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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>	Psalm 105:1-3	Psalm 66:1-4
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 197 – “All Glory, Laud and Honour”	RHC 29 – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>		<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 42	Psalm 86:1-17
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 42, verses 1-4, 11</i> (to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 38)	RHC 306 – “Pass Me Not”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 137 – “Thanks to God”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 7:7-11	Jonah 3-4
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	Lessons about Asking	God who Gives us a Second Chance
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 358 – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	RHC 65 – “And Can it Be That I Should Gain?”
<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”

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

WORSHIP PART 34

The ninth principle of biblical worship is that worship has purposes and results. I do believe that this is a very important principle we must remember. It is because worship is something beyond us. It is because the relationship between God and man has been formed through God's own revelation. There is no one who has sought after God and found Him by himself. The sinful man has utterly failed in his spiritual pursuit to find God and to believe in Him. Instead, God had come down and revealed Himself to him. Its implications are many. For example, the Bible tells us that the reason we love God is because God has loved us first. In other words, our love for God is only a response to His first love. As we recite often, our faith is a gift from God. Then, faith is also a reflection of God's gift. Likewise, we are able to worship God because He has revealed Himself to us. Then, worship is more than a self-expression of our feelings or needs. Worship is a reflection of who God is, and this reflection was initiated by the Lord Himself within us through His self-revelation. Thus, only God must be manifested and glorified through our worship. Romans 11:36 sums it up by saying, "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." From this perspective, I am displeased with some movements developed in recent times such as alternative worship or emerging church. They are different but still the same. The former has its origin more in Britain and Australia, while the latter is more or less an American way of expression. Both movements do not consider theology as important. Their focus is given more to postmodern worship. Many others, including themselves, focus on worship styles more than anything else. However, in my mind, theology is the most important aspect of worship, without which we may have worship sessions but without true worship. Jesus tells us to worship God in Spirit and truth.

If we truly say that worship is a response to God's revelation or reflection of God, His person and attributes, then we must base our worship on His revelation, theology from the Bible. Very unfortunately, people think worship style is the focus or main importance of worship, which is, in fact, a mis-focus. When we realize that worship is of and for God, we will be able to know that worship is not for our satisfaction, pleasure, or entertainment. I cannot deny that we may experience joy, contentment, and satisfaction through spiritual and truthful worship. However, they are not the primary focus of worship. God is the focus, and all others are subsidiaries or bonuses. Then, we are able to see that worship has purposes, in fact, higher purposes than anything else in this world. When God takes the centre stage of our worship, we are enabled to taste and show forth His glory. They are results or consequences of worship. To the people who consider God's revelation as insignificant in our worship, I cannot but raise questions. How can a fallen man approach a righteous and holy God? How can a fallen man know and believe in God apart from His revelation? John 5:39 says, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." It is not too much to say that it is not possible for a man to worship God apart from God's revelation. Man does not and cannot know how to come to God without His truth. It is because worship is of, for, and unto God.

All these thoughts lead us to consider worship as adoration. It is because the worshippers, through worship, find more of God. All who came to worship and tasted His presence were overwhelmed by the glory of God. Moses, Elijah, and Isaiah are just a few examples. When they tasted the presence of God, the self-revelation of God, they responded by a confession of sins and adorations. "God is great and greatly praised" is the catch phrase. When a man worships in Spirit and truth, he finds the greatness of God. At the same time, he knows and understands that he himself is small and has to decrease before God. As David was worshiping and giving His adoration to the Lord, he uttered words such as "Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away" (Psalm 144:4).

The Preacher who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes pondered on life and man which led him to conclude that the whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13). He also said of man in Ecclesiastes 3:20, “All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.” Job spoke of man in Job 25:6, “How much less man, *that is* a worm? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?” Man is destined to face the reality of death which is followed by judgment. Hebrews 9:27, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” In contrast to this, listen to what God has to say in Isaiah 41:14, “Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and ye* men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.”

It is not possible for the true believers of Jesus Christ not to worship God with adorations. It is because salvation begins with a deep recognition concerning man and God. Man is totally corrupt and eternally condemned. God is holy and separated from man. It is not man who comes to God first, but it is God who comes to man first. Nothing is originated from man in terms of his relationship with God. When we are saved, we cannot but be thankful to His grace. The more we understand who we were before and who we are now and who will be in the future, the more we cannot but adore Him. The promises of eternal rest in heaven and complete removal of all our weaknesses must be deeply impressed upon our hearts, which will lead us to worship. The freedom and liberty we can have in Christ Jesus will produce the fruits of adoration and thanksgiving to the Lord. Worship is a response to God’s calling. Philippians 2:9-11 says, “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹ And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” The most common expression of adoration is in praises. The Psalmist often said, “Praise the Lord.” As we can see, worship has purposes and results. All of them are based on God’s revelation by which we worship Him. Of course, when we talk about God’s revelation, we cannot miss the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit within us. It is because we need the assistance of the Holy Spirit to be able to discern and understand the spiritual matters. No man can worship the Lord in the flesh but in the Spirit.

Through adoration in worship, we declare God’s worthiness and our unworthiness. It is often portrayed in the forms of sacrifices. For example, we find a famous story of Abraham’s offering up of his son Isaac to the Lord in Genesis 22. It is worth noting that Abraham explained it as worship in 22:5. We all know that this story is not about human sacrifice, but a test given to Abraham by which he proved himself as a true worshipper who feared the Lord with all his heart. The point is that he was willing to sacrifice the most valuable thing to him to the Lord in worship. That is a descriptive expression of adoration. The worshippers do offer the blessings God has given them back to Him. Deuteronomy 26:10, “And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God.” We must admit that even sacrifices we may offer to the Lord came from the Lord Himself. There is nothing that we have not received from Him. In this regard, adoration is a recognition of God’s grace in our lives in the form of worship. In the New Testament, the ultimate sacrifice is to offer ourselves to Him. Hebrews 13:15-16 also says, “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name. ¹⁶ But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” We worship God with purposes to glorify Him.

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 29 October 7:30pm Young Adults Fellowship Philippians – Rev Ki			
Sat 30 October 4:00pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study			
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	
Message	The Causes of The Reformation – Part 1	The Causes of The Reformation – Part 2	We like to welcome Dr Alfred & Trixie Bartlett, and Marilyn Goce to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Text	Hebrews 10:1-18	Hebrews 10:19-39	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<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, Mrs Ki, Sonia, John & Sharon. Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Jiak Eng, Lydia & Sophia (S'pore), Joshua (US). Annual Congregational Meeting: The ACM will be held after the morning service on Sunday 14th November. End of British Summer Time: Please note that the clocks go back 1 hour next Sunday at 2am. 			Today: 24/10/2010
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £436.43, Lunch: £59 Attendance - Morning: 44 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 29 (A) 2 (C)			Chairman: John Poh Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Jonathan / Yetta Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian / Joshua
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 43			Next Week: 31/10/2010
Q: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?			Chairman: Joey Seow Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Constance Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee-Wei / Joshua
Comments: These are the words which precede the Ten Commandments. They were spoken to the children of Israel at Mount Sinai, shortly after their deliverance from the bondage of the Egyptians. And they may be applied to us in token of our deliverance from the bondage of sin.			MEMORY VERSE
Proofs: Exodus 20:2			Last Week <i>"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."</i> Romans 8:19 This Week <i>"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,"</i> Romans 8:20 Next Week <i>"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."</i> Romans 8:21