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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

| | <i>Morning Service – 11am</i> | <i>Evening Service – 4pm</i> |
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| <i>Prelude</i> | <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | |
| <i>Call to Worship</i> | Psalm 68:32-35 | Psalm 134 |
| <i>Opening Hymn *</i> | RHC 32 – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” | RHC 76 – “Day Is Dying in the West” |
| <i>Opening Prayer *</i> | Jonathan Kim | Jonathan Kim |
| <i>Gloria Patri *</i> | <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> | |
| <i>Responsive Reading</i> | Psalm 34 | --- |
| <i>Second Hymn *</i> | <i>Psalm 34 verses 1-9</i> (to the tune of St Agnes, RHC 57) | --- |
| <i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i> | Jonathan Kim | Jonathan Kim |
| <i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i> | RHC 303 – “Saved, Saved!” verses 1-2 | --- |
| <i>Scriptural Text</i> | Galatians 5:13-15 | Psalm 119:33-40 |
| <i>Pastoral Prayer</i> | Rev Colin Wong | Rev Colin Wong |
| <i>Sermon Message</i> | <i>Serve One Another</i> | <i>Eight Petitions of the Psalmist</i> |
| <i>Lord's Supper</i> | Rev Colin Wong | --- |
| <i>Closing Hymn *</i> | RHC 182 – “Lead Me to Calvary” | <i>Psalm 119 verses 33-36</i> (to the tune of Wiltshire, RHC 35) |
| <i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i> | Rev Colin Wong | Rev Colin Wong |
| <i>Postlude</i> | <i>The Lord Bless You</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 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24

My Dear Reader,

MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE

A sad old man dying of cancer told a pastor friend this tragic story: Years ago in Sweden, God called me to preach – to this I agreed, if He would enable me to sell my farm. The very next day a man made me an offer, but I hesitated, telling him to return on the morrow.

After prayer I promised God I would preach if the buyer would agree to take my job as Sunday School superintendent. The man said, *“That is the very chance I have wanted.”* He paid me for the farm but rather than use the money to prepare for the ministry, I went to America.

The first year in America my wife died, leaving me with five children. Very soon after, my oldest daughter died. Still I would not surrender to God’s will. I preached a little on the side but did not obey God in giving my full time. I lost a good business, pleaded bankruptcy and left town.

Then I went into the hardware business and prospered for a time, but one of my sons who assisted me in the work began a systematic robbery of the till. Again I was forced into bankruptcy.

These things did not come upon me accidentally. They were the hand of God. Now I am dying of cancer – I have only three months to live. Weeping he said, *“I know I am saved, but oh the loss. I will soon be ushered into His presence to give account of a whole life of disobedience.”*

What a tragedy! This man had wasted his time, talents, treasure and testimony. He might have become the *“Moody”* of Sweden.

Psalm 39:4 says, *“LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.”* This verse has made a tremendous impact on my life. Since coming to know Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord, I have been trying to live life conscientiously. Every day I would try to give of my best to the Master.

Here are some precious lessons I learnt from the above story. May the Lord use them also to speak to some of you today.

Wasted Time

Think of the many years this man wasted. Lost time is gone forever. Life is too short to be frittered away on self. It isn’t how long you live but how you live that really counts. David Brainerd, the great missionary to the American Indians, died when only 29. But his utter abandonment to the will of God, his crushing burden for the souls of men, his many hours of agonizing intercessory prayer challenge us to this day. He accomplished so much during his short life because he lived not unto himself *“but unto Him which died for them, and rose again”* (2 Corinthians 5:15).

The love of Christ compelled him to follow the steps of his master who did always those things that pleased the Father (John 8:29). Dearly beloved, let us be reminded that at the Bema Seat of Christ you and I will give account of precious time squandered in rebellion against God’s will (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Wasted Talents

It isn’t the number of talents we possess but our use of them that counts. We can shamefully waste them in sin, foolishly let them die under the rubbish of little petty things that eat up our valuable time and attention or wisely develop them for God’s glory and service.

Every believer is given a gift or gifts by God for the common good of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:7, 11). Since he is a member of that Body, he is to use his gift or gifts for the edification of the Body. He is not to use it for his own benefit but for the benefit of others in the church. Therefore, what right have we to misuse God-given talents, gifts and abilities rather than use them to produce fruit and testimony for our Lord?

Wasted Treasure

Full surrender includes our wallet and ATM Card (Matthew 6:21). God entrusted us with money that we might know the joy of using it to speed the Gospel to the heathen, evangelize world-wide through the printed page, aid struggling preachers and Christian workers, relieve poverty-stricken suffering saints and in many other ways support God's work.

The liberal soul enjoys a thrill that the stingy, close-fisted, religious tight-wad knows nothing about. If all God's children would place their treasure at the wounded feet of their living Lord, every phase of Gospel work would prosper without the begging, pleading, driving for funds that characterizes Christian work of our day.

What is the challenge for us today? I think of Frances R. Havergal's well-known hymn, *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* which aptly reminds us of our Christian duty to reach the world for Christ. The second part of stanza 3 says, *"Take my silver and my gold – Not a mite would I withhold."* May God help us not only to sing it meaningfully but also to let go of our treasure graciously and willingly for the cause of Christ.

What's really important in life?

A life-threatening experience has a way of rearranging one's priorities. And that was true in the lives of former Texas Governor John Connally and his wife after he was wounded by the assassin who took the life of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. In an interview, Connally explained, *"As far as Nellie and I are concerned, it inevitably brought into sharper focus what's really important in life. . . . We try not to participate in things that are shallow or in the long run meaningless."*

We don't know how the couple interpreted *"what's really important in life,"* but there is wisdom in their conclusion. They realized that life is too short to waste time on things that have no lasting significance or value. This reminds us of the words of David in Psalm 39:4-6: *"LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them."*

Dearly beloved, have we reached the same conclusion? Have we put our trust completely in the Lord, knowing that only He can give lasting value to our lives?

God alone can deliver us from a life of meaningless activities. Let's not wait for a close scrape with death to convince us of the paramount importance of making the most out of life.

In closing, let me ask you a couple of questions: What are you doing with your time, talents and treasure? Do you want God to bless your life and use your testimony? Then may I suggest that you pray with me this prayer of consecration: "Dear Lord, I thank you for giving yourself on the cross for me. I know that you are alive from the dead, exalted as Lord of all. Here and now, the best I know how, I yield myself, my all, without hesitation or reservation, once and for all, utterly to you. Have your own way in my life now and forever. By your grace, I will go wherever you want me to go, I will speak whatever you want me to speak, and I will be what you want me to be. O Lord, help me to do your will as you reveal it for your glory. I pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen."

*One life for Christ is all I have,
One life for Him so dear;
One life for doing all I can
With every passing year.*

– Brandt

Lovingly in Christ,

Pastor Colin

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 11 Sept | 11:00am | Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Adam Kee and Derek Lee to our worship services last Lord's Day. |
| Fri 13 Sept | 7:00pm | Young Adults Fellowship | |
| Sat 14 Sept | 4:00pm | Bible Study & Prayer Meeting | |

| Next Lord's Day | Morning Service | Evening Service | LORD'S DAY DUTIES |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Preacher | Rev Colin Wong | Rev Colin Wong | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 08/09/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: John / Constance Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 15/09/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: John / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p> |
| Message | Greet One Another | Salvation Through the Word | |
| Text | Romans 16:3-16, 22-23 | Psalm 119:41-48 | |

| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Rev. Wong will lead a discussion on this mornings' sermon "<i>Serve One Another</i>". • 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. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. • Pray for those on travel: Pastor & Mrs Ki, Sarah, Yangfan. | |
| <p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £736.00, Lunch: £50.50</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 29 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 2 (C)</p> | |

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 87

Q: What is Repentance unto Life?

*A: Repentance unto Life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner – out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ – doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, **TURN FROM IT UNTO GOD**, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.*

Comments:

Repentance has been called “the tear of faith”. It springs from a true view of sin, and a clear view of God’s mercy in forgiving sin. It consists of two parts: turning from sinful ways with sorrow; and turning to God with an anxious desire to love and serve him. It is called repentance *unto life*, because it leads to eternal life.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 13:3, Luke 18:13, Isaiah 1:16-17

MEMORY VERSE

| Last Week | This Week | Next Week |
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| <p>“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,”</p> <p>Ephesians 3:20</p> | <p>“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;”</p> <p>Romans 4:20</p> | <p>“And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”</p> <p>Romans 4:21</p> |