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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 29 JANUARY 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>	Romans 11:33-36	Psalm 19:1-6
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 7 – “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”	RHC 6 – “The Spacious Firmament on High”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 107	Psalm 27
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 107</i> verses 8-9, 15-16, 21-22, 31-32 (to the tune of Seraph, RHC 15)	RHC 338 – “Show Me Thy Way, O Lord”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 101 – “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 14:13-21	Exodus 25:23-40; 30:1-10
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Miracle Over a Meal</i>	<i>The Tabernacle of God</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	Insert – “O Lord, I Will Delight in Thee”	RHC 304 – “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”
<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

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 47

Having thought about the head covering issue in 1 Corinthians, we are moving into 2 Corinthians. The first passage we will look into is 1:8-11, “For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: ⁹ But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: ¹⁰ Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*; ¹¹ Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.”

(1) This particular chapter speaks about Paul's troubles in Asia. We know that Paul does not like to talk about himself. If he has to talk about himself, he does it reluctantly. (2) In this regard, verse 8 is extraordinary. He does not want the Corinthian[] believers to be ignorant of the sufferings and tribulation that he and his team of ministers had to go through. (3) Paul considers it beneficial that the believers know of their ministers' suffering. It is very peculiar in many ways, and it also gives us great lessons.

(4) Somehow Christian churches have developed doctrines of suffering not based on the Bible but on their wishes and superstitious ideas. I cannot but mention the so called prosperity gospel movement. It is a huge topic to talk about, which forces me to limit my presentation in some way. I'll focus more on the Word of Faith Movement, in particular: (a) Well-known personalities within the movement include Kenneth Hagin (deceased), Kenneth Copeland, Robert Tilton, Paul Yonggi Cho, Benny Hinn, Marilyn Hickey, Frederick Price, John Avanzini, Charles Capps, Jerry Savelle, Morris Cerullo, Joyce Meyer and Paul and Jan Crouch. (b) According to its teaching, through faith we are able to obtain anything we want including health, wealth, or any kind of success. By the way, if we follow this teaching, Paul and his co-labourers are guilty of not exercising their faith, which resulted in much trouble and tribulation. (c) The leaders of this movement tend to teach their followers some kind of formulas that may release necessary power to them, if they follow them. They say that Christians must see or visualize what they want, claim it on Scripture, and speak it into existence. That's all they need to do. Paul Yonggi Cho, who was the pastor of the world's largest church, has taught “the law of incubation.” What he teaches is basically that we must visualize what we want and draw a mental picture in our mind, and that the very visualized thought must be incubated in our mind, and that, then, we must acknowledge that we are going to have it. The leaders of this movement say that we will get what we say. (d) However, I do not find any truth in their teachings. Of course, I do not mean that we should not be positive in our outlook. I am not saying that we must be nagging people. I am not saying that positive and affirming words are bad. What I am saying is that what the Word of Faith movement teaches is not biblical. It is not too hard to see it. Let us compare their teaching with what others teach. Probably, just one example will be sufficient to dispel their errors. Rhonda Ryrne has gained popularity because of Oprah Winfrey's promotion. If my judgment is not proven to be wrong, she is a New Ager. Her website, secret.tv says that she discovered a great secret towards the end of 2004. This secret is of the secret laws and principles of the universe. She was able to trace the Secret back through thousands of years, “incorporating almost every religion and field of human endeavour throughout history.” She began to practice what she had learned. She had a successful background in international television production and wanted to make a movie about the Secret. Read the following paragraph from her website: “From the outset, conventional filmmaking procedures involving endless meetings, tight schedules, strict budgets, deadlines and revisions were dispensed with in favour of powerful *Secret* processes such as intention, visualization, appreciation, gratitude and faith. Or more simply, the team would Ask, Believe, and Receive [underline is mine].”

I find the message of the Word of Faith Movement from her words. She also says, "Disease cannot live in a body that is in a healthy emotional state." She also says, "If you have a disease and you are focusing on it and talking to people about it, you are going to create more disease cells." What this New Ager and many prosperity gospel preachers say is not fundamentally different. In fact, Hagin used to say that if we confess sickness we get sickness, and if we confess health we get health. Whatever we say, we will get. Joel Osteen avoids any talk about judgment or sin because they are negative, and he promotes pure positivism, as if it is the source of God's blessings. He says in his book, *Your Best Life Now*, that "if you develop an image of victory, success, health, abundance, joy, peace, and happiness, nothing on earth will be able to hold those things from you" (p. 5). He insists in the same book, "You will often receive preferential treatment simply because your Father is the King of kings, and His glory and honor spill over onto you" (p. 40). I will not go any further with his teachings.

(5) What I need to remind you is that Paul did not want the Corinthian believers to be ignorant of the sufferings and pain he and his co-laborers had to experience. I do not think that Paul and his people suffered because of their negative attitude or lack of faith. In fact, Paul said it very plainly without needing to hide or to diminish it, as if it was a shame for them to have suffered. (6) The intensity of their suffering was so high and so great that they felt that they could not bear it any longer or any more. Paul says in verse 8b, "we were pressed out of measure, above strength." It simply means that they did not have enough strength to bear the burdens of suffering and trials any more. When he comes to verse 8b and 9a, he becomes even more grievous: "in somuch that we despaired even of life. But we had the sentence of death in ourselves." I am sure that those prosperity gospel preachers will have to despise Paul. He uttered such despicable words like, "enough is enough. We are about to die. We cannot bear the burdens any more." (7) Paul in verse 10 speaks about God who has delivered him and others and also confesses his trust that God will delivered them even in the future. It is a wonderful turn about. The story does not end here. (8) Paul speaks about effectual prayers of the believers on his behalf. Verse 11a says, "Ye also helping together by prayer for us." Having spoken about his trust in God that He will deliver him and his co-laborers, he is also asking the Corinthian[] believers to pray for them. Let us consider this request: (a) I pay attention to the words, "helping together." It is in fact one Greek compound word. It also can be understood as "joining in helping." It means cooperating, aiding, assisting together. (b) We need to see here that even an apostle felt that he needed prayer support and assistance from the fellow believers. It shows his humility, but it is more than an issue of humility. It simply indicates that there is no one who is able to have his Christian living without prayer support. It also means that the body of believers is one, and we need to support one another as members of this body. It also teaches us that prayer ministry must be joined by all believers. It means that it is natural for congregations to pray for their ministers and also for Christian leaders both in their churches and else where. (c) We need to see that through joint prayers we may sympathize with the ministers who are suffering for the sake of the Gospel ministry. Do we sympathize with the ministers of God's Word who are suffering trials? (d) It also teaches that truly our prayers bring blessing upon the people who are the objects of our prayers. Verse 11b says about "the gift bestowed upon us." Though it is hard to identify what the gift is about, it is probably the blessings (in this case, the delivery of Paul and his companions) communicated to them through prayers. (e) It indicates that God uses our prayers as a means to bring His blessings upon the ones suffering trials. (f) When many people pray and see that God answers their prayers, they give thanks to the Lord. They are encouraged, and the ones who are prayed for get benefits of prayers, and also God who answers prayers are thanked by many. It appears that prayer is a great ministry that edifies the whole church and glorifies the Lord.

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
Fri 03 Feb	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship <i>Bible Study on Philipians</i>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Licia Chee, Deborah Yew, Andrew Yeo, Rachel King and Rachel Cheng to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 04 Feb	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>"Eschatology"</i>	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES <u>TODAY: 29/01/2012</u> <i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Joy <i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Yetta <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Joy <i>Lunch:</i> Constance <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Lee Wei / Yangfan <u>NEXT WEEK: 05/02/2012</u> <i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Joy <i>Pianist:</i> Anthony <i>Ushers:</i> Alan / Evelyn <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Joy <i>Lunch:</i> Mrs Ki <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Lee Wei / Yangfan
<i>Preacher</i>	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen	
<i>Message</i>	TBD	TBD	
<i>Text</i>	TBD	TBD	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Elder Chew will be leading a study on <i>"Experiences in the Mission Field"</i>. • Saturday Bible Study: This coming Saturday will see Pastor Ki continue with the study on <i>"Eschatology"</i>. • Ladies Fellowship today: Mrs Ki will lead the meeting today. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Brian, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Sonia, Nana, Daniel Ki, Sharon, John & Tobias, Daniel & Maureen, Mrs Chew, Prema, Anthony & Helen. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Rachael, Michelle. 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £686.10 Attendance - Morning: 41 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 22 (A) 1 (C)			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 2

Q: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Comments:

The last answer tells us *the end for which we are made*; this tells us *where to find directions for attaining that end*. We could not know of ourselves how to serve God. But God has told us. He has told us in the Bible. To it, therefore, we must go in order to learn the way of duty.

Proofs:

2 Timothy 3:16, Ephesians 2:20

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:38	"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:15-16	"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:18-19