's Faith – Part 2	Chairman:	Jonathan Kim
Text	Matthew 6:9-15	Jeremiah 12:1-17	Organist:	Joy
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist:	Anthony
<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). Thank God for the safe arrival of Grace in S'pore. 			Ushers:	Daniel / Yetta
			Sunday School:	Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch:	Constance
			Washing Up:	Volunteers
			PA Crew:	Brian
			<u>Next Week: 25/07/2010</u>	
			Chairman:	John Poh
			Organist:	Anthony
			Pianist:	Joy
			Ushers:	Daniel / Constance
			Sunday School:	Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch:	Mrs Ki
			Washing Up:	Volunteers
			PA Crew:	Jonathan
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £537.80, Love Gift: £500, Lunch: £49.50			MEMORY VERSE	
Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 2 (C) Prayer Meeting (17/07): 9 (A)			Last Week	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 29			<i>"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."</i>	
Q: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?			Romans 8:5	
<i>A: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the <u>effectual application</u> of it to us by his Holy Spirit.</i>			This Week	
Comments: Having seen, in the previous questions, how salvation has been brought within our reach, we now come to learn the way in which we may become possessed of it. In this answer we are told, that while it is Christ who has purchased redemption for us, it is the Holy Spirit who puts us actually in possession of it.			<i>"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."</i>	
Proofs: John 16:13, Romans 8:14			Romans 8:6	
			Next Week	
			<i>"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."</i>	
			Romans 8:7	