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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> |
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| <i>Prelude</i> | <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | |
| <i>Call to Worship</i> | Psalm 95:1-3 | Psalm 113:1-3 |
| <i>Opening Hymn *</i> | RHC 18 – “Come, Thou Almighty King” | RHC 26 – “Come, Thou Fount” |
| <i>Opening Prayer *</i> | Eld George Chew | Eld George Chew |
| <i>Gloria Patri *</i> | <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> | |
| <i>Responsive Reading</i> | Psalm 73 | Psalm 103:1-22 |
| <i>Second Hymn *</i> | <i>Psalm 73 verses 24-28</i> (to the tune of Belmont, RHC 22) | RHC 65 – “And Can It Be?” |
| <i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i> | Eld George Chew | Eld George Chew |
| <i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i> | RHC 44 – “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer” | --- |
| <i>Scriptural Text</i> | John 1:1-34 | John 8:4-5 |
| <i>Pastoral Prayer</i> | Dr David Allen | Dr David Allen |
| <i>Sermon Message</i> | <i>Behold, The Lamb of God</i> | <i>But What Sayest Thou?</i> |
| <i>Closing Hymn *</i> | RHC 418 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised” | RHC 80 – “The Day Thou Gavest, Lord” |
| <i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i> | Dr David Allen | Dr David Allen |
| <i>Postlude</i> | <i>The Lord Bless You</i> | <i>Lord Dismiss Us (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 2011 – “Continue in the Word” – 2 Timothy 3:14

CULTIVATE THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Col. 3:17).

Introduction

Are we interested in the will of God? Giving thanks is definitely God's will for us. We need to learn to express thanks to God in a verbal and tangible way. Do we give our time, talents and substance to glorify God and to advance High Kingdom? 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”*

Jesus says out of 10 lepers, one came back to give thanks to Him. The Americans have a Thanksgiving occasion on the last Thursday of November every year to remember God's faithfulness to the Pilgrim Fathers who came to the US on Mayflower in 1620. They had a difficult harvest and many died initially but God preserved their faith and blessed them in due time with a bumper harvest the next year.

A thankless people will also be a joyless people. Let us prayerfully give thanks and do it daily with a grateful heart to magnify and exalt His name for all that He is and for what has done for us.

Consider the following ways in which we can thank God meaningfully and fruitfully from our hearts:

Thank Him IN Everything

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess 5.18).

A. Many people thank God in good times but fail to thank Him when the going gets rough or when we experienced failures, testings and tribulations.

B. Some Christians are selfishly motivated. We often put our own desires ahead of God and others. Let us learn to give Him first place (Matt 6:33) and trust God to take care of the rest of our concerns.

C. We should pray and seek God's will and heed Paul's advice: *‘Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus’ (Phil 4:6-7).*

Thank Him FOR Everything

“Giving thanks always for all things unto God. . .” (Eph. 5.20).

A. Saying grace or giving thanks for the food before we eat is an excellent testimony and a biblical practice. Many Christians are ready to thank God for something good that happened but not everything that happens to them. Can we thank God for failure in exams, pain, disappointment, interpersonal conflicts, sickness, bereavements and even work or family related problems? Do we thank God for our parents, health, joy of worshipping Him, privilege to serve Him, the church, friends and family, jobs and school? There is just so much to thank God if only **we pause to think, we have cause to thank.** Thank God for our parents, teachers and elders, leaders and those whom God has put over us to guide and lead us in the right way.

B. Sometimes allows calamities to come to fulfill His holy purpose for our own good. Genesis 50:20 says, *‘But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.’*

C. We should thank God for all things, knowing that He works everything together for our good and His glory (Rom 8:28) even if it may not look like it for the time being.

Thank Him WITH Everything

“Praise him with the sound of the trumpet Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD”
(Psa 150:3, 6).

A. People often do not thank God with their possessions, gifts and talents. We forfeit ourselves of the joy of giving and that is to our own loss in the end.

B. We can show our thanks to God by putting everything we are and own at His disposal, including our time, talent, and treasure as it rightfully come from Him.

C. As we give to God, He will be glorified and He will surely provide for all our needs (Lk 6:38; Phil 4:13, 19). God gives us the means to get wealth as Deuteronomy 8:18 says, *‘But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.’*

Thank Him THROUGH Everything

“Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf”
(1 Pet 4:16).

Some Christians thank God while going through great mountain top experiences but fail to thank Him while traversing the valleys or rain of pain, suffering, depression and trials. God allows testing, trial and temptation to expand our faith and take us deeper in His love. *“... concerning the fiery trial ...,”* Peter advised, *“But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy”* (1 Pet 4:12—13). **Thanksgiving will lead to thanksgiving and a good testimony for Christ and example for others.**

Conclusion

The biblical concept of thanksgiving is rooted in contentment and belief in the sovereignty of God. We are happy because we know that God is in charge and He has the best for us and we want to submit to His holy will. Remember Job 1:21 says, *‘And said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.’* That is the best of thanksgiving despite all things. We are still forever grateful to Him. The hymn writer says here in the words of the hymn, *Thanks to God:*

*Thanks to God, for boundless mercy
From Thy gracious throne above
Thanks for ev’ry need provided
From the fullness of Thy love
Thanks for daily toil and labour
And for rest when shadows fall
Thanks for love of friend and neighbour
And Thy goodness unto all*

*Thanks for thorns as well as roses
Thanks for weakness and for health
Thanks for clouds as well as sunshine
Thanks for poverty and wealth!
Thanks for pain as well as pleasure
All Thou sendest day by day
And Thy Word our dearest treasure
Shedding light upon our way*

*Thanks, O God, for home and fireside
Where we share our daily bread
Thanks for hours of sweet communion
When by Thee our souls are fed!
Thanks for grace in time of sorrow
And for joy and peace in Thee
Thanks for hope today, tomorrow
And for all eternity!*

*Pastor Jack Sin
Maranatha Messenger, 8th May 2011*

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 |
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| Fri 10 June | No Young Adults Fellowship | | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day, and to Dr David Allen who will minister God's Word today. We like to welcome Tim Flinn to our worship services last Lord's Day. |
| Sat 11 June | 4:00pm | Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on "Who is Jesus?" | |
| <i>Next Lord's Day</i> | <i>Morning Service</i> | <i>Evening Service</i> | LORD'S DAY DUTIES |
| Preacher | Mr Charles Scott-Pearson | Mr Charles Scott-Pearson | |
| Message | Turning Adversity into Victory | Call me Mara | |
| Text | 1 Samuel 1 | Ruth 1 | |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study Today. • Basic Bible Knowledge: There will be no BBK course this week. • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Eld Chew will be leading a study next week 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, Jonathan's Father. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Margret, John, Sharon & Tobias, Jonathan, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Daniel & Maureen, Anthony & Helen, Lee-Wei, Jia Yun, Alan & Naomi • Pray for those seeking employment: Evelyn • Pray for those currently having exams: Matthew, Justin, Daniel • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 5th-7th July 2011, Theme: Personal Ministry & Church Leadership. | | | |
| <p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £313.27, Lunch: £37.00 Attendance - Morning: 22 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 14 (A)</p> | | | |
| SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 75 | | | |
| <p>Q: What is forbidden in the Eighth Commandment?</p> <p><i>A: The Eight Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour's wealth or outward estate.</i></p> <p><u>Comment:</u> This commandment refers to <i>money</i> and <i>property</i>. It acknowledges that it is right and proper to gain money, and that it is wrong in a man to squander his own property, or to plunder another's. It commands us to work for the supply of our own needs, and to help others as well as ourselves to increase in wealth. And it forbids aught that would tend to hinder these ends.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u> Proverbs 28:19, Acts 20:35</p> | | | |
| MEMORY VERSE | | | |
| <p>Last Week <i>"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."</i> Psalm 23:2</p> <p>This Week <i>"He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."</i> Psalm 23:3</p> <p>Next Week <i>"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."</i> Psalm 23:4</p> | | | |