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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 17 APRIL 2011

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>	Philippians 3:8-14	Isaiah 9:6-7
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC – “Pressing On”	RHC 73 – “All Hail the Power”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 67	Matthew 5:33-37
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 67</i> (to the tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)	RHC 141 – “That Beautiful Name”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC Choruses	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 11:7-15	Exodus 20:1-17
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>John the Baptist</i>	<i>Third Commandment</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 307 – “Amazing Grace”	RHC 31 – “Blessed Be the Name”
<i>Infant Baptism</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 13 (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 23

We will continue to study about what to pray for the fellow believers. We have learnt that we need to pray for their physical needs and also for their unity. Probably, Christian unity needs some more explanation. Jesus prayed in John 17:20-22 for Christian unity: “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. ²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.” This prayer for unity implies a few important lessons. (1) We need to understand that it is a prayer for Christian unity, which is very exclusive. It is not an inclusive unity to bring all religions together under one religious organization. (2) We need to have a clear definition of what Christian is. There are lots of organizations and groups claiming to be Christian. However, we need to understand what Christianity is. Without a common understanding of Christianity, we need to avoid making any alliance with others in the name of the Lord. (3) The most important part of Christian unity is found in doctrines and fellowship. It means that we need to pray for fellow believers to be faithful to the Word of God. The next prayer item for believers is:

(c) We need to pray for their faith. There are many testing situations, spiritual challenges and temptations, trials, and even Satanic attacks. In such times, they need to walk by faith, not by sight. Thus, we need to pray for their stronger faith to overcome the challenges. Luke 22:31-32 says, “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat: ³² But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”

(d) We need to pray for their spiritual strength to overcome the persecutions and oppressions from the world. John 17:15, “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.” It is worth noting that Jesus did not pray for the removal of the hatred of the world toward His disciples but for God’s enabling grace for them to withstand the challenges and win the spiritual battles.

(e) We need to pray for the strength of their inner man. That strength comes from the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. It probably indicates that the believers need to be empowered to be sensitive to the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 3:14-15, “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.”

(f) We need to pray for their clear understanding and perfect submission to the will of God. They often experience bitter failures in their spiritual lives because they do not know the will of God or they do not obey His will even though they know it. Both spiritual insight and understanding and the power to surrender to His will must be permitted by the grace of God. Thus, we pray for them. Colossians 4:12, “Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”

(g) We need to pray for the Lord's direction and guidance in their lives and also their growth in the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 3:10-13, "Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?"¹¹ Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.¹² And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:¹³ To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." Here Paul is praying for (1) opportunities to come to the church in Thessalonica to meet them again (in this case, we may understand that ministerial opportunities are God-given and answers to our prayers, which must impress upon our hearts that every opportunity to minister to God's people is a privilege sanctioned by God Himself); (2) to help them grow in faith (probably, they needed to be more mature in spiritual matters and to learn to live by faith); (3) to grow in Christian living. Thus, they would show their love to one another and at the same time their love would be increased; and (4) to keep their hearts in holiness. How many thoughts are passing through the minds of the believers in each passing moment? We must pray for the hearts of the believers to be kept and guarded well.

(h) We need to pray for their spiritual insight to see God's calling in their lives. When they know God's plan for them, they may live enriched lives by fulfilling their callings. It will give them directions in life and faithfulness toward God. Ephesians 4:1, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." 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."

(i) We need to pray for their peaceful life. This should not be a prayer only for others but also for us. Not everybody in the world enjoys freedom and peace. We have seen wars, conflicts, oppression, and harassment in many places including North Korea, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and many countries. There are also Christians who are living in countries where there is no freedom of worship and they are persecuted for their religion. 1 Timothy 2:2-3 tells us to pray for such countries and rulers. It is not just for the benefits of the countries and their rulers, but the people who live there: "For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." Jeremiah 29:7, "And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."

(j) We need to remember that intercessory prayer for others is important. (1) Jesus intercedes for His people before the Father. Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Our confidence comes also from His intercessory ministry for us. Romans 8:34, "Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." (2) The Holy Spirit also intercedes for the believers. Romans 8:26-27, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*." If the Second and the Third Persons in the Trinity intercedes for us, then it is more than a duty for us to intercede for our fellow believers. Besides, intercession for other through prayer is a heavenly work as we see in Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, let us remember one another in prayer.

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 22 April	Easter Camp – Ps John Sherwood		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord’s Day. We like to welcome Jerry & Mary Anne Brown, Elisabeth Seetoh, Tjoa Hu Ing and Yvonne Mak to our worship services last Lord’s Day.	
Sat 23 April	“Continue in the Word”			
<i>Next Lord’s Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>		
<i>Preacher</i>	Ps John Sherwood	Ps John Sherwood		
<i>Message</i>	The Silence of Christ	The Fainting Heart and its Remedy		
<i>Text</i>	Isaiah 53:7	Psalm 73:26		
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			LORD’S DAY DUTIES	
<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.” • Basic Bible Knowledge: Pastor Ki will lead the BBK course after lunch at the manse. • No Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: There will be no Prayer Meeting and Bible Study next week due to Easter Camp. • 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, Pastor Ki • 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. • Infant Baptism of Tobias Poh: The baptism will take place today at the end of morning service. 			<u>TODAY: 17/04/2011</u>	
			<i>Chairman:</i>	Joey
			<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
			<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan	
			<i>Organist:</i> Anthony	
			<i>Pianist:</i> Joy	
			<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Yetta	
			<i>Sunday School:</i> Jonathan / Joy	
			<i>Lunch:</i> Constance	
			<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers	
			<i>PA Crew:</i> Lee Wei	
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £684.50, Lunch: £65.00			MEMORY VERSE	
Attendance - Morning: 38 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 21 (A)			Last Week	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 68			<i>“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”</i>	
<p>Q: What is required in the Sixth Commandment?</p> <p><i>A: The Sixth Commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to <u>preserve</u> our own life, and the life of others.</i></p> <p>Proofs:</p> <p><i>“And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.” Mark 6:31</i></p> <p><i>“Defend the poor and fatherless: deliver the poor and needy.” Psalm 82:3, 4</i></p>			Psalm 1:2	
			This 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	
			Next Week	
			<i>“The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.”</i>	
			Psalm 1:4	