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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 8

Psalm 68:4

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 29 – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

RHC 226 – “The Lord Is King!”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 46

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 46 verses 1-4, 10-11
(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 384 – “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Scriptural Text

Genesis 22

Philippians 4:18

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Brian Green

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Sermon Message

Abraham's Greatest Trial

Well Pleasing to God

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 353 – “God Will Take Care of You”

RHC 454 – “Make Me a Blessing”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Brian Green

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24

FOUR ONE THINGS IN LIFE

Rev Jack Sin, Maranatha Messenger 10th November 2013

Introduction

Paul in Colossians 3:1, 2 says, *'If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.'* The word of God emphasises on setting the right priorities and we need to set our affections right before God and to seek God first, His kingdom and His righteousness (Matt 6:33). Below are 4 important aspects of our lives that we should soberly consider as we come to the end of the year:

1. ONE THING DESIRED

Psalm 27:4, *'One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.'*

This is a Psalm of David. This particular verse speaks of David's intense devotion and love for God, especially for His sanctuary. David desires from God the following:

- To seek God daily in daily devotion
- To dwell in God's house i.e. His church
- To behold the beauty of God i.e. to have intimate communion with Him in His glory
- To inquire in His temple i.e. to seek His word and His will

These speak of David's fervent desire to worship, to have communion with the presence of the Lord. We need to take a break from our work and from our children sometimes and be still and know that He is God. He is the one who gives us life in our nostrils and for eternity.

The word here used *To dwell*. It is the desire to be with or here, it can mean to have intimate communion in the presence of God always. For the believer, it is always best to be in God's presence every time, every moment than to be in the company of worldly men and neglecting the privileges that God has given to us.

It is like being near to the person whom we love like our wife, husband or children. We want to be close to God all the time through fervent prayer and the meditation and reading of His word.

2. ONE NEEDFUL THING

Luke 10:42, *'But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.'*

The Lord made His way to Bethany near Jerusalem where a family who He loved resided.

Martha is a typical Singaporean who is always busy and caught up with lots of work. It is not wrong to want to do much work each day. But Martha had missed something more important. It had distracted her attention for God and had displaced her time for communion with her Lord.

We tend to be too pre occupied with secular matters or even studies or family or leisure and do not spend enough time with God in our private devotion and prayer.

The Lord's commendation of Mary is about one thing needful which she did and that is to be with the Lord, listening to His teaching of the word and in close fellowship with our Saviour.

We may try to do many good things in life but if we miss the most important thing which is our personal relationship with God, we lose it all.

It is similar with cooking. We may have the best food and ingredients but we may lack one important condiment or the necessary skills to cook the dish, it may spoil the whole dinner.

3. ONE THING LACKEST

Mark 10:21, *'Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.'*

The rich young ruler here is a successful professor who seem to have all that we desire for:

- He is young and healthy
- He is rich, therefore wealthy
- He is a ruler, having power and influence
- But he has no true God in his life
- He has no contentment and no peace, no hope and no eternal life
- He was not saved at all and he has no inner peace, comfort nor joy in him.

Do we lay treasures on this temporal earth and then be discontented and unhappy when it is gone one day, or do we keep treasure in heaven?

Do we invest in temporal things of this fallen world or do we invest in heavenly matters with eternity in view? Our lives are at stake forever. Something to think and pray about seriously.

4. ONE THING I DO

Philippians 3:13-14, *'Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.'*

We must forget things that are not from God that will bind us into a spiritual bondage of sin, which will make us ineffective and guilty and under the judgement of God.

We must press on with endurance toward the glory of Christ – this is the mark of the high calling for our lives.

The calling is to be saved by His blood first and be faithful disciples and stewards for God in all that we are called to be.

You do not have to be famous or good looking but it is required of us that we be a faithful steward of the God given talents, time and treasures entrusted to us.

Be thankful and faithful to the Lord wherever you are and whatever you do, do His will with His strength and by His grace for His glory. If you are an usher, teacher, preparing food, driving, PA, the MRM, teaching children or Chinese work, do your task faithfully as unto the Lord and not to men.

Conclusion

What is the one thing that you need to do for God before it is too late?

- Is it to give up your fortune, covetousness or anger or worldly ambitions and to seek His will? (Eph 5:15-16)
- Is it to behold God, seek after God in His word and wait patiently upon Him in prayer? (Isa 40:31)
- Is it to be humble and to press on, be faithful to Him and serve Him soon? (1 Cor 4:2)

Sometimes we are like those who are overwhelmed with worldly cares and anxiety with no rest in our souls. We cannot be still before the Lord as we are caught up with the things of the world. We cannot wait upon Him if we are impatient with others. We can be distracted easily. We need to focus and concentrate on Him with faith and quietness.

May the Lord preserve and help us to do that one thing that is needful that may be still undone!

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 04 Dec No Ladies 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 06 Dec 7:00pm Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 07 Dec 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev. Patrick Baker	Rev. Patrick Baker	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 01/12/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Sarah</p> <p>Pianist: Anthony</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Yangfan / Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 08/12/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Constance</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Yangfan / Scott</p>
Message	Living in the Presence of God	Faith's Expressive Cry	
Text	Exodus 33	Mark 9:24	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Prayer: There will be a short time of prayer before lunch. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor Ki, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Elizabeth. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Rev Colin Wong as our resident minister, and that the visa application will be accepted and completed without delay. 	
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £446.02, Lunch: £30.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 2 (C)</p>	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 99

Q: What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

*A: The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called **THE LORD'S PRAYER**.*

Comments:

We are here taught that in praying to God we have the whole Bible as a guide. But specially we have a pattern or example set us in the prayer which Christ taught his disciples. This is usually called the Lord's Prayer – that is, the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scriptural Reference:

1 John 5:14. Matthew 6:9

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>“Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.”</i></p> <p>Psalm 75:5</p>	<p><i>“For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.”</i></p> <p>Psalm 75:6</p>	<p><i>“But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.”</i></p> <p>Psalm 75:7</p>