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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 28 FEBRUARY 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>	Psalm 150	1 Peter 1:18-22
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 49 – “How Great Thou Art!”	RHC 121 – “My Redeemer”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 9	Genesis 27:15-40, 28:1-5
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 9, verses 1-11</i> (to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)	RHC 339 – “When I Fear My Faith will Fail”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 137 – “Thanks to God!”	---
<i>Scriptural Reading</i>	Matthew 5:3-12	Hebrews 11:20
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Beatitudes - Part 6</i>	<i>Isaac’s Faith</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 354 – “God Leads Us Along”	RHC 324 – “Trusting Jesus”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 80 (stanzas 1 & 5)</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 8

It has been a challenge to all preachers to encourage their congregations to observe the Day of the Lord. Until a few decades ago, all businesses were closed on Sundays, and churches were packed with people. Since shops and businesses were allowed to run as usual on Sundays, everything began to change. Entertainment comes before worship even on Sundays. Christians have not been able to escape the negative effects of these social changes. On top of that, Christians' biblical and world views have been changed to be more pragmatic and materialistic, which encourage them to find more self-gratification and pleasure. Such changes have led professing Christians to discover a new meaning of the Lord's Day and the Lord's Day Worship. The Lord's Day observance is determined by the individual's taste and pragmatic reasons, not by Scriptural principles any more. Thus, if it is inconvenient for them to worship in their church on Sundays, they do not mind skipping church but going somewhere or doing something that may give them immediate satisfaction. Entertainment plays an important part in this regard. Entertainment on Sundays includes sports, parties, shopping, or anything that removes a place of worship from their hearts. Some people voluntarily choose to work on Sundays for better remunerations and conveniences, while their worship suffers. Some people have stopped going to church and turned to worship alone or to TV Christian programs. Of course, among them there are people who were disillusioned by unhappy experiences from their previous church life. Despite all of these problems or potential problems, I must emphatically say that worship in God's church together with fellow believers is important to all who are saved by the grace of God.

There are so many things I need to talk about the Lord's Day worship, but I must limit it to a small scale and will deal with the rest through preaching later. Noah Webster defines "Sunday" as "The christian sabbath; the first day of the week, a day consecrated to rest from secular employments, and to religious worship. It is also called the Lord's day. Many pious persons however discard the use of Sunday, and call the day the sabbath." By all means, we must learn the importance of corporate worship. Hebrews 10:25 says, "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." After all, a local church is not a building but a people of God. Thus, each member of this body must come together and worship together. Many of us are interested in evangelism. Evangelism can be done by sharing the Gospel with others or by distributing some reading or listening materials on Christian messages. At the same time, when we come to church on Sundays, people also know that we are Christians. When the world sees believers not honouring the Day of the Lord, what will attract them to come to church on the Lord's day? Some people may argue that coming to church every Lord's day is not convenient. Well, we do not come to church on Sundays because it is convenient but because it is the day of the Lord when all God's people are gathered to worship Him. It is the same to the Jews on Saturdays and to the Moslems on Fridays. Christian freedom is not boundless. We are free but only in Christ. I hope and pray that all God's people will review and examine the ways they honour the Lord on His day. The real question is: "where is your heart on the day of the Lord?" I'll say that whatever is and will be before me, I and my family will worship the Lord on Sundays, and we will sanctify the Day of the Lord. I Hope that you will say the same thing. The next principle of worship is:

Fifth, worship needs to be well prepared.

Worship is not just one of those casual activities we do every day. The object of our worship is God, which puts a lot of weight on the importance and seriousness of worship.

One, sin must be dealt with. 1 Samuel 15:25, "Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD" [cf. 15:30]. King Saul did not obey the voice of the Lord and was afraid of people. And he also offered sacrifices to God, which was a violation of levitical rules. He should have waited for Samuel to come. However, he did it for himself.

He later recognized that what he did was sinful. He confessed in 1 Samuel 15:24b, “. . . I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy [Samuel’s] words” It indicates two things: (1) sin must be confessed and repented of, and (2) worship must be done in God’s terms not man’s. Man may say that doing things for worship will make him a worshipper of God, but what God sees is different until things are done according to His ways.

Two, reading the Scriptures and confessing of sins are necessary before proper worship. Nehemiah 9:3 says, “And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.” Reading the Word of God is an important part of the worshipper’s life. It will teach him about how to serve the Lord. Deuteronomy 17:19, “And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.” Without knowing His law, how can we know how to serve and worship Him? Again, it means that we serve and worship the Lord according to His will as revealed in His Word. Deuteronomy 31:11 also says, “When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.” Jesus indicated the importance of the knowledge of the Word of God wherever there is a dispute over manners of worship in Matthew 12:5, “Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?” Therefore, it is appropriate for us to prepare ourselves for worship by reading the Scriptures.

Three, proper washings and dresses are also important preparations for worship. 2 Samuel 12:20 says, “Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.” David pleaded to the Lord to spare his son’s life from Bathsheba. However, he had to suffer with the consequence of his sin of adultery. When he found that his son died, he washed himself and put proper clothes on and came to the house of the Lord to worship Him. To him, it was not a light matter to worship the Lord and he dressed himself properly. The issue of proper dress code for worshippers may be more controversial than other issues related to worship within today’s religious climates. Many people probably argue that washing and dress codes should not be a part of serious talks within churches. We are living in a different era from the times when David lived or Paul wrote his epistles. Besides, God does not look at our appearances but our hearts. As long as we have right hearts before God, how we dress ourselves should not be anybody’s business. I think that there are lots of misconceived and misunderstood ideas about how we dress as Christians. Having a dress code does not make us legalistic as some people think. Some restaurants have dress codes. Different social functions require different dress codes. It is not too hard to identify people by their dress codes. Soldiers have their uniforms, and police forces have their own, too. Even students have their school uniforms. In fact, if I wear a police uniform and walk on the street, I am falsifying my identity. Therefore, talking about Christian dress code should be our concern. To those people who argue that our dress code is not God’s concern and we must focus on inner spirituality, I must say that it is true that our inner being must be beautiful. At this moment, we need to read 1 Timothy 2:9, “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.” God is concerned about our dress code! I’ll share a bit more on this point next week.

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 05 March	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Low How Cheng to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 06 March	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: 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: 28/02/2010</u>
Message	The Salt of the Earth	Jacob's Faith	Chairman: Joey Seow
Text	Matthew 5:13	Hebrews 11:21	Organist: Grace
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. Pastor Ki is leading a series of studies based on the Shorter Catechism. • DHW Bible Study: Today, we will cover Lesson 37 (Gen 48 & 49). Please spend the upcoming week preparing Lesson 38 (Gen 50). • Sunday School: New teachers are required for Sunday School, if you are interested in serving in this area, please speak to Pastor Ki. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas (knee pain), Barbara (Alzheimer's), Prema (thyroid & skin condition), Eld Jack Ford (old age and knees), Margaret (asthma), Eld Chew (recovery from shoulder injury), Dr Tow (recovery from cataract surgery) • Pray for those who are/will be travelling: Nicolas (Belgium), Samuel (Aust), Eka & Family (Nigeria), Jonathan (M'sia), May Chew (S'pore). Thank God for the safe return of Joey & Family. • Pray for those seeking employment/new opportunities: Yetta Thank God for answering Joy's prayer for a job. • The Taskforce would like to remind the congregation to respect the Sanctity of the Sanctuary by kindly refraining from bringing food and drinks into the Sanctuary. Thank You. 			Ushers: John / Yetta
			Sunday School: -
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Brian
			<u>Next Week: 07/03/2010</u>
			Chairman: John Poh
Organist: Joy			
Pianist: Sophia			
Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn			
Sunday School: -			
Lunch: Constance			
Washing Up: Volunteers			
PA Crew: Lee-Wei			
			MEMORY VERSE
			Last Week
			<i>"Much more than, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."</i>
			Romans 5:9
			This Week
			<i>"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."</i>
			Romans 5:10
			Next Week
			<i>"And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."</i>
			Romans 5:11
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 9			
Q: What is the work of creation?			
<i>A: The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of <u>six days</u>, and all <u>very good</u>.</i>			
Comments:			
The first thing that God did in relation to us was to make the world we live in. Now, when we wish to make anything, we require materials. Thus, to make a chair, we need wood. But God made all things of <i>nothing</i> , by merely speaking the word. We are here told also of the time in which he made all things – six days; and of the condition in which they were when made – very good.			
Proofs:			
Hebrews 11:3, Genesis 1:31			