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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 13 OCTOBER 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-5

Psalm 117

*Opening Hymn **

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

RHC 93 – “*To God Be the Glory*”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 39

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 39 verses 1-4
(to the tune of Beatitudo, RHC 388)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 358 – “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

Scriptural Text

Amos 3:9-15

John 11

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

The Family of God and Human Failure

Life, Death, and Prayer – Under the Authority of Jesus

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 261 – “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*”

RHC 284 – “*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

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

My Dear Reader,

WHEN TEMPTATIONS ROUND YOU GATHER

13/10/2013 In the Sept. 16, 2013 *New York Times* an article notes the results of the surprising discoveries about addiction and use of crack cocaine. Dr. Carl Hart of Columbia University, New York experimented with crack cocaine addicts. The participants were recruited with an offer: Smoke crack cocaine and make up to \$950.00! Participants had to stay in a hospital for the experimental period to be monitored. Choices were offered to them daily. They could smoke crack or earn a \$5.00 voucher for store purchases or a \$5.00 cash reward, either was payable at the end of their program. When they were given a larger dosage of the drug, they typically rejected the money and chose the drug. When they received a lower quantity of the drug, they chose the cash offer, over the drug. To the researchers' surprise, when the addict perceived that the reward as more valuable, they chose it over the drugs. Dr. D. Nutt, a professor of neuropsychopharmacology at Imperial College London commented, "Addiction always has a social element, and this is magnified in societies with little in the way of work or other ways to find fulfillment."

Michael Graham, writing in response to the article, noted: "Sin is simultaneously rational and irrational. Sin typically has a "payoff" associated with it—whether the release of neurochemicals to the brain for some illicit or risky behavior, or the temporary and fleeting gratification of revenge, greed, lust, or hatred. It makes sense, then, that if one's joy in Christ is minimal, then the payoff of sin would seem more attractive. But the payoff of sin over-promises and under-delivers. Sin is deceptive—it promises one thing and gives you something else. Sin is always irrational because the payoff is always a lie. Sin promises you the true/good/beautiful and gives you gravel in your mouth instead. Therefore, **when our joy and pleasure in Christ is superior to the payoff of sin, we choose Christ over the sin and its payoff**" (emphasis added).

Last Saturday, in our weekly prayer meeting, we took time to look at Job and the temptations that he endured. From Job 1, we noted that God knows exactly who we are and where we are, all the time. At the same time, Satan knows who we are and what we are doing also. We noted that when we "give in" to a temptation, we reveal that the temptation has something in reserve over us. There is something that attracts us, and takes the priority over our satisfaction in our Lord Jesus Christ. As the late Leon Morris taught, Jesus faced every temptation just as we do, but He did not give in to the temptation because it had nothing in reserve over Him (Hebrews 4:14-16). That is why we can go to Him boldly, at His invitation, and with confidence to find help in our time of need. As a Christian, you are never in a hopeless context like the one Dr. Nutt described above. We are great sinners, but we have a great Savior, Jesus our righteous high priest! Each time we find our pleasure in Christ of greater riches than those of sin for the moment, we gain in strength and go forward in the power of the Holy Spirit to greater usefulness for our Lord (Luke 4:13).

In the hymn ***Take the Name of Jesus with You***, Lydia Odell Baxter helps us refocus:

Take the name of Jesus with you,
child of sorrow and of woe,
It will joy and comfort give you,
take it then where'ere you go.
Take the name of Jesus ever,
as a shield from every snare,
When temptations round you gather,
breathe that holy name in prayer.

-- Faithfully yours, CTM

The Family of God and Human Failure - Amos 3:9-15

I. The Loss of _____

II. The Loss of _____

III. The Loss of _____

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 16 Oct	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Elizabeth Tan and Helen Yeung to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 18 Oct	7:00pm	No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 19 Oct	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 13/10/2013</u>
Message	When God Becomes Silent	The Cry of Christ for Direction	Chairman: John
Text	Amos 4:1-13	John 12:27-36	Organist: Sarah

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Dr Marin will lead a study on "The Doctrine of the Church" and questions from the morning sermon. • 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, Prema, Jonathan, Sharon, Anthony. • Congratulations to Jonathan and Magdalene on their wedding. 		Ushers: Tom / Constance Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Hannah Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott <u>NEXT WEEK: 20/10/2013</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Sarah Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Diane Blundell Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Yangfan
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £690.62 Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 23 (A) 5 (C)		

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 92

Q: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

*A: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation - not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them - but only by the **blessing of Christ**, and the **working of his Spirit** in them that by faith receive them.*

Comments:

We are here taught the proper way of using the sacraments. We must pray for the blessing of Christ on them. It was he who appointed them and it is he alone who can make them of benefit to our souls. In themselves the sacraments are of no value, nor can the minister (notwithstanding what the Roman Catholic Church says) give them any power whatever apart from Christ.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 11:29, 1 Corinthians 3:7

MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	Next Week
Last Week <i>"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."</i> Hebrews 11:1	<i>"For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."</i> Hebrews 11:2-3	<i>"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"</i> Colossians 1:16