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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 JULY 2011

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 77:13-20	Psalm 19:1-6
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 7 – “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”	RHC 6 – “The Spacious Firmament on High”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 79	Philippians 2:1-16
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 79 verses 5-6, 8-13</i> (to the tune of Fountain, RHC 173)	RHC 386 – “Be Thou My Vision”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 321 – “He Hideth My Soul”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 11:25-30	John 12:1-10
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Invitation by Jesus</i>	<i>Why This Waste?</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 293 – “Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary”	RHC 405 – “Have I Done My Best for Jesus?”
<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 28

Last week, we were reminded that prayer was an apostolic ministry. We are familiar to the idea of apostolic teachings, and we strive to preserve the purity of apostolic teachings in our church by studying the Scriptures. But, sincerely and honestly we may need to raise a question of our commitment to prayer life. Do we pray as the apostles prayed? The chosen leaders of the early church were not entrusted with their missions without being committed to the Lord by prayer first. It is our duty and responsibility to commit our leaders to the Lord in prayers.

7. Christian martyrs prayed. Acts 7:59-60, “And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.⁶⁰ And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.” Though there is no prayer-word in the passage, it is not too hard to see that it is clearly a prayer. I do not and cannot imagine the state of Stephen’s mind at the time of his martyrdom. Stones were showering upon him and people yelled at him with loud voices. Angry mob unleashed their maximum animosity that they could show against him. There was no concerned face, and there was no word of encouragement from the crowd. On that very moment of receiving the full wrath of the ruthless and mindless mob, (a) Stephen cried out to God, (b) made an appeal to the Lord Jesus to receive his spirit, (c) knelt down, and (d) requested not to lay this sin to their charge. It was a prayer for the ruthless. It was a prayer with concerns for the guilty. It was also a prayer of commitment. We may not die a death of martyrs. However, we all will die. The time of death is also a time of prayers. True committal prayer for our souls must be made, while we are still alive. We must repent of our sins and believe in Jesus as our personal Savior. Then, we may commit our souls to Him, when we depart from this life into eternity. The believers’ life begins with prayer (prayer of faith) and ends with prayer (prayer of committal). There is one more lesson we must not neglect. We must know that Stephen was enabled to pray despite threats and fears. Acts 7:55-56 says, “But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,⁵⁶ And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.” In the face of the coming execution, Stephen saw the glory in heaven and the Savior Jesus. The glory preceded the agony.

8. Apostles prayed for the visitation of the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:15, “Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost.” When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the Samaritans received the Word of God, they went Peter and John to them. As the visitation of the Holy Spirit happened on the day of Pentecost, so it happened to the Samaritans (8:17), and it also happened to the Gentiles including Cornelius in chapter 10. Today, the Holy Spirit indwells us. However, we pray for the fullness of the Spirit of God in our lives and faith, and for His visitation upon the hearts of the unsaved. We also pray to be led by the Spirit of God.

9. Sin requires a prayer of repentance. Acts 8:22-24, “Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.²³ For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.²⁴ Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.” There was a man, Simon the sorcerer, in the city of Samaria. He heard the message of Christ through Philip and believed. However, his faith appeared to be wrongly grounded in false assumptions and expectations. When he saw Peter and John whose prayers were answered and the Holy Spirit came upon people, he asked them to give him the same power for which he would pay them money.

He did not understand sin, salvation, and Holy Spirit. Peter told him that his heart was in the bond of iniquity in verse 23. He also told him that he was wicked. Especially, he spoke him about his evil and wicked heart in verse 21b. Peter rebuked him to repent of his wickedness and to pray to God for forgiveness of the thought of his heart in verse 22b. In response to his rebuke, Simon, instead of repenting and praying to God, he asked Peter to pray for him in verse 24. From this request, we see that what he desired was not any sense of restoration of his relationship with God or renewal of his spirit, but only a temporal escape from the pronounced judgment. When we sin, we ought to pray. I understand that it is difficult to pray to God, when we have sinned against Him. However, the regrets we have and the pain we experience over our sins are good to our souls. The sorrows coming with true repentance will give us life and joy. We ought to repent and pray to God when we sin against Him. He is both righteous and faithful and will forgive all our sins, if we repent and pray to Him.

10. Paul prayed in the time of waiting. Acts 9:11, “And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth.” We believers have various times, and one of them is a time to wait. Paul was a zealous man for the Lord. His zeal was also supported by his knowledge of the Scriptures. However, he was chosen vessel for the Gentiles by the Lord Himself, and he met the Lord on the way of Damascus. Paul tells us about his experience when he met the Lord in Acts 22:10-11, “And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.”¹¹ And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.” Paul could not see for a while and was led to Damascus. He waited for the coming of Ananias to know what to do. He was waiting for the Lord’s leading in prayer. It is not too hard to imagine that he had many thoughts. He probably was regretful for what he had done to Christians. He was even sorrowful for the words he had spoken against Jesus the Lord. While he was in blindness, he had to wait patiently for the next move. The Lord often allows us to have times to wait. It is a time to pray. There is a time to work, there is a time to wait, there is a time to move, there is a time to stop, and there is a time to pray. We pray without ceasing, but there are special times when the Lord wants us to wait and to give special efforts to pray. We know that Paul was going to be very busy and active in the Lord’s ministry afterwards.

11. Peter prayed for a mighty work. Acts 9:40, “But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.” There was a woman named, Tabitha or Dorcas, who was virtuous. She fell sick and died. People washed her body and were in sorrow over her death. They found out that Peter was not far away from their place and sent two men to ask him to come in a hurry. I am surprised by two things. The people sent their men to ask Peter to come. Why? Did they want him to come and comfort them? Or, was there any thought in their minds that Peter would be able to raise her up again? Think about it from Peter’s point of view. He must have listened to the two men from Joppa that they came because of a dead woman. However, Peter did not hesitate to follow them. Why? Did he think that he could comfort them? Or, did he think that he could do something about the dead Tabitha? Whatever our answers might be, one remarkable fact is that Peter attempted not to comfort them but to pray for Tabitha. He knelt down and prayed. His prayer must be a prayer to raise her up from the dead, because he commanded her to rise after he prayed. And she arose. Well, I’ll continue 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 22 July	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony The Defending of the Bible - Mr Brian McClung	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 16 July	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on Shorter Catechism	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>TODAY: 17/07/2011</u>
Message	Controversies over Sabbath Keeping	The Fifth Commandment – Part 2	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	Matthew 12:1-13	Exodus 20:12	Organist: Joy
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Daniel
<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. • 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. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Jia Yun, Justin, Waiyee, Matthew, Mrs Ki. • Pray for those seeking employment: Evelyn, Yetta. 			Ushers: Daniel / Yetta
			Sunday School: Joy
			Lunch: Constance
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Lee Wei
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 24/07/2011</u>
			Chairman: John
			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Joy
			Ushers: Daniel / Constance
			Sunday School: Joy
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Brian
MEMORY VERSE			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £615.00, Lunch: £53.50 Attendance - Morning: 28 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 18 (A)			Last Week <i>"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,"</i> Ephesians 1:15
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 81			This Week <i>"Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;"</i> Ephesians 1:16
Q: What is forbidden in the Tenth Commandment? <i>A: The Tenth Commandment forbiddeth all <u>discontentment</u> with our own estate, <u>envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour</u>, and all <u>inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is his</u>.</i>			Next Week <i>"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him"</i> Ephesians 1:17
<u>Comments:</u> This commandment refers to the <i>desires</i> of our heart. It tells us that we ought not to <i>covet</i> – that is, to cherish an unlawful desire for anything belonging to another. And it is put here to warn us that the Law of God is <i>spiritual</i> , and is broken by a wrong thought as well as by a wrong act. It commands us to be content with our position in life, whatever that may be. And it forbids us to be fretful over our own want of success or envious at the good success of others. To cherish a spirit of <i>good-will</i> is the best safeguard of this command.			
<u>Proofs:</u> Galatians 5:26, Luke 12:15			