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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 05 FEBRUARY 2012

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 139:17–18, 23–24	Psalm 43
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 10 – “Still, Still with Thee”	RHC 14 – “Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 108	Psalm 109
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 108 verses 1-5</i> (to the tune of Lloyd, RHC 563)	<i>Psalm 109 verses 26-27, 30-31</i> (to the tune of Wiltshire, RHC 35)
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 108 – “I’ve Found a Friend”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Luke 24:46-48	Mark 16:15
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Evangelism</i>	<i>Missions</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 468 – “Speak Just a Word for Jesus”	RHC 465– “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>May the Grace of Christ Our Savior</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

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 48

Sometimes we wonder why we pray for ourselves and why others do not pray for us. Is there any reason for corporate and public prayers? 2 Corinthians 1:11 says, “Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.” It tells us that there were corporate prayers for Paul and his co-workers. It also indicates that God had answered their prayers and they were delivered from their afflictions. It means that God uses the saints’ corporate prayers as a means to meet the needs of His people. He is pleased when His people pray together. Corporate prayer was a pattern of the early churches’ prayer life. I cannot miss one particular benefit to the churches of God when they pray for one another. It unites them in the Spirit of God and teaches them to bear the burdens together. It is the way for them to learn to love one another. As we are considering the prayer of the believers for Paul in 1:11, so must I appeal to all of you to pray for me throughout this year for the ministries in our church.

The next passage we are going to study is 2 Corinthians 9:8-15: “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: ⁹ (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. ¹⁰ Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) ¹¹ Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; ¹³ Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*; ¹⁴ And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.” It is a beautiful passage about prayer. Let us consider the passage.

First, the study of the major points from the passage may provide us with necessary background information. (1) 2 Corinthians 9 begins with a ministry of giving. (2) Paul wanted to prepare the Corinthian believers with gifts they had promised before (verse 5). (3) Giving must be bountiful. There are two occurrences of “bounty” in verse 5, which can be understood as “bountiful gift,” “generosity,” or “blessings.” There are three lessons we need to consider: (a) It is good to know that what we give can be a blessing to someone. (b) It is always important for us to remember that giving must be bountiful or generous. We must know that generosity is not necessarily related to the amount of giving. A widow’s two mites may be all she has, and she is the best giver in the eyes of the Lord. (c) It is a rule that giving is always voluntary. (4) Generous giving is like generous sowing. If a farmer sows little, he will harvest little. It is the meaning of verse 6, “But this *I* say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (5) A bountiful return in the future does not have to be a sole motif for giving. However, the point we must not forget is that sowing bountifully is not a loss at all. Though seeds die in soil and farmers cannot consume them immediately, they will come back through harvests in due time. (6) Ralph P. Martin quotes from *Abot 5:13* to talk about giving. There are four statements: (a) “He that is minded to give but not that others should give-he begrudges what belongs to others; (b) he that is minded that others should give but not that he should give-he begrudges what belongs to himself; (c) he that is minded to give and also that others should give-he is a saintly man; and (d) he that is minded not to give himself and that others should not give-he is a wicked man” (*2 Corinthians* in *World Biblical Commentary*, vol. 40, 290).

Second, the principle of giving is applied to the believers’ moral life. (1) 2 Corinthians 9:8, “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.” (a) God’s grace is abundant and sufficient. (b) He will meet all the needs of the believers sufficiently. (c) This grace will enable them to excel in all...

good works, in particular, in giving. (2) 2 Corinthians 9:9, "(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever." (a) It is a quotation from Psalm 112:9. (a) The first part of the verse refers to the giving ministry. (b) In particular, this giving is for the poor. (c) Christian giving is related to his righteousness in the latter part of the verse. (d) It is not the kind of righteousness that justifies sinners to be saved. Such justification comes only by faith in Jesus Christ. (e) This righteousness is moral, religious, and compassionate, which is related to good works in verse 8. (f) It also indicates that the righteous ones in Jesus Christ must be able to demonstrate their good works by helping the poor and giving them what they need. In other words, the ones who have received the righteousness of God will do acts of benevolence. (g) Then, we may say that righteousness through good works is a token or sign of the righteousness we have by faith in Jesus Christ. (h) It means that the justification by faith is not antinomian. The spirit of the law of God is to love God and our neighbors. The justified children of God are the ones who show mercy and kindness to others who are in need.

Third, everything begins with God, though we act as givers. (1) 2 Corinthians 9:10, "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)." (a) It is God who provides seed to the farmers. (b) It is God who meets all the needs of the farmers even for their bread. Seed is for sowing, and bread is for eating. (c) Paul moves from the horticultural example to Christian acts of charity in the verse. (d) It is God who works in the hearts of His children and enables them to increase the fruit of their good works. (2) 2 Corinthians 9:11, "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God." (a) God's grace enables the believers to be enriched in their good works. (b) They are enriched in everything bountifully or generously. (c) It will cause other believers to give thanks to God. (3) 2 Corinthians 9:12, "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." The good work enabled by God fulfills dual purposes. (a) It supplies the needs of the poor saints. Paul emphasizes that the help must be given to the saints in particular. Helping the needy is a believers' duty. 1 John 3:17-18, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." (b) It causes many to give thanks to God. (4) 2 Corinthians 9:13, "Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*." Giving and helping generously is a true confession of our faith.

Fourth, giving to the needy brethren provokes them to pray for the brethren helping them. 2 Corinthians 9:14, "And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you." (1) Giving produces two effects: (a) thanksgiving to the Lord and (b) provoking a desire to pray for the ones helping. Thus, it will give many benefits to the givers themselves. It appears that giving is not a loss at all but a gain. In such a way, proper giving and proper receiving benefits both parties. Therefore, losing opportunities to help and assist the needy and poor brethren costs the potential donors dearly. They are losing blessings from God through prayers of the ones who could have received their assistance. (2) The idea is that the poor brethren's prayers on our behalf are more valuable than our money. If we keep the money without using it for right causes, there is no prayer for us, and people do not have opportunities to glorify God. And also, we are not showing any sign of true confession of our faith. (3) On the other hand, it may give us an idea of what to do for the ones who have cared and looked after us. We pray for them. The Lord has sent us people at different times to meet our needs. We thank and praise the Lord for His provision. We also remember the ones God has used for our benefit. We pray for them. Paul properly ends the passage with thanksgiving. 2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift."

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 10 Feb	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship <i>Bible Study on Philippians</i>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 11 Feb	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>"Eschatology"</i>	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>TODAY: 05/02/2012</u>
Message	Jesus on the Water	Tabernacle of God	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	Matthew 14:22-36	Exodus 25:10-22	Organist: Joy
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Jasmine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Dr David Allen will be leading a short study on "<i>Motives of Evangelism</i>". • Saturday Bible Study: This coming Saturday, Pastor Ki will continue the study on "<i>Eschatology</i>". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Brian, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Sonia, Nana, Daniel Ki, John & Sharon, Mrs Chew, Prema, Anthony & Helen, Fung. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Rachael, Michelle. • Condolences: The church would like to convey our deepest condolences to Nnabugwu and Avi for the recent passing of Nnabugwu's mother. 			Ushers: Alan / Evelyn
			Sunday School: Hannah / Joy
			Lunch: Mrs Ki
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Lee Wei / Yangfan
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 12/02/2012</u>
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £979.56, Lunch: £43.50 Attendance - Morning: 29 (A) 1 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 1 (C)			Chairman: John Organist: Joy Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Daniel / Constance Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee Wei / Yangfan

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 3

Q: What do the scriptures principally teach?

A: The scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Comments:

In order to attain the chief end of our life, the two things most important for us to know are: *What we are to believe*, and *What we are to do*. These two things the Bible explains to us very fully. It tells us *what God is*, and *has done for us*, and also *what he requires us to do*, in order that it may be well with us now and hereafter.

Proofs:

John 5:39, Ecclesiastes 12:13

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."</i> Matthew 16:15-16	<i>"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"</i> Matthew 28:18-19	<i>"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."</i> Matthew 28:20