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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 10 APRIL 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

Psalm 8

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 86 – “*Safely Through Another Week*”

RHC 49 – “*How Great Thou Art!*”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 66

Psalm 97

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 66 verses 1-5, 7-9, 18-20
(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

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

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 318 – “*Blessed Assurance*”

Scriptural Text

Matthew 11:1-15

Exodus 20:1-17

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Sermon Message

A Confused Question

Idolatry - Part 3

Lord’s Supper

Rev Timothy Ki

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 178 – “*At the Cross*”

RHC 39 – “*Thee Will I Love*”

Benediction / 3-Fold

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

*Amen **

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

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 22

During the last few weeks we have been studying how to pray for church leaders. Before I move on to next point, I am going to add one more prayer item for church leaders.

(o) We need to pray for their holy and righteous goals in their ministries. Colossians 1:28 says, "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Paul and his ministerial team had put their efforts to present everyone perfect in Christ Jesus. It is surely a noble goal and holy objective for any minister's ministry. It is not for his personal achievement or satisfaction. It is not to make a big church or a large congregation. His primary focus must be on the maturity of his people presentable in Christ Jesus. In order to achieve that holy goal, he must use the means God has provided for him. According to Colossians 1:28, there are two things he must do: (1) warn (admonishing or instructing) and (2) teach. We may have a further question: how should he warn (instruct) and teach? Paul says that he must preach. The word preach means to proclaim or make known. Then, there must be a further question: what does he have to proclaim about? Paul says that it must be Christ. There are a few things we need to remember when we pray for church leaders/preachers. (1) We need to pray that they will proclaim Christ to us. What we need to hear is Christ. Preachers can be easily distracted from this primary focus of their proclamation by the 'needs' of the people. All messages are needs oriented. It is not wrong to talk about needs, but the problem lies in the understanding of our needs. Most ordinary Christians think their needs are material, physical and psychological. Thus, they want to hear about how to meet material needs (financial needs mostly), physical needs (probably health), and psychological needs (mostly a sense of satisfaction through various means including good relationships in families and so on). As a result, preachers focus on those things in order to meet their needs. In the meanwhile, they miss out Jesus Christ from their messages. We need to pray for them to lead us to Christ. (2) We need to pray that they will study the Word of God. In order to teach and instruct us, they need to be taught and instructed first. They cannot say that they depend on the revelations from above every night. God has given us His revelations, and His completed revelations are written in the Bible. Therefore, our preachers need to take their time and effort to study in order to instruct and teach us. It may require more than our prayers. It may require prayer plus our support for them. They need time to study. Therefore, by taking care of other administrative works, we can help them to concentrate on praying and studying. They need education, too. They need to buy books to read, and, if necessary, they need to go to seminars and conferences to learn. Or, if they do not study, we need to encourage them to study. Let us pray that we will not have preachers who will not study the Scriptures.

Now we are going to change the subject from prayer for church leaders to prayer for fellow believers. It is a privilege and honor to be able to pray for others, especially for the people of God. One of the great confessions about the importance of prayer is found from Prophet Samuel. He says in 1 Samuel 12:23, "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way." As for him, not to pray for God's people was an offence. Prayer for them was also his promise to them in 1 Samuel 7:5, "And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD." People also asked him to pray for them, in 1 Samuel 12:19, "And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king." Asking others to pray for us is not a sign of inferiority. In a way it is a privilege to ask others to pray for us. Even kings asked God's servants to pray for them. For example, 1 Kings 13:6 says, "And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before."

The teachings in the New Testament are not different from those of the Old Testament. Paul tells the believers that he is praying for them in Colossians 1:9, "For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." Romans 1:9, "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers." 2 Thessalonians 1:11, "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power." At the same time, he is asking the believers to pray for him. 1 Thessalonians 5:25, "Brethren, pray for us." 2 Thessalonians 3:1, "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you." The writer of Hebrews also requests prayer for him in Hebrews 13:18, "Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly." We must not forget that Jesus also prays for us. John 16:26, "At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you." John 17:9, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine." Therefore, both praying for others and being prayed for by others are for our benefit and is a privilege. There is something that we must remember when we consider praying for others. There are times and opportunities to pray for other people. Opportunities are not something that is with us all the time. They are limited by time, space, and circumstances. If we have the opportunity to pray for others, we also need to know that these opportunities may not be available for ever. One extreme example is found in the book of Jeremiah. Listen to what the Lord had to say to Jeremiah. Jeremiah 7:16, "Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee." Jeremiah 11:14, "Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble." Therefore, as long as we have opportunities to pray for one another, we must pray. Ephesians 6:18 is almost like a seal on this teaching: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Then, what should we pray for fellow believers?

(a) We need to pray for their physical needs. We may think about many things concerning physical needs. One good example is prayer for physical illnesses. James 5:16, "Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We must be able to see that God has decreed to use our prayers for the healings of the sick. Physical needs may include anything that is related to the welfare of the believers including daily bread, journey mercies, jobs and work, education, and so on.

(b) We need to pray for their unity. Jesus prayed for the unity of the believers. John 17:9, 11, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine....¹¹ And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*." If Jesus prayed for the unity of His followers, then it must be right for us to pray for their unity, too.

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 15 April	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Ulker Eaton, Anita Fearon, and Tracey Walters to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 16 April	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on Shorter Catechism	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	TODAY: 10/04/2011
<i>Message</i>	A Witness by John	Third Commandment	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan
<i>Text</i>	Matthew 11:7-15	Exodus 20:1-17	<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<i>Pianist:</i> Joy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Pre-Lunch Bible Study today: Next week Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of the Church." • Basic Bible Knowledge: Pastor Ki will lead the BBK course after lunch at the manse. • 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, Ps John Sherwood, Deborah Sherwood • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, Joey & Melissa, Kim Eng, May Yeong, Yoong Chiang & family • Easter Camp 2011 (22/4 to 25/4): The camp speaker will be Pastor John Sherwood. Please see Lee Wei for camp registration forms and camp itinerary. • ACM 2011: Members, please take note that the Annual Congregational Meeting will take place after morning service. • Baptism Service of Tobias Poh: The baptism will take place next Lord's Day, 17th April 2011. • Carry-in Dinner: Please note that there will be a carry-in dinner next week for Joey & Melissa's farewell. For those interested to contribute, please inform Sis May Chew 			<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Yetta
			<i>Sunday School:</i> No Sunday School
			<i>Lunch:</i> Mrs Ki
			<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
			<i>PA Crew:</i> Brian
			NEXT WEEK: 17/04/2011
			<i>Chairman:</i> Joey Seow
			<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
			<i>Pianist:</i> Joy
			<i>Ushers:</i> John / Constance
<i>Sunday School:</i> Jonathan / Joy			
<i>Lunch:</i> Maureen			
<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers			
<i>PA Crew:</i> Jonathan			
			MEMORY VERSE
			Last Week
			<i>"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."</i>
			Psalm 1:1
			This Week
			<i>"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."</i>
			Psalm 1:2
			Next Week
			<i>"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."</i>
			Psalm 1:3
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1171.70, Lunch: £56.00, Disaster Fund: £60.00			
Attendance - Morning: 36 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 23 (A) 1 (C)			
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 67			
Q: What is the Sixth Commandment?			
<i>A: The Sixth Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT KILL.</i>			
<u>Proofs:</u>			
Exodus 20:13			