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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 22 APRIL 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Isaiah 43:1-3a	Psalm 122:1-4
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 17 – “Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme”	RHC 2 – “O Worship the King”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Alan Blaney
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 119:33-48	Psalm 119:49-64
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 119 verses 33-40</i> (to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)	<i>Psalm 119 verses 49-56</i> (to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Alan Blaney
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 103 – “Sunshine in My Soul”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 15:29-31, Mark 7:31-37	Leviticus 3:1-17
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Provision of the Lord</i>	<i>Peace Offering</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 355 – “Day by Day”	RHC 319 – “It Is Well with My Soul”
<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

TRUST AND OBEY

By Rev Ian Hamilton, adapted from Banner of Truth Trust dated 18 March 2004

During Samuel Rutherford's time in London, where he was a delegate from the Church of Scotland at the Westminster Assembly, two children from his second marriage died. He wrote sorrowfully of this to another bereaved parent: "I was in your condition; I had but two children, and both are dead since I came hither ... The good husbandman may pluck His roses, and gather in His lilies at mid-summer, and, for aught I dare say, in the beginning of the first summer month ..." (from London 1645 to a Mrs Taylor).

What is so striking about Rutherford's letter is its humble submissiveness to God's sore providence. To lose one child would be the sorest of trials, to lose two in quick succession must have been an unimaginable trial. Some will no doubt be thinking, "In those days death was a more everyday fact of life than it is today; it was not uncommon for children to die in infancy." True. But do you think that a Christian father or mother could ever easily and painlessly lose even one of their children? However common or inevitable the death of a loved one is, their death pierces our heart. Love does not easily give up to death the one it loves. But Rutherford's letter speaks to us of a man who, though his heart is aching, humbly submits to the wise, gracious and loving sovereignty of "the Good Husbandman."

It is one of the most evident (and sweetest) marks of saving faith, that the Lord enables us to acquiesce humbly and not grudgingly in the face of dark and sore providences. To be able to say, "the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord," is a mark of faith at its purest and highest. None of this is a mere matter of temperament. On the contrary, such humble, submissive faith is the fruit of a heart that has begun to grasp the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The whole course of our Saviour's life was a course of humble submissive obedience to his Father's will. Never once did our Lord Jesus murmur or complain as he endured reviling, rejection, slander and worse. Rather, "he entrusted himself to him who judges justly." Our Saviour is the experiential model of humble submissive faith and it is God's predestinating purpose to conform us to his Son's likeness. That "likeness" is nowhere more beautifully and movingly etched for us than in Philippians 2:5ff. There we see the selfless humility of Jesus, who "made himself of no reputation" and humbled himself, becoming "obedient to death -even death on a cross." As he walked, in faith; the pathway of unimaginable suffering, our Saviour never once complained, never once questioned the love of his Father. Even in the Garden, as the dawning reality of the cross began to pierce his soul, he prays, "Not my will, but your will be done." The essence of faith is trust; and Jesus to the end trusted his Father.

It is union with this humbly submissive Jesus Christ that believers are brought into through the gospel. Those believers whose faith most glorifies God, are not those who fluently can talk about it, or insightfully write about it, or passionately preach about it, but those who humbly trust God when all around their soul is giving way. God's ways are not our ways. He is God. His purposes towards his people are the product of his perfect wisdom, gracious sovereignty and electing love. Here we see through a glass darkly. Here, our fragile, earthen vessels are only too easily cracked by perplexity and pain. What will keep us from losing heart, and complaining bitterly, is the persuasion that "he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things."

The quiet dignity of a "bruised reed", humbled under God's almighty hand, is a beautiful sight to behold. It is a testimony to the grace and love of an unseen God. It tells the people of God that God can be trusted, even when all earthly hopes are dashed. Such grace truly is a "rare jewel" - it sparkles and gives lustre to every Christian profession it adorns.

LIVING TO PLEASE THE LORD

By Rev Ian Hamilton, adapted from Banner of Truth Trust dated 17 June 2004

Peter Marshall was a Scotsman who became the Chaplain to the United States Senate in the late 1940's. He wrote some words that speak powerfully to our morally decaying society and to an evangelical Christianity that has its focus in all the wrong places.

"The modern challenge to motherhood is the eternal challenge -that of being a godly woman. The very phrase sounds strange in our ears. We never hear it now. We hear about every other type of women: beautiful women, smart women, sophisticated women, career women, talented women, divorced women. But so seldom do we hear of a godly woman - or of a godly man either, for that matter. I believe women come nearer to fulfilling their God given function in the home than anywhere else. It is a much nobler thing to be a good wife, than to be Miss America. It is a greater achievement to establish a Christian home than it is to produce a second rate novel filled with filth. It is a far, far better thing in the realms of morals to be old fashioned, than to be ultra-modern. The world has enough women who know how to be smart. It needs women who are willing to be simple. The world has enough women who know how to be brilliant. It needs some who will be brave. The world has enough women who are popular. It needs more who are pure. We need women, and men, too, who would rather be morally right than socially correct." (Peter Marshall, former Chaplain to the United States Senate).

I wonder how you are reacting to these words? You could tell a lot about the state of your spiritual life, I think, by your reaction to Marshall's analysis. Christian virtue is rarely eclipsed overnight. Usually it is eviscerated by the slow process of being conformed to the prevailing pattern of the age. If you live in the midst of squalor, and everyone around you sees the squalor as normal, it takes unyielding courage and conviction to stand against the squalor and resist its embrace. Too often today, evangelicalism seeks to dress itself in the world's clothes, in the hope that it might thereby gain a hearing for the gospel. Now it is true that Christians are to become "all things to all men, so that by all means we might save some." But in no sense does this mean that we are to share the world's values and lifestyle. Consider our Lord Jesus Christ. He exemplified what it means to identify with this fallen, sinful world: "And the Word became flesh." He shared the frailty and vulnerability of our humanity. He entered into the darkness of our sinful predicament. And yet, he remained "holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners." He shared our condition, but not our sin. Indeed, he never once temporised, or tried to hide the absolute moral standards of God from sinners. What he said was given authority by who and what he was.

We live in an age that is seeking, willfully, to subvert the biblical foundations of society. At the heart of those biblical foundations are the God-ordained roles of Godly male headship, and Godly female submission. It is tragically true, that many men, Christian men, have abdicated their God-ordained calling in their homes and made it difficult for their wives lovingly to submit to their headship. Nothing would more persuade a Christian woman to rise to her God-ordained calling, than having a husband who loves her as Christ loves the church, who loves her children, and who faithfully, gently and unyieldingly, leads the family in making God's word and not the world's enticements, the pattern of life.

It may well be costly, indeed it certainly will be costly, but Christians must "dare to be different." First, of course, for God's honour and glory. Second, for the good of our own souls: "do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." But thirdly, if we do not dare to be different (i.e. live the values of God's word), then our evangelical testimony will be little more than hollow, pathetic words that the world will mock and ignore.

I have recently finished reading Brian Moynihan's biography of William Tyndale. My abiding impression of this fine work is that Tyndale, and others like him (e.g. John Frith) dared to be different. They refused to fit in with the prevailing ethos and expectations of their society. It cost them their lives, but the impact of their lives for the sake of Christ and the gospel was enormous. Dare to be different. Not to draw attention to yourself. Not to show your Christian brothers how "Reformed" you are. Dare to be different because the gospel of your Saviour has brought you into the ethic of a better world, whose King is the Lord God Almighty. Live to please him.

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 27 Apr	4pm & 7pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>God's Purpose for Jordan - Mr Brian Green</i>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Nina Tong and Joon Ok Park to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 28Apr	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>"Eschatology" – Rev Timothy Ki</i>	
<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: 22/04/2012</u>
Message	Provision of the Lord	Sin Offering	Chairman: Jonathan / Alan
Text	Matthew 15:29-39	Leviticus 4	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Jasmine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "Anthropology – The Doctrine of the Man". • Ladies Fellowship next Sunday: Please see Mrs Ki for more information. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Brian, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Sonia, Nana, Shirley. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Michelle, Joy. • Church ACM: This will be held on 13 May. The agenda will be distributed next Lord's Day. 			Ushers: Alan / Margaret
			Sunday School: Hannah / Joy
			Lunch: Mrs Ki
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Lee Wei / Yangfan
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 29/04/2012</u>
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1612.02, Lunch: £52.00			Chairman: John
Attendance - Morning: 30 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 3 (C)			Organist: Joy
			Pianist: Anthony
			Ushers: Tom / Yetta
			Sunday School: Hannah / Joy
			Lunch: Mrs Ki
			Washing Up: Volunteers
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 14

Q: What is sin?

A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the Law of God.

Comments:

We are here taught that there are two kinds of sins. The first consists in not doing what God commands; the second consists in doing what God forbids. Our first parents committed the latter.

Proofs:

Luke 10:31, Luke 22:61

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 1:8

This Week

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Acts 3:19

Next Week

"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."

Nehemiah 4:6