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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 15 JULY 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1–2

Psalm 111:1–3

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 5 – “*Command Thy Blessing From Above*”

RHC 16 – “*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 123

Numbers 13:1–33

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 123
(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

RHC 247 – “*Cleanse Me*”

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 390 – “*Something for Thee*”

Scriptural Text

Matthew 17:14–23

Numbers 13:25–14:38

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

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Sermon Message

Focus of Faith

Sin of Complaints

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 359 – “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”

RHC 337 – “*Never Give Up*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Timothy Ki

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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

BIBLICAL SABBATH – PART 3

The main reason why people do not observe the Lord's Day carefully and even considers the Lord's Day observance as a burden is because they think that worshipping God on that day and sanctifying the Lord's Day is always their right. Thus, they take for granted the Lord's Day worship. However, it is God's grace that enables us to sanctify the day and worship Him on that day. In fact, such a conclusion is quite obvious because the day was ordained by the Lord Himself not by man, and this day belongs to God Himself. It is God who has given this day to man, and Jesus says that the son of man is the Lord of the Sabbath day (Matthew 12:8; Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5). Therefore, when the people of God sinned against Him, He removed their privilege to sanctify this day. Lamentations 2:6, "And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as *if it were of* a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest." I'll continue from where I left off last week.

Seventh, how to keep the Sabbath holy was a contentious issue during Jesus' days. It means that we need some guidelines to know how to observe the day of the Lord and keep it holy, but we must be aware of the dangers of making a rigid system to satisfy man's religious ideals. (1) We must know that the Jews considered Jesus as a Sabbath breaker, who was a blasphemer of God, who deserved to be punished by death. The measurement they used to condemn Him to death was not any set of commands God had prescribed for them but their own set of regulations. (2) To the contrary, there were a few things that the Lord appeared to allow or at least to permit and be done on Sabbath days: (a) the disciples of Jesus plucked the ears of corn and ate on the Sabbath day (Matthew 12:1-5; Mark 2:23-24; Luke 5:1-2). In particular, Matthew 12:2 says, "But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day." The disciples were hungry and took some ears of corn and ate them, which was considered as a breach of the Sabbath day regulations. The Pharisees appeared to have condemned them, but the Lord Himself did not rebuke His men. Instead, it seems that He rather defended them in this context. Many years ago, one lady told me that she broke the sanctity of the Lord's Day. She was very remorseful. She and her husband had to buy a drink (I think that it was milk) for her child on the Lord's Day. I do not remember the whole background story now. However, somehow the drink was desperately needed for her child, and she bought it on the Lord's Day. Her conscience was troubled because she felt that she desecrated the sanctity of the Day of the Lord. Well, I think that she should have prepared for the needs of the baby before the Lord's Day. However, I equally think that it was not healthy that she condemned herself for this very act. Her baby needed that drink at that moment. I am not encouraging anyone to do any business transactions on the Lord's Day. At the same time, I want all of us to be reminded that the hungry disciples who plucked some ears of corn in the field were not condemned by the Lord Himself. We must be surprised by the Lord's understanding of the Sabbath. Though the law says that no one should go out and work in the field on the Sabbath, He did not reprimand His men for the incident. The ones who consider the Lord's Day as a shopping day may not have any idea what I am writing now. What I am saying is that we must stop all unnecessary work including shopping on the Lord's Day, but there is room for necessities. I mean literally "only necessities." (b) The Lord healed the sick on the Sabbath days. Matthew 12:11-12 say, "And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? ¹² How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days." When Jesus healed a sick person on the Sabbath, some people were obviously offended. Then, Jesus talked about rescuing animals fallen into a pit on the Sabbath day. He implied that it was permitted to do so. This rescue mission was also...

related to the healing work. I may say that it must include all kinds of humanitarian works. I would not say to the police that they must not work on the Lord's Day. Then, there will be no security in our communities. There are some carers who are helping shut-ins and disabled people. If we say to them that they should not help them because no work is permitted, they would be left helpless. If there is no metropolitan fire services on the Lord's Day, then when there is a fire, we would have to let everything burn down and human lives could be lost. If I extend it a little bit further, then I may say that if the soldiers are not ready to fight on the Lord's Day and enemies come against us on that day, we will all be killed. Of course, there has to be a good balance. If a person does not worship God on the Lord's Day every week because he has to be involved in humanitarian work, he needs to make a balanced schedule and to reexamine his priorities. We must do everything possible to separate the Lord's Day for public worship from the rest of the week.

(c) Circumcision was practiced on the Sabbath. John 7:22-23, "Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.²³ If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?" Circumcision was a religious duty to the Jews, and it was performed on the Sabbath without condemnation. (d) We cannot but pay attention to the Lord's regular practice on the Sabbath. Mark 1:21, "And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught." Luke 4:16, "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." We must see that it was His custom to go to the synagogue to read the Scriptures and to explain the passages. If it had been the Lord's custom to go to the synagogues on Sabbath days, then how much more must it be our custom to go to church on the Lord's Days and worship Him? It has to be our custom to come to church to hear God's Word and to read it. Probably we can compare this custom to the Jewish custom in the Old Testament that they offered sacrifices to the Lord on the Sabbath days. There was a holy convocation on the Sabbath. It was the way to celebrate the Sabbath. (e) Sabbath is a day of worship. Isaiah 66:23, "And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." We must stop seeking after our own pleasure on the Lord's Day. We must stop working for extra cash at the expense of the Lord's worship on the Lord's Day. We must stop using the Lord's Day just for a holiday. (f) Sabbath was a day of reading the Scriptures. The Jews did so, though they did not know Jesus and did not understand what the prophets were saying in the Bible. Acts 16:13, "For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him*." If we understand that Bible, then we must give even more efforts to read the Bible on the Lord's Day. (g) Sabbath was a day of prayer. Acts 13:27, "For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him*."

We have a time to pray together on the Lord's Day. We also have a time to read the Bible together on this day. We have a time to worship together as a corporate body of believers. We have a time to learn the Bible on the Lord's Day. We all know that the priests in the Lord's Temple served the Lord busily on the Sabbath. The Lord's Day is like the Sabbath. Come and join us to worship on the Lord's Day and make it your custom. If you think that the Lord's Day observance is boring, you must not have joined us to observe the Day of the Lord all day long yet.

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 18 July	10:30am	Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We welcome Mr & Mrs Buchan, Jee, Yanning & family and Randolph Phillips to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 20 July	---	No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 21 July	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting "Eschatology" – Rev Timothy Ki	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Brian Green	Rev Brian Green	<u>TODAY: 15/07/2012</u>
Message	El Shaddai	Need for Urgency	
Text	Genesis 17	2 Timothy 3:1-4:5	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 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, Elizabeth, Tom, Venise, Pastor Ki, Daniel & Maureen • Pray for those on travel: Sonia, Nana, Daniel, Maureen, Yang Fan, Hannah, Lee Wei • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Michelle 		
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1643.00, Missions: £21.00, Lunch: £40.90</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 2 (C)</p>		
<p><u>NEXT WEEK: 22/07/2012</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Joy Pianist: Anthony Ushers: John / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p>		

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 26

<p>Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?</p> <p><i>A: Christ executeth the office of a king, IN SUBDUING US TO HIMSELF, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p>A king is the ruler of a kingdom. Now there is a great kingdom set up on earth, consisting of all God's people, and its ruler is Christ. As such, his duties are here said to be threefold: 1. He makes us willing to obey him; 2. He gives us laws for our guidance and safety; 3. He limits and finally puts down all who oppose us and him.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u></p> <p>2 Corinthians 10:5, Matthew 11:29, 2 Timothy 4:18</p>

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."</i></p> <p>Psalm 119:2</p>	<p><i>"They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently."</i></p> <p>Psalm 119:3-4</p>	<p><i>"O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!"</i></p> <p>Psalm 119:5</p>