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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>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Isaiah 45:18–25	Psalms 133
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s Aweful Throne”	RHC 552 – “God of Our Fathers”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalms 144	1 Peter 2:1–10
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 144 verses 1-2, 10-15</i> (to the tune of All Saints, RHC 562)	RHC 421 – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 96 – “He Keeps Me Singing”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Revelations 4:1-11	1 Thessalonians 1:10
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>One Body Many Members</b>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 16 – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”	RHC 356 – “In Christ There is No East or West”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour</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 2012 – “Have a Mind to Work” – Nehemiah 4:6**

# WHAT IS THE TRUTH? (2 JOHN 1-4)

The recipient of the second letter of John is enigmatic. She was addressed as the “elect lady and her children.” Bible commentators have different views concerning who the elect lady is. Some believe that she is a figurative way of designating a particular church. Others hold that the letter was addressed to an individual Christian and her family. Personally I take the second view because the principle of Biblical interpretation says that the literal should take precedence over other methods of interpretation. I do not see that there is a conflict in interpretation when I take the “elect lady” as an individual believer. The Apostle wrote to a sister in Christ and her biological children.

The Apostle John tells us a few things about this “elect lady and her children” in the first four verses of the letter:

## **1. The “elect lady and her children” are well-loved (v. 1)**

“The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth.”

The Apostle John and the Ephesian Christians loved this family. (I believe the three Epistles of John were written in Ephesus) Why is this family well-loved by the Christian community? I believe it must be something that has to do with the truth. In verse 1 “truth” is mentioned twice; in fact it is mentioned 5 times in the first four verses of the letter.

There is a particular emphasis in the last phrase of verse 1, “but also all they that have known the truth.” John wants us to know that the elect lady, her children and all the believers, even he have one thing in common, and that is, they have the truth.

## **2. The “elect lady and her children” are walking in the truth (v. 4)**

“I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.”

Here the Apostle John gives his reason for loving the elect lady and her children. Though it was not specifically mentioned, it must be true that John and the believers found joy in knowing that the elect lady is also walking in the truth. The fact that her children are walking in truth is a testament of the lady’s good influence and teaching to her children.

Solomon says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6) This is what the elect lady did for her children. I am sure Rev Ki will have great delight in seeing you and your children walking in the truth.

## **What is the Truth?**

Pilate asked Jesus this question when the later was brought to him for judgment (John 18:38). What led him to this question, "What is truth?" In the earlier verse Pilate asked Jesus, "Art thou a king?" Jesus replied: "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." Jesus affirmed the things Pilate heard about Him.

### **A. Jesus is the Truth**

The Apostle John emphasised on this doctrine more than the other writers of the Bible. He wanted to counteract the false teaching of Gnosticism which was prevailing in his day. The Gnostics do not believe in the incarnation and resurrection of the dead. John proved Jesus is the Truth - He was "made in the likeness of men" (Philippines 2:7) and He "died for our sins and he was buried and he rose again the day according to the Scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Here are some verses on Jesus the Truth:

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

And in John 18:38 Pilate asked "What is truth?" Jesus replied that He is the Truth.

### **B. The Word is Truth**

John 17 is commonly known as the high-priestly prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ. He prays for the sanctification of the believers saying, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."(v. 17) God's Word is the Truth.

The Bible is infallible and inerrant because it is God's Truth. We adhere to the teaching of the Bible because it is God's Word and it is the Truth. In Psalm 19:7-9 is a six-fold description of God's special revelation. Verse 7 says "the law of the LORD is perfect" and the word "perfect" in the original language may also be translated as Truth. Verse 9 says "the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether;" the judgments of the LORD is another way of describing God's revelation and the psalmist says they are true and righteous altogether.

### **Conclusion:**

We are commanded to preach the truth. The idea is we preach Christ and the Word of God. We are also commanded to defend the truth. The implication is we defend the doctrine of Christ and the Word of God. Do you believe in the truth?

Rev Lim Chee Boon

# 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
Wed 05 Dec 11:00am <b>Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study</b>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Tulisa to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 07 Dec 7:00pm <b>Young Adults Fellowship</b> <i>"Quieting the Noisy Soul"</i>	
Sat 08 Dec 4:00pm <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon	<b><u>TODAY: 02/12/2012</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Joy <b>Pianist:</b> Jasmine <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Evelyn <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Joy <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Yangfan
<b>Message</b>	My Family, My Church	Same Heart, Same Mind	
<b>Text</b>	Joshua 24:14-18	1 Thessalonians 2:1-20	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Rev Lim will speak on Matthew 4.</li> <li>• <b>Christmas Service (25/12 @ 10am):</b> Do invite your family and friend to join the service. There will a carry-in lunch.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Tom, Nina, Helen, Elizabeth, Hannah.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Sonia, Nana, Matthew, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Anthony &amp; Helen, Rachel.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 09/12/2012</u></b></p> <b>Chairman:</b> Alan <b>Organist:</b> Joy <b>Pianist:</b> Jasmine <b>Ushers:</b> John / Constance <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Joy <b>Lunch:</b> Volunteers <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Yangfan
<b>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1219.50;</b> Lunch: £56.10; Kenya: £42.00 <b>Attendance - Morning: 39 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 26 (A) 7 (C)</b>	

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 46

**Q: What is required in the First Commandment?**

**A:** *The First Commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.*

Comments:

The First Commandments bids us – 1. Know the true God, and him only for *our* God; 2. As such confess him openly before men; 3. Worship him; 4. Honour him.

Proofs:

1 Chronicles 28:9, Proverbs 3:6

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."</i> <b>John 17:23</b>	<i>"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."</i> <b>2 Corinthians 9:8</b>	<i>"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."</i> <b>2 Corinthians 12:9</b>