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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 14 APRIL 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 51:15-19

Romans 1:16-18

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 314 – “Nearer, Still Nearer”

RHC 49 – “How Great Thou Art”

*Opening Prayer **

Alan Blaney

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 13

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 13

(to the tune of St Agnes, RHC 57)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Alan Blaney

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 197 – “All Glory, Laud and Honour”

Scriptural Text

2 Samuel 11 - 12:1-19

Genesis 20

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

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Sermon Message

Thou Art The Man

A Saint At His Worst

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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*Closing Hymn **

RHC 281 – “There is Power in the Blood”

RHC 386 – “Be Thou My Vision”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

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

WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING

By Rev David Wong, pastor of Kulai Bible-Presbyterian Fellowship, Malaysia. Adapted from Evangel Bible-Presbyterian Church bulletin dated 3rd February 2013

The Apostle Paul was thanking God for the Colossian Christians for their faith, love and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ brought by the gospel (cf. Col 1:5). He was also praying for their growth in faith, knowledge and ministry that as a result they might live according to God's will (cf. Col 1:6-9). The conjunction "that" suggested these aspects of Christian life are to be the result expected by the Apostle Paul after he had prayed for them.

Every Christian who desire to be matured in Christ must always be conscious to exhibit these characteristics: to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, be fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

To walk is to conduct one's life. To walk worthy of the Lord means to be worthy of such a calling or cause. The infinitive is used to express intended or potential result. The knowledge about God and His perfect will must result in walking worthy of the Lord. *According to this teaching of the Dead Sea community, those who walked according to the spirit of truth will walk pleasing before God (LKGNT).*

How are we to walk worthy of the Lord? The Apostle Paul has given us a guide to follow, a ruler to measure – i.e. in all things, seek to please the Lord. As a matter of fact, the word "pleasing" *was often use in a negative sense of trying to gain favour from someone and describes that cringing subservient attitude which one has who would do anything to please a benefactor (LKGNT).* To please God in all things seems to be a simple requirement but it involves a great lot of effort for one to totally surrender his life to God. When one can love the Lord with all his heart, mind and strength, it is never too hard to please the Lord. However, our difficulty in fulfilling this obligation has to do with our sinful and rebellious nature. Our ego causes us to be selfish and self-centered and thus make us self-pleasing. If only when we can put God first and seek Him first, then we will learn to please Him first. Bearing this in mind, in what aspects are we to show this worthiness?

As Christians, we were told that we have been called of God and we have the duty to walk worthy to such calling. ***"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,"*** (Eph 4:1). The Lord has called us unto Himself, He has purchased us with a great price. ***"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."*** (I Cor 6:20) We own our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ a great deal because He laid down His life for us. We are, therefore, obligated to live for Him. ***"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."*** (I Peter 2:24-25) In order to walk worthy of the gospel calling, we must walk in the path of righteousness for God's glory.

Another aspect of walking worthy to please God is to be worthy of God's Name. As Christians, we bear the name of Christ (God). They are unbelievers out there who blaspheme the worthy name of God with disrespectful attitude; perhaps out of ignorance. It would be a disgrace and great shame when a Christian does not show his respect and reverend to God in their speech and behavior. What more when a Christian publicly sins against God without repentance or doing things that dishonour God's holy name. Let us be conscious therefore, in all our business dealing and applying code of conduct never to disgrace the name of our heavenly Father. In honouring God's name, let us show charity and mercies, to be gentle and meek, to be honest and fair in all the things that we do. We must not allow our covetousness or pride to overtake us that we do foolish things that put God's name to shame.

In 1 Thessalonians 2:12 we were further exhort to walk worthy to glorify God, "***That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.***" We were previously outside of God's Kingdom but now He has put us into His eternal kingdom. God not only made us His people, He has called us to be His Children, even the heir of God. "***The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.***" (Rom 8:16-17) The children of God are also called the children of light. God has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. We should therefore separate and distinct ourselves from the children of darkness. We should be growing more and more in the image of Christ, to be like Him. Our thoughts and values, our attitudes and conducts must reflect such an image – holiness and honour.

Dearly beloved, let us be reminded of this Christian's obligation to walk worthy unto all pleasing to our heavenly Father who called us for His glory and honour. Let us make this our resolution to do the right things that pleases our God.

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 17 Apr	No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Vinodini to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 19 Apr	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 20 Apr	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Mr Marco Reale	<u>TODAY: 14/04/2013</u>
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Alan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Tom / Constance Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott
Text	TBC	TBC	<u>NEXT WEEK: 21/04/2013</u>
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Sarah Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: John / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Dr Scott-Pearson will lead a short study before lunch. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Pastor Ki, Hannah, Eld Chew's mother, Jonathan, Tobias & Elliora, Scott. • Pray for those on travel: Yangfan, Margaret, Sarah & Father. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Eleanor. • Church ACM: This will be held on the 28th April. The agenda will be available next week. • Baptism next Sunday 21st April: The infant baptism of Elliora and Chibeke, Reaffirmation of faith - Rachael, and baptism of Nina. 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1449.00, Lunch: £60.20 Attendance - Morning: 30 (A) 6 (C)			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 65

Q: What is forbidden in the Fifth Commandment?

A: The Fifth Commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honour and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 13:7; Romans 12:10

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Numbers 23:19

This Week

"Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;"

Deuteronomy 7:9

Next Week

"And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed."

Deuteronomy 31:8