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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 23 MAY 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 9:1-2	Psalm 31:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 24 – “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”	RHC 348 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 20:1-9	Joshua 2:1-24
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 20</i> (to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)	RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 399 – “I Am Thine, O Lord”	---
<i>Scriptural Reading</i>	Matthew 5:43-48	Hebrews 11:31
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Eld George Chew	Eld George Chew
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Law of Love</i>	<i>Rahab’s Faith</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 395 – “A Heart Like Thine”	RHC 353 – “God Will Take Care of You”
<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”**

## WORSHIP PART 19

We have been studying the reasons why Christians are encouraged to go to church for corporate worship. We have studied three reasons so far. The fourth reason is that the believers of Christ should have spiritual fellowship with other Christians. When we gather together in the name of Jesus Christ, the presence of the Lord is promised in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." 1 John 1:3, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." Christian fellowship strengthens our faith and Christian life. Ecclesiastes 4:12, "And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." The fifth reason is that it is God's desire for us to be gathered together. Hebrews 10:24-26, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. <sup>26</sup> For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." There are a couple of lessons we may learn from this passage: (1) when we are together as a church we do motivate and encourage one another so that we may love one another and do good works for one another; (2) Especially, as the Lord's coming draws nearer, we ought to assemble ourselves even more; and (3) quite strikingly, the writer of the book of Hebrews related this issue of the believers' gathering to the knowledge of the truth in verse 26. The third point is interesting. While the verse indicates that the knowledge of the truth is important for our understanding of corporate worship, there are people who seem to cherish the truth of God but refuse to be a part of the Church. There has been a movement called the Nonchurch movement, which was founded by Uchimura Kanzo in 1901. He wrote many books, and according to Wikipedia, there are about 35,000 people belonging to the movement in Japan, Taiwan, and Korea. However, it is also interesting to see that this movement has its own organizational forms and rules. In fact, there is also a rule for membership. For example, only those who have "endeavored to live the Christian life for at least a year" can be members. They also must be committed to monthly meetings, spending Sundays to nurture faith and morals, and abstaining from tobacco and liquor. They also have Bible studies. What they do not have are liturgy, sacraments, and ordained ministers, but they have Bible teachers. Though there may be some genuine desire to serve the Lord amongst the followers of this movement, there are some problems with it. However, we should never forget that the Church is the wife of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-24): "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. <sup>24</sup> Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing." And at the same time, the Bible also calls local congregations the church of God. For example, 1 Thessalonians 1:1 says, "Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians *which is* in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Thus, the nonchurch movement, even by its term, is not so biblical.

The seventh reason is that it is God who has given us the church organization. There are a few considerations we need to think about. (1) God has given us the Pastoral Epistles (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus). As a part of God's inspired Word, these epistles give us lessons about God's desire, plan, and will for His people. There are at least three main themes in the epistles: teachings in the church, ministries in the church, and organizations of the church.

Concerning the organizations of the church, the Lord instructs us about church offices such as pastors (elders, bishops) and deacons. Therefore, it is biblical for the believers of God to be a part of a church with proper organization. Proper church organization (church offices and ministries) is necessary to protect the church of God from false teachers and disorderly individuals. For example, Paul recognizes the presence of church officers. Philippians 1:1, "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons [underline added]." Titus 1:5, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city [underline added], as I had appointed thee." Having a proper church organization (offices) is biblical. (2) God has given instructions to the believers concerning their relationship to the leaders. Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:12, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you." (3) God has given us instructions concerning discipline done by His church. Matthew 18:15-17, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. <sup>17</sup> And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church [underline added]: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." (4) God has given His gifts to His church, especially for the right teachings from the Scriptures. Ephesians 4:7-12, "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. <sup>9</sup> (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; <sup>12</sup> For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

The eighth reason is that the disciples of Jesus were gathered to worship the Lord on the first day of the week, which is Sunday. Acts 20:7 says, "And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." They observed the Lord's Supper and the preaching of the Word of God on this day. The ninth reason is that all believers are to be the members of one body. Jesus Christ is the head (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18), and all believers are making up the one body. Thus, they are to be together. The Holy Spirit has given them different gifts, and all members need to contribute to build up the body. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body is not one member, but many." The members in this one body are interdependent, not independent. When we are alone, we are incomplete. The tenth reason is that believers belong to one household, not many. 1 Timothy 3:14-15, "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: <sup>15</sup> But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." We need to learn how to behave within the household of God. And also, believers must work hard together to maintain the church's purity by upholding the truth of God. It is because the church is the pillar and ground of the truth.

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 28 May	7:00pm	<b>Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony</b>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 29 May	4:00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Shorter Catechism (led by Rev Ki)	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<b><u>Today: 23/05/2010</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	Teachings about Charity	Faith of Barak and Gideon	<b>Chairman:</b> John Poh <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Grace <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Constance <b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan / Joy / Grace <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Joshua
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 6:1-4	Hebrews 11:32	<b><u>Next Week: 30/05/2010</u></b>
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan Kim <b>Organist:</b> Joy <b>Pianist:</b> Anthony <b>Ushers:</b> John / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan / Joy / Grace <b>Lunch:</b> Constance <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Lee Wei
<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, Eld Chew will lead the Bible Study in place of Pastor Ki.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for the students:</b> For their exams (including preparations).</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Mrs Ki, Samuel Ki, Lydia, May Chew and Constance. Also, pray for Brian's recovery post successful operation on 17/5, Margaret's operation on 28/5 and Deborah Sherwood's recovery.</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling:</b> Eka &amp; Family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki (USA), Daniel &amp; Maureen (M'sia &amp; HK), Peter &amp; Hazel (S'pore)</li> </ul>			<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>
<b>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £476.56,</b> Lunch: £54.90 <b>Attendance - Morning: 31 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 2 (C)</b> Prayer Meeting (22/05): 10 (A)			<b>Last Week</b> <i>"For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God."</i> <b>Deuteronomy 4:24</b>
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 21			<b>This Week</b> <i>"And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ."</i> <b>2 Thessalonians 3:5</b>
<b>Q: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?</b> <i>A: The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal <u>Son of God</u>, BECAME MAN, and so was, and continueth to be, <u>God and man</u> in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.</i> <b>Comments:</b> To <i>redeem</i> is to <i>buy back</i> something which has been possessed before, but of which possession has been lost. Now, Jesus Christ redeemed us with his own blood. And of this Redeemer we are here told that, being God, he became man; so that the two natures in him remain henceforth and for ever united in one person. Jesus Christ, we must remember therefore, is not something <i>between</i> God and man, but <i>both</i> God and man. <b>Proofs:</b> Acts 4:12, Hebrews 2:14, Revelation 1:18			<b>Next Week</b> <i>"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."</i> <b>2 Thessalonians 3:6</b>