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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 26 JUNE 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 24:1–5	Psalm 133
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 36 – “High in the Heavens, Eternal God”	Psalm 133 verses 1-3 (to the tune of Crimond, RHC 344)
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 76	Leviticus 19:1–18
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	Psalm 76 verses 1-4, 7-9 (to the tune of Bradford, RHC 214)	RHC 400 – “Every Moment of Every Day”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 473 – “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 11:20–24	Matthew 22:34–40
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Rebukes from the Lord</i>	<i>Duties of Man in the Last Six Commandments</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 247 – “Cleanse Me”	RHC 382 – “I Would be True”
<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 &amp; 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**

## GRACE THAT AMAZES

*By Rev Ian Hamilton is Pastor of the Cambridge Presbyterian Church. Adapted from Banner of Truth dated 15 March 2011*

One of the recurring struggles every Christian without exception has is the struggle to realise how astonishingly blessed it is to be a Christian. I would like to remind you (and myself) of the vast, inconceivable privilege it is to be a Christian.

A Christian is someone who has been called by *"the God of all grace . . . to his eternal glory"* (1 Pet. 5:10). If you are a Christian, even a weak, faltering, young, struggling, up-one-day-down-the-next kind of Christian, this is true of you. God has called you, in Christ, to his eternal glory. Think on it.

More than that, a Christian is someone whom God has called *"into the fellowship (communion) of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Cor. 1:9). By his effective call, God has brought you out *"from the domain of darkness and transferred (you) to the kingdom of his beloved Son"* (Col. 1:13). This is true of you, if your trust before God is alone in his Son, Jesus Christ. Take time to think on that.

Even more, if you are a Christian nothing and no-one *"in all creation, will be able to separate (you) from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 8:39). In Christ, God has loved you with an everlasting love, with a love that will never fail you nor forsake you. It is a love sealed with the blood of Christ. God can no more stop loving you than he can stop loving his Son! Now that is something to stop and think about.

Let me continue: if you are a Christian you are *"more than a conqueror through him who loved us"* (Rom. 8:37). More than a conqueror? Me? Yes, you. This is not true only of seasoned, mature, particularly holy Christians - it is true of all Christians, whether you feel it to be true or not. It must be true, because all Christians are *"in Christ"*, and he is God's Conquering Son. He has conquered sin and Satan; he is King of all kings and Lord of all lords. In him we are all more than conquerors. At your weakest and most vulnerable, you are a super-conqueror (as Paul puts it).

Hopefully by now you are thinking, How astonishingly blessed I am. But there is so much more. Take the time to read slowly through Ephesians 1:3-14 and marvel at all that is true of you if you are a Christian. God has blessed you in Christ with every spiritual blessing; he chose you; he predestined you to be adopted as his children; he has redeemed you by the precious blood of his Son; he has given you *"an inheritance"*; and he has sealed you with the promised Holy Spirit. Wow!

Part of the good fight of faith is to resist the temptation to listen to the insinuations of Satan and to listen and take to heart the rich encouragements of the gospel. If you are a Christian, there is no one like you in all the earth - with all your hang ups, struggles, doubts, fears, yes, and even sins. You are in Christ, and in Christ *"all things are yours"* (1 Cor. 3:21-23).

So, look up. Go on. Thank the Lord every day for all that is yours in his Son. This is not an excuse to sit back and cruise to glory. Rather it is an incentive to live with un-distracted endeavour for him who loves us in Christ with an everlasting love.

# CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL

*By Rev Ian Hamilton is Pastor of the Cambridge Presbyterian Church. Adapted from Banner of Truth dated 05 April 2011*

John Brown was one of the most illustrious Bible commentators of the nineteenth century. The Banner of Truth publishes his commentaries on Galatians and Hebrews in the "Geneva" series, and his 3-volume work on The Discourses and Sayings of our Lord. Also published by Banner of Truth, but currently out of print, is his 2-volume commentary on 1 Peter. Why mention him at the beginning of my pastoral letter? For this reason: While recently perusing Brown's commentary on 1 Peter, I came across this wonderful paragraph that I wanted to share with you. He is commenting on the opening verses of 1 Peter 2 and in particular on the Christ-saturated content of these verses:

The religion taught in the New Testament, of which our text is a fair specimen, is Christianity in the most emphatic and peculiar sense of the term, "*Christ is all in all*". It is his religion. It is all by him; it is all about him; he is its author, he is its substance; he is the sum of this system, the soul of this body. Every thing is viewed in its connexion with him. Every doctrine and every precept, every privilege and every duty, every promise and every threatening. The ground of acceptance is his sacrifice; the source of light and life, holiness and peace, his Spirit; the rule of duty, his law; the pattern for imitation, his example; the motives to duty, his authority and grace; the great end of all, his glory, God's glory in him . . . let the language of our hearts be that of the dying martyr: "*None but Christ, none but Christ*". [1 Peter, Volume 1, pp. 238-239]

Are these not stirring, moving, and true words?

In essence, Brown is telling us that Christianity is Christ. He is the "*so great salvation*" that God holds out to us in the gospel. This was something Jesus himself was self-consciously aware of. When you read through the Gospels you cannot miss that he preaches himself. This is seen perhaps most startlingly in Matthew 11:28-30 "*Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest . . .*" Jesus does not prescribe for the weary and burdened some spiritual panacea; he prescribes himself. Jesus' personal sense of his comprehensive ability to meet the needs of a broken, sin-weary world is staggering: "*Come to me!*"

Now, why am I saying this? For one simple reason, to encourage you (and me) to look alone to our Lord Jesus for the comfort, help, strength, reassurance, and hope that we all need to sustain us in our walk with God. It is in Christ that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3). God has nothing else to give you, for in his Son he has given you everything. Not just everything you need, but everything!

This is but another way of saying what our Lord himself tells us in John 15: "*I am the vine, you are the branches.*" He is our life. To live by faith is to live "*out of Christ*" (see Gal. 2:20). Faith is like a bucket that we drop into the inexhaustible riches and depths of our Saviour, to draw up out of him all we need to live a godly, God-pleasing, gospel-useful life. Do you lack wisdom? Go to Christ who is the wisdom of God. Do you lack patience? Go to Christ the epitome of godly patience. Do you lack constancy? Go to Christ who was obedient unto death. Do you lack courage? Go to Christ "*who endured the cross*". John Calvin puts this truth beautifully in The Institutes (2.16.19):

We see that our whole salvation and all its parts are comprehended in Christ (Acts 4:12). We should therefore take care not to derive the least portion of it from anywhere else. If we seek salvation, we are taught by the very name of Jesus that it is "*of him*" (1 Cor. 1:30). If we seek any other gifts of the Spirit, they will be found in his anointing. If we seek strength, it lies in his dominion; if purity in his conception; if gentleness, it appears in his birth . . . If we seek redemption, it lies in his passion; if acquittal, in his condemnation; if remission from the curse, in his cross (Gal. 3:13) . . . In short, since a rich store of every kind of good abounds in him, let us drink our fill from this fountain, and from no other.

Now that is theology at its most biblical and glorious. Ponder that. Thank God for that. Live in the great good of all that Jesus Christ is.

# 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 01 July	7:30pm	<b>No Young Adults Fellowship</b>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 02 July	4:00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b> Study on Shorter Catechism	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<b>TODAY: 26/06/2011</b>
<b>Message</b>	TBC	TBC	<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan
<b>Text</b>	TBC	TBC	<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Pianist:</b> Daniel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of the Church."</li> <li>• <b>Basic Bible Knowledge:</b> Pastor Ki will lead the BBK course after lunch at the manse.</li> <li>• <b>Saturday Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Linda Teo.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are/will be on travel:</b> Jia Yun, Justin, Yetta, Dr &amp; Mrs Carreno, Mr &amp; Mrs MacClaren, Waiyee, Beth &amp; Katrina Martin</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Evelyn, Yetta</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology:</b> 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July 2011, Theme: Personal Ministry &amp; Church Leadership.</li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / John
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Joy
			<b>Lunch:</b> Mrs Ki
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Brian
			<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 03/07/2011</u></b>
			<b>Chairman:</b> John
			<b>Organist:</b> Joy
			<b>Pianist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / Evelyn
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Joy
			<b>Lunch:</b> Mrs Ki
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Lee-Wei
MEMORY VERSE			
<b>Last Week</b>			
<i>"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."</i>			
<b>Psalm 23:5</b>			
<b>This Week</b>			
<i>"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."</i>			
<b>Psalm 23:6</b>			
<b>Next Week</b>			
<i>"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"</i>			
<b>2 Timothy 3:14</b>			
WORSHIP SERVICE COLLECTIONS - Last Sunday: - , Lunch: -			
<b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 22 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 12 (A)			
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 78			
<b>Q: What is forbidden in the Ninth Commandment?</b>			
<i>A: The Ninth Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is <u>prejudicial to truth</u>, or <u>injurious to our own or our neighbour's good name</u>.</i>			
<b>Comment:</b>			
This commandment refers to our <i>words</i> . It commands us to be careful to speak <i>the truth</i> at all times, to stand up for it when it is assailed, and to seek to advance it by all means in our power. And it forbids us to do anything which might make others believe what is not true – which is <i>lying</i> ; and especially where anyone's character is concerned – which is <i>slander</i> . In ordinary intercourse the rule is, Speak the truth in love. In witness-bearing the rule is, Speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.			
<b>Proofs:</b>			
Ephesians 4:31, Psalm 15:3			