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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 26 AUGUST 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 73:21-28

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 229 – “*Thy Kingdom Come, O God*”

RHC 314 – “*Nearer, Still Nearer*”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 129

1 Peter 1

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 129
(to the tune of St Stephen, RHC 397)

RHC 258 – “*Lord, Thy Word Abideth*”

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 474 – “*We Would See Jesus*”

Scriptural Text

Matthew 18:11-14

Deuteronomy 5:32-6:9

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

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Sermon Message

Parable of the Lost Sheep
RHC 434 – “*Savior, More Than Life to Me*”

God's People and His Word
RHC 385 – “*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*”

*Closing Hymn **

*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

GOD'S CALLING - PART 6

When we consider God's calling in all areas other than those two particular callings for preaching and ruling (authorities), we must not ignore the importance of careful observation of the Lord's providential guidance. We may find a few examples. For example, we can think of the Lord's leading of Abraham's servant to find Rebecca as a wife for Isaac. Abraham ordered his servant to go to his country and kindred to find a wife for Isaac. Abraham did not give his servant any specific instructions but rather gave him two guidelines: (1) Do not find a woman from the daughters of the Canaanites, and (2) Go and find from his kindred in Mesopotamia (Genesis 24:4, 10). Abraham did not give a name of a woman that his servant had to look for. What Abraham instructed him to do was only a rough guideline that he had to follow. However, it was a huge responsibility for his servant to find his master's son a wife from the land he was not even familiar with. Abraham sent his servant by faith. Now it became his servant's turn. He probably did not have any clue on how to find a woman for Isaac. By faith he left with ten camels and all the goods. There was no divine revelation from heaven to show him how to find the right woman for Isaac. Instead he prayed. In his prayer, he mentioned one particular quality of the woman whom he should be able to take with him. Genesis 24:14, "And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.*" We can see that the woman must have a kind, generous, and hospitable spirit. Later Rebecca came out and demonstrated the qualities that Abraham's servant prayed for. When he finally met her brother, Laban, he said in Genesis 24:26-27, "And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.²⁷ And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren." And again he said in Genesis 24:48, "And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son." It interests me that the servant said, "the LORD God . . . had led me in the right way." What he followed was not a direct, visible, and audible revelation, but God's providential guidance. He did not know what to do, and he prayed for the Lord's guidance. He thought of the right quality for Isaac's wife and followed that guideline, and he found the right one. Paul says that marriage is a calling in 1 Corinthians 7. Then, how do we fulfill the Lord's calling? How do we find a right wife or husband? You may want to read the fourteenth point again, which will be helpful.

Fifteenth, God's calling encourages the called to look unto Jesus Christ. Hebrews 3:1, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."

Sixteenth, God's calling comes through His messages. When we consider God's calling, we may consider its two particular effects: fellowship with God (including salvation of soul) and following Him. It means that salvation is not the end of God's calling. (1) God calls people to be saved and to have fellowship with Him. Both for the backslidden believers and the unsaved, repentance is the most important element of the message of God's calling. They ought to obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The backslidden believers must forsake their wicked ways and return to God. Isaiah 55:6, "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Jeremiah 3:12, "Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD;

... *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* merciful, saith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever.” Matthew 3:1-2, “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, ² And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Matthew 4:17, “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Acts 2:38, “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Romans 16:26, “But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.” 2 Thessalonians 1:6, “Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; ⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(2) God calls people to follow Him. Salvation is not to be the end of God’s calling. It is only the beginning of the called ones’ continual fellowship with God. This fellowship includes obedience to God’s rules and service to Him. (a) Not all who are called follow Him till the end. As we discussed, this case must be distinguished from God’s effectual calling. Judas Iscariot did not follow Him till the end. The rich young ruler was called to follow but did not follow the Lord in Matthew 19:21-22, “Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me. ²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.” (b) The disciples of Jesus were called to follow Him: Simon and Andrew (Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17); James and John (Matthew 4:21; Mark 1:20, implied in these passages); Matthew (Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27); Phillip (John 1:43); and Peter (John 21:19, 22). (c) Paul speaks of himself as a follower of Christ and calls upon the Corinthians to follow him (1 Corinthians 11:1). He also says the same thing to the Ephesians, Philippians, and Thessalonians (Ephesians 5:1; Philippians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 1:6). (d) The Lord clearly states about following Him: Luke 9:23-24, “And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.”

Seventeenth, God’s calling is to enable the called to do the things they are called for. (1) It is to be with the Lord and to be sent out to preach. Mark 3:13-14, “And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth *unto him* whom he would: and they came unto him. ¹⁴ And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach” (cf. Titus 1:3). (2) It is to bear fruits. John 15:16, “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” (3) It is to separate the called for the assigned work. Acts 13:2, “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.” (4) It is to put the called into the ministry. 1 Timothy 1:11-12, “According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. ¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry” (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11).

When we are called, we may be overwhelmed. However, God who calls us will enable us to accomplish the mission He puts us into. 1 Thessalonians 5:24, “Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.” What is required of us is faithfulness.

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 29 Aug	10:30am	Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Fri 31 Aug		No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 01 Sept	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting "Eschatology" – Rev Timothy Ki	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>TODAY: 26/08/2012</u>
Message	How to Deal With Offences	Prophets of God	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	Matthew 18:15-20	Deuteronomy 13:1-18	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Joy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of Membership: The church welcomes Joy Blundell into the church membership. • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the study on "Anthropology" – The Doctrine of the Man. • Ladies Fellowship this afternoon: For more information, please see Mrs May Chew or Mrs Ki. • Church Picnic on Bank Holiday Monday: For more information please see Yetta or Mrs Ki. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Tom, Nina, Helen. • Pray for those on travel: Sonia, Nana, Yang Fan, Constance, Jasmine, Rachael, Anthony & Helen, John, Sharon & Tobias, Joy, Hannah, Tom, Elizabeth, Scott & Venise 			Ushers: Daniel / Margaret
			Sunday School: Hannah / Joy
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Alan
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 02/09/2012</u>
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £931.10; Lunch: £53.50 Attendance - Morning: 32 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 22 (A) 4 (C)			Chairman: John Organist: Joy Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jonathan

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 32

Q: What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A: They that are effectually called do in this life partake of JUSTIFICATION, ADOPTION, and SANCTIFICATION, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

Comments:

Faith in Christ insures certain blessings, some of which are enjoyed in this life, others in the world to come. Of these enjoyed in this life, justification, adoption, and sanctification are the chief, and are of such a nature as to hold within them, or bring along with them, every other blessing.

Proofs:

1 Corinthians 1:30, Romans 8:30

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	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	"Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end." Psalm 119:33	"Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart." Psalm 119:34