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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>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Isaiah 42:8-12	Isaiah 61:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 103 – “Sunshine in My Soul”	RHC 64 – “Jesus! The Sinner’s Friend”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 37	1 John 4
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 37 verses 1-7, 10-11</i> (to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)	RHC 3 – “Love Divine”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 100 – “He Lifted Me”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Romans 12:1-21	Psalm 133
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Eld George Chew	Eld George Chew
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Purpose of the Church</i>	<i>Oil and Dew</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	Insert - “God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”	<i>Psalm 133 verses 1-3</i> (to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Eld George Chew	Eld George Chew
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 13 (stanzas 1 &amp; 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”**

# BIBLICAL RULES FOR THE WISE MANAGEMENT OF OUR TONGUE

## Introduction

James 3:13-18 says, *'Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.'*

There are many practical insights found in the universal epistles. The whole book of James talks about a belief that behaves (Good Christian conduct after salvation) and chapter 3 warns us that our speech must improve to show that we have been saved as we have turned away from spiritual darkness into the light of salvation.

Interpersonal communication (include electronic means) among Christians and even non-believers in different forms is an important aspect of life. Consider these important points:

1. James in chapter 3:2-8 talks about the great destructive power of the tongue (Verses 5 and 6 compared the tongue to fire!) Note the seven great iniquities that the tongue can commit that we need to be wary of :
  - a) Flattery; as opposed to honest and measured commendation for the deserving before God.
  - b) Beware of modern day worldly deception. Do not prevaricate from the truth and do not be presumptuous and pretend to know when we do not. Let your yea be yea, your nay be nay.
  - c) Do not be given to slander. Do not speak evil of others with malevolent intent or make suggestive remarks to undermine others.
  - d) Be careful of gossip, back-biting, murmuring, tale-bearing. Be very careful about what you pass around by word of mouth or even through other forms of electronic communication. It may come back to haunt you one day.
  - e) Beware of unedifying complaints. Negative criticism like the children of Israel entering the Promised Land who murmured against God's given manna and were consumed by fire (Num 11:1-11).
  - f) Be careful not to use threats and verbal abuse; Ephesians 6:4 added, parents do not provoke your children unto anger with harsh or sarcastic words.
  - g) Do not engage in unedifying debate that adds up to nothing with words of anger or malice.
2. James in chapter 3:9-12 talks about the uses and privileges of a well ordered tongue. They are:
  - a) To be used in Thanksgiving to God in prayer
  - b) Worship and praise (singing) of God when we sing hymns and read His Word
  - c) Encouragement and Edification when we encourage and exhort one another.
  - d) Praying for one with others believing God for His mercies and grace.

- e) Witnessing, teaching and preaching of the Word when we share the gospel of Christ with others.
- f) Words of consolation and solace / comfort when we strengthen one another in times of bereavement or distress
- g) 1 Peter 13:15 says, *'But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.'* Always be ready to give an answer of the hope that is in us with our lips to unbelievers.

## **Application and Reflection**

For every word that we are about to say, there should be 4 rules that govern our speech before we let it out of our mouths :

1. Sagacity (Is it wise to say it at all and to whom?)
2. Charity (Is it said out of love or hatred with an evil intent?)
3. Verity (Is it true or it is just a conjecture?)
4. Necessity (Must I say it and must it be now?)

We should always watch the Extent, Content and Intent of our speech. Paul in Colossians 4:6 says, *"Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."* Every organ of our body is to be sanctified by the Lord as Romans 6:19 says, *'I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.'* Ask the Lord to cleanse and purge us from all our sins.

## **Conclusion**

Colossians 4:6 says, *'Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.'* Finally, we are all vulnerable to sin through our lips daily. We need to pray and ask God for forgiveness and for wisdom to discipline ourselves as we let the Holy Spirit control our tongue. If you are a nonbeliever, first of all, you need to believe and accept Jesus as your personal Saviour and Lord, then can you can have edifying and wholesome speech that is acceptable to God and men.

Pastor Jack Sin

*Maranatha Messenger dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010*

# 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 24 September	4 & 7pm	<b>SGAT Conference</b> – Psalm 94, & 96-99 (Mr John Douglas)	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 25 September	4:00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> (led by Pastor Ki)	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<b>Today: 19/09/2010</b>
<b>Message</b>	Devoted Heart to God	God Who is in Control	<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan Kim
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 6:19-34	Jonah 1-17	<b>Organist:</b> Joy
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Pianist:</b> Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Come and join us every Saturday to pray and study God's Word.</li> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Today, Joey Seow will continue with a study on the topic "The Christian in the Workplace".</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Jonathan, Sonia. Thank God for Brian completing his radiotherapy sessions.</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling:</b> Eka &amp; family (Nigeria), Nick (Belgium), Lydia (Paris), Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki (Australia to UK), Brian (M'sia to UK), Sharon (Norway)</li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> John / Yetta
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan / Joy
			<b>Lunch:</b> Maureen
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> John / Joshua
			<b>Next Week: 26/09/2010</b>
			<b>Chairman:</b> John Poh
			<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Pianist:</b> Joy
			<b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / Daniel
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan / Joy
			<b>Lunch:</b> Constance
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Brian / Joshua
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> Last Sunday: £861.00, Lunch: £28.50			MEMORY VERSE
<b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 20 (A) 1 (C), Evening: 12 (A) 1 (C) Prayer Meeting (18/09): 5 (A)			<b>Last Week</b>
<b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 38</b>			<i>"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."</i>
<b>Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?</b>			<b>Romans 8:14</b>
<i>A: At the resurrection, believers being <u>raised up in glory</u>, shall be <u>openly acknowledged and acquitted</u> in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full ENJOYING OF GOD to all eternity.</i>			<b>This Week</b>
<b>Comments:</b>			<i>"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."</i>
We are here taught that there will be a resurrection, and after the resurrection a judgment. At that judgment those who have believed in Jesus will be blessed in the following ways: 1. They will be raised up with glorified bodies; 2. They will be acknowledged by Christ, the Judge, as his own people, and declared free from all guilt before an assembled world; 3. They will be taken to heaven, where they shall be happy with God for ever.			<b>Romans 8:15</b>
<b>Proofs:</b>			<b>Next Week</b>
1 Corinthians 15:43, Matthew 25:34, Revelations 21:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:17			<i>"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"</i>
			<b>Romans 8:16</b>