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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 01 MAY 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

Psalm 24:7-10

Opening Hymn *

RHC 34 – “Crown Him with
Many Crowns”

RHC 217 – “Rejoice - the
Lord is King!”

Opening Prayer *

John Poh

John Poh

Gloria Patri *

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 68

Psalm 22:1-31

Second Hymn *

Psalm 68 verses 1-4
(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

RHC 102 – “O It Is
Wonderful”

**Announcements &
Memory Verse**

John Poh

John Poh

**Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology ***

RHC 91 – “The Lily of the
Valley”

Scriptural Text

John 20:19-31

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Pastoral Prayer

Elder George Chew

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Sermon Message

Fear and Doubt

The Servant’s Song

Closing Hymn *

RHC 355 – “Day by Day”

RHC 185 – “Hallelujah, What
a Saviour!”

**Benediction / 3-Fold
Amen ***

Elder George Chew

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

RHC 80 (stanzas 1 & 5)

* 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 2011 – “Continue in the Word” – 2 Timothy 3:14

Thinking on Pure Things

By Dr. Kim Riddlebarger, Adapted from TABLETALK from Ligonier Ministries – July 2010

In Psalm 36, the psalmist laments the ways of the wicked while at the same time contemplating the goodness of God. As it opens, the psalmist describes the wicked in the following terms: *“The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil”* (vs 1–4).

While the wicked plot trouble even as they lie down for sleep, in Philippians 4:8 the apostle Paul exhorts his readers to reject the way of the wicked, and to live as people who have been counted as righteous through faith (see also 3:9). To make his point, Paul enumerates six specific qualities that were well-known in popular Greek moral philosophy, exhorting his readers to *“think about these things.”* These qualities Paul mentions – that which is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and good report – are both good in themselves and beneficial for others, and they stand in sharp contrast to the traits of the night time plotter of Psalm 36. Note also that Paul thinks of his readers as Christians who have been justified by the merits of Christ, for he uses the affectionate term *brethren* to describe those who are not to contemplate evil, as do the wicked (Phil 4:8).

The Philippians are to think on things that are true. In other words, Christians are not to fill their minds with pagan myths and fables, but they are to frame their thinking in light of the great Christian truth claim: *“that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself”* (2 Cor 5:19). It is hard to know how to act if one doesn’t know the truth, which is the foundation for all of our thinking, decisions and actions. The Philippians are also exhorted to think on things that are honourable. The Greek word Paul uses here means “serious” or “dignified.” It was an adjective used of holy things such as the commandments and the temple. Christians are to regard holy things with a proper degree of reverence.

The next two items on Paul’s list are closely related – just and pure. For a Christian, any discussion of justice (conduct that is either right or wrong) must take place against the background of the commandments of God – the laws God revealed in the covenant made with Israel at Mount Sinai. Those who obey God’s commandments act in a just or upright manner before God as well as in relationship to their neighbours. Purity is a closely related term, referring to chastity and moral purity, as well as that we might call “integrity.” Christians are not to be characterised as those who plot and scheme how to defile themselves and violate the commandments of God; rather, Christians are to consider the consequences of their actions in light of God’s law. This is what it means to be upright.

When Paul speaks of things that are lovely, he is referring to things that reflect love toward others. This would include speaking and acting in a gracious and appropriate way. It is to be agreeable. Likewise, to think upon things that are commendable is to carefully consider and value things that are intrinsically worthwhile – not trivial...

or without purpose. In other words, we are to spend time thinking about things that truly matter, not things that are fleeting and have no lasting value.

Having listed six qualities, Paul now emphasises both the importance and comprehensive nature of these things, introducing two conditions meant to be answered in the affirmative. *"If there be any virtue"* is Paul's way of emphasising that when Christians encounter any excellent things (as summarised in the six qualities above), they should think upon them. Although the term is taken from the Greek philosophy with which Paul's audience would have been well-familiar, Paul's ultimate point of reference is not Greek philosophy but God's law. True moral excellence is manifest by conformity to the law of God. Paul also speaks of things that are worthy of praise. If Christians encounter anything praiseworthy, they are to think on it. Here, too, Paul uses a contemporary term from moral philosophy to exhort Christians to reflect upon conduct that is truly praiseworthy.

Whether or not Paul has the wicked person from Psalm 356 in mind (and he probably does), the contrast between the one who lies awake at night plotting evil and those Christians to whom Paul is referring could not be greater. While the wicked think on evil things, the Christian must learn to focus his thinking upon those things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and good report. Because the heart follows the mind, those who think upon these things will find themselves not reflecting the character of the wicked but the character of Christ Himself.

Sermon notes:

Morning – "Fear and Doubt" – John 20:19-31

- 1) What is fear?
 - a. Emotional Fear - John 20:19; Matthew 28:11-15
 - b. Fear of God - Psalm 111:10; Luke 12:5; Acts 10:35, 9:31
- 2) Peace be with you - Luke 24:37; 2 Tim 1:7; John 14:27
- 3) So send I you - Luke 10:10; Matthew 28:19-20
- 4) Breathed on them: Receive the Holy Ghost, Sins remitted - Luke 24:46-47
- 5) Stop doubting and believe - John 2:22; 1 John 4:16

Evening – "Servant Song" – Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12

A servant will be exalted

- Verse 1 – Who has believed our report - Romans 10:16-17
 - Verse 2 – Stem of Jesse - Matthew 1:6
 - Verse 4 – Borne our grief and sorrow - Matthew 8:16-17
 - Verse 5 – Bruised for our iniquities - Matthew 27:27-31; Mark 15:24
 - Verse 6 – All we like sheep have gone astray - Matthew 9:35-36, 26:31-32
 - Verse 7 – He was oppressed and he was afflicted - Matthew 26:62-63
 - Verse 8 – He was taken from prison and from judgement - Matthew 27:25-26
 - Verse 9 – He made his grave with the wicked - Matthew 27:57-60
 - Verse 10 – It pleased the Lord to bruise him - Mark 1:11; John 17:1-2
 - Verse 11 – His knowledge purify many - 2 Cor 5:19, 21; Phil 3:8-9
 - Verse 12 – Numbered with the transgressors - Mark 15:27-28
- Exalt His servant - Phil 2:9-11; Romans 5:1,18, 3:22-24

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.

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Fri 06 May	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Singspiration & Prayer Meeting	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Katy Reeves to our worship services last Lord's Day.																													
Sat 07 May	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on "Who is Jesus?"																														
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Eld Chew will be leading the pre-lunch study. • No Basic Bible Knowledge Class Today • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Eld Chew will be leading a study on "Who is Jesus? A Biblical Perspective." • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, Pastor Ki, Sharon & Tobias, Yoong Chiang & family, Magdalene, Jasmine, Fung, Daniel & Lorena 			TODAY: 01/05/2011																													
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 70			Last Week																													
<p>Q: Which is the Seventh Commandment?</p> <p><i>A: The Seventh Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY</i></p> <p><u>Proofs:</u></p> <p><i>"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14</i></p>			<p><i>"The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away."</i></p> <p>Psalm 1:4</p> <p>This Week</p> <p><i>"Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous."</i></p> <p>Psalm 1:5</p> <p>Next Week</p> <p><i>"For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."</i></p> <p>Psalm 1:6</p>																													