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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 20 MAY 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 27:4-7	Psalm 121
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 75 – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	RHC 18 – “Come, Thou Almighty King”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Alan Blaney	Alan Blaney
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 119: 97-112	Colossians 3
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 119 verses 105-112</i> (to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 38)	RHC 395 – “A Heart Like Thine”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Alan Blaney	Alan Blaney
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 102 – “O It Is Wonderful!”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 16:5-12	Leviticus 11:1-8; 41-47
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Power in Understanding</i>	<i>Clean and Unclean Things of God</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”	RHC 409 – “Take Time To Be Holy”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<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

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

A Father's Letter - Part 2

I'll continue from the last week's letter from Mr. Isaac Watts Sr. to his children.

Secondly, consider seriously and often of the sinful and miserable estate you are in by nature, and that you are liable to eternal wrath thereupon; also think of the way of fallen man's recovery by grace, according to the foundation-principles of the true Christian religion, which you have learned in your catechism; and beg of God by prayer to give you understanding in them, and faith to believe in Jesus Christ, and a heart willing to yield obedience to his gospel commands in all things.

Though you cannot tell how to pray as you should do, nor in any order, yet be not afraid nor ashamed to try. Go aside, my dear children, and think in your minds, what it is that you want to make you holy and happy. Tell God that you want pardon of sin, a soft, tender, and sanctified heart, a portion of the spirit, etc.; and then beg God to help you to pray for those things, and to teach you to pray, and to pardon the iniquities of your prayers. My children, though it may want a form of words, yet if the heart be in it, this is prayer, and such prayer too as God will hear and accept; for He despises not the day of small things, nor little ones, but loves to see them come and tell Him what they would have. Tell Him you would pray better, but you cannot, till He pleases to help you. My children, if you do but use this way, you shall find that in time you will come to have praying gifts and praying graces, too; 'for to them that ask it shall be given.' (Matt. 7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:")

Thirdly, learn to know God according to the discoveries He hath made of Himself in and by His word, in all His glorious attributes and infinite perfections; especially learn to know Him in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be acquainted with this blessed Redeemer of God's elect.

Fourth, remember that God is your Creator, from whom you received life and being; and as such you are bound to worship Him; much more when you consider that He is your benefactor, from the fountain of whose goodness all your mercies come. Now, upon both these accounts, the best of your time and abilities are required in His service; and the earlier you begin to devote yourselves to His service, the abler you will be to perform it acceptably, the greater will be your honour here, and your glory hereafter; though you must not expect to merit aught at His hands, by way of merit for what you can do, yet certain it is, the Jesus Christ will reward everyone according to his works; and we are bidden to look to the recompense of reward, in that sense after Moses' example; and it is no small commendation and honour to be an old disciple of Christ.

Fifth, know this, that as you must worship God, so it must be in His own ways, with true worship and in a right manner; that is, according to the rules of the gospel, and not according to the inventions or traditions of men. Consider that idolatry and superstition are both abominable to God.

Lastly, I charge you to be dutiful and obedient to all your superiors: to your grandfather and both grandmothers, and all other relations and friends that are over you, but in an especial manner to your mother, to whose care and government God hath wholly committed you in my absence; who as I am sure, dearly loves you, so she will command and direct you to her utmost ability in all ways, for your good of soul and body. Consider, she is left alone to bear all the burden of brining you up; and is, as it were, a widow; her time is filled up with many cares, and, therefore, do not grieve her by any rebellious or disobedient ways, but be willing to learn of her and be ruled by her, that she may have some comfort in seeing your obedient carriage; and it will rejoice me to hear it. Avoid bad company of wicked children; abhor swearing, lying, and playing on the Sabbath-day, and all other wicked courses; so shall you grow in favour with God and man. Love one another. You that are eldest, help to teach the younger; and you that are younger, do not scorn the teachings of the elder. These things I charge and command you with the authority and love of a father. Now commending you to God, and what I have written to His blessing upon your hearts, through Jesus Christ, with my dear love to your mother, my duty to your grandfather and grandmothers, and love to all other friends, being indifferent in health, I rest your very loving father. Isaac Watts.”

Isaac Watts Jr. was 11 years old when he received this letter from his father. Both the father’s instruction and the child’s understanding and comprehension of the spiritual things are quite amazing. However, if we know that Isaac Watts’ Snr’s contemporaries were Owen, Goodwin, Manton, and Bunyan, we should not be surprised. Our spirituality is less than shallow before those giants.

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

MEMORY VERSE		
<p>Last Week</p> <p><i>“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”</i></p> <p>Romans 10:9-10</p>	<p>This Week</p> <p><i>“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”</i></p> <p>Romans 10:17</p>	<p>Next Week</p> <p><i>“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”</i></p> <p>Ephesians 2:8-9</p>

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 25 May	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>"God's Purpose for Gaza" - Mr Ivan Foster</i>
Sat 26 May	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>"Eschatology" – Rev Timothy Ki</i>

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Ivan Foster	Rev Ivan Foster	<u>TODAY: 20/05/2012</u>
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Alan
Text	TBC	TBC	Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Joy
			Ushers: Tom / Yetta
			Sunday School: Hannah / Joy
			Lunch: Constance
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Lee Wei / Yangfan

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Anniversary – 27th May: Please inform Daniel if you would like to make a contribution for the Carry-In lunch. • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the study on "Anthropology – The Doctrine of the Man". • Ladies Fellowship – 27th May: Please see Mrs Ki for more information. • 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, Venise, John. • Pray for those on travel: Sonia, Nana, John, Sharon & Tobias. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Michelle. • Church cleaning next Saturday: For those who wish to volunteer, please see Hannah or Mrs Ki. Please meet up in Church at 1pm. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 27/05/2012</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Joy</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Margaret</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Joy</p> <p>Lunch: Carry-In</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Lee Wei / Yangfan</p>
Collections - Last Sunday: £744.00, Lunch: £56.00 Attendance - Morning: 39 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 26 (A) 3 (C)	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 18

Q: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: *The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgression which proceed from it.*

Comments:

This answer tells us of the *extent of the sinfulness* which has been brought upon us through Adam's fall. It tells us that this sinfulness consists of two parts – the sin of our natures, and the sin of our lives. The former is called original sin. The latter includes all the actual sins we commit. Original sin springs directly from our connexion with Adam. Actual sin springs directly from our own evil hearts.

Proofs:

Romans 7:23, Matthew 15:19, Psalm 51:5