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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 96:1-4	Psalm 9:1-2
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 28 – “The God of Abraham Praise”	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 82	Psalm 139:1-24
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 82 verses 1-8</i> (to the tune of Beatitudo, RHC 63)	RHC 49 – “How Great Thou Art!”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 382 – “I Would Be True”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 12:22-37	Exodus 20:1-17
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Unpardonable Sin</i>	<i>The Sixth Commandment – Abortion</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 231 – “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”	Insert – “O Lord, Life is Sacred” (to the tune of RHC 384)
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<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

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 31

Last week we learnt that Paul and his brethren in the Lord prayed together as they parted. It is a heart moving thought that it was their last time to see each other face to face on this earth, and that they ended the meeting with prayers. This prayer was a prayer to commit one another to the Lord and to ask for the Lord's comfort in their hearts. Acts 22:17 is an interesting verse, which says, "And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance." Paul was recounting the course of events around the time when he encountered the Lord in this chapter. The Lord sent Ananias to him to share the Word and baptize him. After this meeting, Paul came back to Jerusalem as a different man. Now he believed in the Lord Jesus as the Messiah. However, he did not abandon his regular practice to pray in the Temple immediately. It was also the case of the apostles. It is also significant that he began with prayers in Jerusalem Temple as he was about the launch a new mission, which was to preach Jesus to his former colleagues and friends who hated Jesus and His followers. Paul committed himself to the Lord for new challenges. I wish I could know of his emotions while praying in the Temple as a new man in Christ.

19. Paul prayed for the salvation of souls. Acts 26:29, "And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds." Paul was tried by Felix and then Festus. Festus wanted to please the Jews and asked Paul whether he was willing to be tried in Jerusalem, where there was a murder plot. Paul appealed to Caesar for a fair trial (25:10). When King Agrippa came to Caesarea with his wife, Festus brought Paul's case, which offered him an opportunity to speak for himself before the king. Paul gave his personal testimony and preached Jesus to the King. Having heard him preaching, Agrippa said in 24b, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." He continued to say in verse 28b, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." In response to that, Paul in verse 29, "And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds." The Greek word for "would," also means to "pray." This word occurs 7 times in the KJV. It is translated as "wish" 3 times, "pray" 2 times, "can wish" 1 time, and "would" 1 time. Paul desired to see souls being saved. Though he was in a place to defend himself against the case that could jeopardize his own life, he used the occasion to preach Jesus even to the king. It shows his evangelistic zeal. He wished or prayed for the salvation of souls.

20. Paul prayed for food and gave thanks to the Lord. Acts 27:35, "And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat." The background story is very interesting. There was a storm in the sea, and the boat was drifting and in danger of shipwreck. It was dark for many days, and the tempest did not show any sign of getting weakened. When fourteen days had passed, the sailors began to realize that they were coming close to a land, but there was a danger of running into a rock. They planned to slip away from the ship in secret. Acts 27:29 shows us their fear: "Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day." The word for "wished" in this verse also means "pray," which we found from 26:29. The sailors in 27:35 prayed. I am sure that they were not Christians. However they prayed. They were just like the sailors who struggled in the sea because of Jonah. They also prayed when there was irresistible tempest. People are religious by nature. Though they may not know the names of gods or goddesses, they still worship them and pray to them. Paul prayed to the living God with thanksgiving for the food.

21. Paul prayed for the sick. Acts 28:8, “And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.” Having escaped from the sea, Paul and others came to Malita (Malta) in 28:1. The natives were kind to them. However, having seen Paul not hurt by a viper’s venom, they thought he was a god. The father of the chief man, Publius, fell sick, and Paul came to him and prayed for him and laid his hands on him. The man was healed. This healing event does provide a couple of lessons for us. Paul prayed for the sick. The Bible tells us that we ought to pray for the sick. One unusual element in this healing event is that Paul was able to minister to this sick man, who was probably not a believer of Jesus Christ. However, Paul prayed for him, and the Lord healed him. Hope that Charismatic leaders will learn a lesson from Paul here. If we look into Paul’s healing ministry in Malita, it is hard to say that the man was healed because of his faith. It appears to be the case that the Lord healed him by answering Paul’s prayer. So-called healers must learn to pray for the sick, instead of claiming to have a gift of healing that may be under their disposal. Does God answer our prayers for the sick? God answers prayers, whatever way deems to be right in His sight.

22. Paul prayed in thanksgiving for His comforting grace. Acts 28:15, “And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.” Paul finally completed the journey to Rome. Some brethren heard about Paul and his company and came and paid a visit with them. When Paul saw them, his heart was full of gratitude. He thanked the Lord, which is also a prayer. It reminds us that all of us do need comforts. Though Paul was a man of God and fully consecrated to the Lord and His work, he also was a man who needed encouragement and comforts. Those brethren provided his needed encouragement by visiting with him. He thanked the Lord for such grace.

Now, we are coming into a new book, the Book of Romans. In order to study about the prayers in this book, probably we need to know about the Christian community in Rome. Unfortunately, we do not have direct information to fully understand this community at the time of Paul’s writing of Romans. Probably, Douglas Moo’s introduction offers us some helpful insight. He says in his book, *The Epistle to the Romans*, as following:

“The tradition that the church in Rome was founded by peter (or peter and Paul together) cannot be right. It is in this very letter that Paul enunciates the principle that he will ‘not build on another person’s foundation’ (15:20). This makes it impossible to think that he would have written this letter, or planned the kind to visit he describes in 1:8-15, t a church that was founded by Peter. Nor is it likely that Peter could have been at Rome early enough to have founded the church there. Since the traditions we possess associate no other apostle with the church at Rome, the assessment of the fourth-century church father Ambrosiaster is probably correct: the Romans ‘have embraced the faith of Christ, albeit according to the Jewish rite, without seeing any sign of mighty works or any of the apostles.’ The most likely scenario is that Roman Jews, who were converted on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem (see Acts 2:10), brought their faith in Jesus as the Messiah back with them to their home synagogues. In this way the Christian movement in Rome was initiated” (Eerdmans, 1996, 4).

Probably, there are some more interesting comments we may find from him. I’ll continue from Moo’s book 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 12 Aug	No Young Adults Fellowship		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome The Pollock Family, Daniel & Biddle to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 13 Aug	No Prayer Meeting & Bible Study		
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Message	Unpardonable Sin – Part 2	The Sixth Commandment: Abortion – Part 2	<u>TODAY: 07/08/2011</u>
Text	Matthew 12:22-37; 1 John 5:14-17	Exodus 20:13	Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee Wei
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<u>NEXT WEEK: 14/08/2011</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of the Church." • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Linda Teo, Lorena. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Jia Yun, Justin, Waiyee, Matthew, Tom, Elisabeth, Scott & Venice, Joy. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. • Baptism of Tom & Elisabeth Tan: Saturday 13th August, 3pm, West Kilburn Baptist Church. Please see Pastor Ki for more information. • Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared. • Parking Restrictions Area KQ: There will be restrictions to parking on Sundays for the month of August. Please park in area KB. 			Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Anthony Ushers: John / Constance Sunday School: Jonathan Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee Wei
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1037.10, Lunch: £60.30 Attendance - Morning: 31 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 5 (C)			MEMORY VERSE
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 84			Last Week <i>"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,"</i> Ephesians 1:18
Q: What doth every sin deserve? <i>A: Every sin deserveth God's WRATH AND CURSE, both in this life and that which is to come.</i> <u>Comments:</u> The <i>wrath</i> of God means his holy displeasure against sin; and his <i>curse</i> is the doom which he has pronounced against it. This wrath and this doom, we are told, are the desert of every sin, and stretch over both this life and the life to come.			This Week <i>"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,"</i> Ephesians 1:19
<u>Proofs:</u> Romans 6:23; Matthew 25:41			Next Week <i>"Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,"</i> Ephesians 1:20