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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 18 NOVEMBER 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 51:1-3

Habakkuk 3:17-19

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 540 – *"We're Marching to Zion"*

RHC 236 – *"Revive Thy Work, O Lord"*

*Opening Prayer **

Alan Blaney

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 142

2 Peter 1

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 142 verses 1-5
(to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 38)

RHC 320 – *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

Announcements & Memory Verse

Alan Blaney

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 136 – *"Come, ye Thankful People, Come"*

Scriptural Text

Colossians 1:24 - 2:5

Jeremiah 1

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

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Sermon Message

Discovering Your Purpose

The Call

Eld George Chew

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*Closing Hymn **

RHC 419 – *"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

RHC 446 – *"Lord, Speak to Me"*

*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

NOTHING SO ILL BUT CHRIST WILL COMPENSATE

By Rev Ian Hamilton, pastor of the Cambridge Presbyterian Church. Reprinted with the permission of Rev Hamilton

The Christian life is lived at the intersection of the ages, this present age and the age of the world to come that has already, in Christ, punctuated this present age. In Christ, believers are a 'new creation' (2 Cor. 5:17). Paul does not mean here that believers are inwardly renewed men and women, but that we have been planted by God into the midst of the new creation that he has effected in Christ. This 'intersection of the ages' accounts, in part, for the tension that every Christian experiences as he or she labours to 'seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness' (Matt. 6:33). It is an inevitable tension, an unavoidable tension, but in the wisdom and mercy of God a sanctifying tension.

The words at the head of this letter were written by John Owen. They reflect his conviction that 'for those who love God all things work together for good' (Rom. 8:28). Paul begins that verse with, 'And we know . . .' He is not engaging in spiritual conjecture or surmise. He is not saying, 'we know that some things, or perhaps even many things, work for the good of those who love God.' Paul is unequivocal, 'we know that . . . all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.' These are staggering words, remarkable words, almost unimaginable words. But they are written in the Word of the One who cannot lie.

In recent months I have found myself engaged in lives that have known great sorrow, disappointment, illness, and death. John Calvin wrote for many when he wrote,

Our circumstances are all in opposition to the promises of God. He promises us immortality, yet we are surrounded by mortality and corruption. He declares that he accounts us just, yet we are covered with sins. He testifies that he is propitious and benevolent towards us, yet outward signs threaten his wrath. What then are we to do?

Indeed, what then are we to do? Too often we go into a 'spiritual sulk' and blame God for not ordering our life the way we think it should be ordered. But, in your saner moments, would you really want God to order your life the way YOU want it ordered? If you did, you would be a poor self-deceived, even Satan-deceived, fool. Do you know what is best for you? Do you know the end from the beginning? Are you, am I, the fount of all wisdom? At our best we 'see through a glass darkly'. We need the loving-kindness and tender fatherly care of our heavenly King, to keep us on track, preparing us for the glory that we will one day inherit (and even now are beginning to enjoy).

Let me now give you Calvin's own answer to the question he posed.

What then are we to do? We must close our eyes, disregard ourselves and all things connected with us, so that nothing may hinder or prevent us from believing that God is true (Commentary on Romans 4:20).

Calvin was absolutely sure - how could he be otherwise? - that there is

'Nothing so ill but Christ will compensate'

The great issue is not, are you willing to believe what God's Word teaches? But, are you willing to believe the goodness, grace, loving-kindness of your heavenly Father? Jesus laboured to impress on his disciples the loving Fatherhood of their God (read Matthew 6 and see how many times Jesus speaks of the 'Father'). This is the issue we need to settle in our minds and hearts: Am I persuaded that my heavenly Father is everything he tells me he is? This is the battle of faith, a battle that will throw the concerted powers and seductions of the world, the flesh, and the devil against you.

Perhaps you have gone through or are going through dark and difficult times. Allow me to encourage you to take Owen's words to heart. See them through the bright lens of Romans 8:28. Hide that word in your heart that you might not sin against God (Psa. 119:11). Live in the faith of this and, to quote Owen again, 'Thou wilt die a conqueror'.

THE LOGIC OF REDEMPTION

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The glorious doctrine of God's redemption of sinners through the sin-bearing, sin-vanquishing death of Christ on Calvary's cross lies at the heart of the Christian faith - and at the heart of every Christian's faith. We believe this. We love this. We sing this. 'In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace' (*Eph. 1:7*). So far, so good. Now consider this question: What impact and influence is Christ's redeeming work to have on our relationships with other Christians?

The New Testament is emphatic that there is a vital, inextricable link between what our Saviour has done for us and how we are to treat one another. Listen to the Apostle John: 'Beloved, if God so loved us (in giving his Son as a propitiation for our sins), we also ought to love one another' (*1 John 4:11*). For John there is logic to redemption (the phrase is Philip Hughes'), the logic of selfless love for others. If God in Christ has loved us selflessly, and he has, how can we partake of that selfless love and not exhibit something of its grace in our relationships with others?

This is no arcane question. Our Lord Jesus said 'by their fruit you will know them'. He also said that love for one another would be the distinguishing mark of our Christian profession. This is the logic of redemption. Where this is absent, the experience of redeeming love can hardly be present - can it?

It has often been said that just as everything in Christianity flows from the cross, so everything returns to the cross. It is when we become distant and detached from the wonder of Calvary's redeeming love that we become careless, even indifferent in our relationships with fellow believers. It would transform the way we speak about other Christians and to other Christians if we always did so 'in the shadow of Calvary'. The selfless love of Christ is both the foundation and pulsebeat of the Christian life. The mark of the Selfless One has been indelibly etched on the life of every Christian. What the Holy Spirit first produced in Christ he comes to re-produce in his people.

The Apostle John learned this well: 'By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers' (*1 John 3:16*). This kind of Christianity is light years from what passes as Christian in this world. It would be only too easy to look out and see and point the finger at the lovelessness in the liberal, unbelieving church. But what about us, we who call ourselves evangelical and Reformed. Does the logic of redemption pervade our relationships with one another? Does it?

It is not a matter of trying harder, although we need to try much harder. It is a matter of becoming soaked in the logic of redemption. We all need day by day to come afresh to the foot of Calvary's cross not to gaze upon a dying Saviour (he is risen!), but to be reminded of the selfless love that purchased our redemption at a cost we will never ever fathom. I know that is my great need. If you are anything like me, it will also be your great need.

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 22 Nov	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Marcela Delgvy, Sarah Zinga and Kezouh Fatima to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 23 Nov	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>"God's Purpose for Israel (future)"</i>	
Sat 24 Nov	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	<u>TODAY: 18/11/2012</u> Chairman: Alan Organist: Joy Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Tom / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott <u>NEXT WEEK: 25/11/2012</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Alan / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jonathan
Message	TBC	TBC	
Text	TBC	TBC	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Eld Chew will be leading a short discussion on "Calling". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Tom, Nina, Helen, Elizabeth, Hannah. • Pray for those on travel: Sonia, Nana, Matthew, Evelyn. • Pray for the Visa process for Pastor & Mrs Ki. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. • Ladies Fellowship next Sunday: For more information, please see Mrs May Chew or Mrs Ki. • Church cleaning next Saturday, 1pm: For those who wish to volunteer, please see Hannah or Mrs Ki.
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £781.20; Lunch: £46.00; Kenya £21.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 35 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 25 (A) 5 (C)</p>

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 44

Q: What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

A: The preface to the Ten Commandments teacheth us, that because God is THE LORD, and OUR GOD, and REDEEMER, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Comments:

The preface to the Ten Commandments sets forth God's claims to obedience at our hands. These are: 1. God is our Sovereign – I AM THE LORD. 2. He is the Being whom we worship – I AM THY GOD. 3. He is the One who has delivered us from bondage – I AM THY REDEEMER.

Proofs:

Deuteronomy 24:18, 2 Corinthians 5:15

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."</i></p> <p>Jeremiah 29:11</p>	<p><i>"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."</i></p> <p>Jeremiah 31:3</p>	<p><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></p> <p>John 17:23</p>