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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 12 AUGUST 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

Micah 4:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 85 – “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

RHC 116 – “Higher Ground”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 127

Hebrews 4

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 127
(to the tune of St Peter, RHC 456)

RHC 536 – “Safe in the arms of Jesus”

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 351 – “He Leadeth Me”

Scriptural Text

Matthew 18:1-5

Numbers 20:1-13

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Sermon Message

Childlike Humility

Moses’ Sin

Lord’s Supper

Rev Timothy Ki

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 199 – “The Old Rugged Cross”

RHC 335 – “Keep on Believing”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour

* 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

GOD'S CALLING - PART 4

There are clear incidences that God called His servants for ministries without using the words, "calling" or "called." One of them is found in Jeremiah 1:4-5, "Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." God called Jeremiah for an important mission. His calling was not based on Jeremiah's past achievement or future potential. Before He was born, God called Him. Before he was born, God sanctified him. God said that He ordained him to be a prophet to the nations. The Hebrew word for "ordain" also means to appoint, to set, or to assign. It demonstrates that God's calling into the ministry must be from God's ordination and appointment, and at the same time, His calling must be very definite.

Ninth, at this point, before I move into further points of God's calling, I need to mention two misconceptions about God's calling. (1) Calling always results in actual salvation. However, there are differences between God's general calling and His effectual calling for salvation. I am going to deal with his effectual calling for our salvation later, not in this paragraph. Jesus said in Matthew 22:14, "For many are called, but few *are* chosen." It tells us about a distinction between a general call to salvation to all who hear the Gospel and God's effectual calling for salvation. (2) Calling for salvation and calling for service are two different callings. There are people who consider that there are two separate callings: for salvation and for service. However, it is hard to believe that the saved do not serve. All believers are members of one body, and each member has its role to play for a healthy body. It is not plausible that a member, a mouth, refuses to serve the whole body but is satisfied just by being in the body. Though there are certain offices that require special qualifications and God's calling, all believers are also called to serve. Jesus did not come to be ministered but to minister.

Tenth, God's calling comes with reasons and purposes. (1) God calls people according to His purpose. Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose." If this be true, we may say that the believer's life is very meaningful because there is a purpose, and that he must not live for himself but for God because the purpose is God's not his. (2) God calls people to be justified and glorified. Romans 8:30, "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." This verse plainly explains the meaning of God's effectual calling. The ones called will be justified and glorified. When God calls, people will be drawn to Him for justification and glorification. His calling is the effectual means to bring His people to Himself. (3) God calls people to the fellowship of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:9, "God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." (4) God calls people to peace. 1 Corinthians 7:15, "But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace." (5) God calls people to liberty. Galatians 5:13, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Christian liberty is to be exercised by serving one another. (6) God calls people to His kingdom. 1 Thessalonians 2:12, "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." (7) God calls people to holiness. 1 Thessalonians 4:7, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." (8) God calls people to eternal life. 1 Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

(9) God calls people to receive eternal inheritance. Hebrews 9:15, "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." Hebrews 11:8, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." (10) God calls people to praise Him. 1 Peter 2:9, "But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." (11) God calls people to follow the steps of Jesus. 1 Peter 2:21, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his step." (12) God calls people to inherit blessings. 1 Peter 3:9, "Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing." (13) God calls people to His eternal glory. 1 Peter 5:10, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*." (14) God calls people to glory and virtue. 2 Peter 1:3, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." (15) God calls people to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Revelation 19:9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

Eleventh, God's calling moulds the spiritual characteristics of the called. (1) They abide in the same calling. 1 Corinthians 7:20, "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called." Though the passage is about the state of marriage, it may be applied to all other aspects of the believers' spiritual life. (2) They abide with God in the calling. 1 Corinthians 7:24, "Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God." (3) They walk worthy of their calling. Ephesians 4:1, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." The Greek word for vocation is also translated as "calling." The Greek word for "worthy" also means "suitably," "in a manner worthy of," or "agreeably." Paul introduces himself as a prisoner of the Lord and exhorts his readers to walk worthy of their calling. It implies that he considered himself being a prisoner of the Lord as God's calling. (4) They live and act in one hope of their calling. Ephesians 4:4, "*There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." It emphasizes the importance and necessity of unity amongst the believers of Jesus Christ. Thus, Christian unity must be considered seriously by all believers called by God. What they do and say must be in line with their calling for Christian unity. (5) They live within and for the body of Christ. Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." The called by God must remain within the body. It means that we must be a part of this body and should not isolate ourselves from the body of Christ. It also means that we must endeavor to edify the body of Christ. We are a part of one body and live as members of this body. Therefore, all believers of Jesus Christ must be actively involved in Christian service in His body. (6) They are holy. 1 Peter 1:15, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." (7) They are also chosen and faithful. Revelation 17:14, "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful." (8) They must be cautioned and rebuked that they may be tempted to depart from the truth. Galatians 1:6, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel." Therefore, they must study the Scriptures diligently and obey the truth of God.

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
Wed 15 Aug 10:30am Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Juleen Pascoe and Huey to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 17 Aug No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 18 Aug 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting "Eschatology" – Rev Timothy Ki	

<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>TODAY: 12/08/2012</u>
Message	More Lessons About Humility	Balaam, son of Beor	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	Matthew 18:4-10	Numbers 22 & 23	Organist: Anthony

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the study on "Anthropology" – The Doctrine of the Man. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Tom, Pastor Ki, Nina, John, Sharon & Tobias, Helen. • Pray for those on travel: Sonia, Nana, Yang Fan, Lee Wei, Constance, Jasmine, Anthony. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Michelle. 	Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John / Scott <u>NEXT WEEK: 19/08/2012</u> Chairman: John Organist: Joy Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Tom / Jonathan Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1293.23; Lunch: £38.21 Attendance - Morning: 28 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 25 (A) 5 (C)	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 30

Q: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A: The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Comments:

The last answer tells us *by whose* agency we become possessed of salvation; this one tells us of the method of it. It tells us that Christ's salvation becomes ours by union with him – that we are united to him by faith – and that this faith by which we commit ourselves to Christ, is the effect of the working of God's Spirit in our hearts. Faith in Christ means *trust* in Christ, and brings about *union* with him.

Proofs:

John 15:26, 1 Corinthians 12:3, John 15:5

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments."</i> Psalm 119:7	<i>"I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly."</i> Psalm 119:8	<i>"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."</i> Nehemiah 4:6