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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 100

Titus 2:11-15

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s
Aweful Throne”

RHC 229 – “Thy Kingdom
Come, O God”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 35

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 35 verses 1-2, 27-28
(to the tune of Wiltshire, RHC 35)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 324 – “Trusting Jesus”
verses 1-2

Scriptural Text

Romans 16:3-16, 22-23

Psalm 119:41-48

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Colin Wong

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Sermon Message

Greet One Another

Salvation through the Word

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 395 – “A Heart Like Thine”

Psalm 119 verses 41-48
(to the tune of Cleansing Fountain, RHC 173)

*Benediction/3-Fold
Amen **

Rev Colin Wong

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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

My Dear Reader,

MINISTERING TO THE HURTING

Have you ever been hurt? I have! I am sure you have been too! Everybody experiences a broken heart. Some of us may have it a little more severe. Whether it happened at age 3 or a minute before you go for your honeymoon or a week before your 80th birthday does not really matter. What really matters is the feeling of having, “*been dumped*,” as some people call it, is not to be taken lightly because it can bring deep injuries or harm to the heart, soul, mind and image.

The world is full of hurting people. Who does not get hurt, dumped or dejected by people? Everybody gets hurt in one way or another. Hurting words are heard in the home, workplace, church and public places. I was counseling someone some years ago and she told me that her husband often hurled hurting words at her. He would call her a big, fat pig. The children of today are really breaking many a parent’s heart. Courtesy seems foreign to them. I was having lunch with a good friend and he told me how disheartening it was to see his son shouting at the mother with unkind words. Siblings often fight and quarrel and say unkind words to one another.

Hurting words are said everywhere even in the sanctuary of God. Serving the Lord for so many years, I have often heard hurting, unkind, vicious words spoken to fellow members in the church. Yes, every church has many hurting people. I am sure you have come across some of them in the congregation and how you wish that you can help them to find relief from *that* tormenting feeling.

Being dejected by someone is a terrible thing. Some Christians told me that they do not feel accepted in their own church and they are hurting. Why do some members find it so hard to accept a fellow brother or sister in the Lord? Could it be his/her status? Could it be the school or college that he/she goes to? Could it be his/her race? Could it be his/her personality? Perhaps, there are other unspoken reasons why accepting one another is a real problem to some in the congregation.

Despite some setback, I am thankful to God for some courageous souls who came forward to share with me their hurts and unpleasant experiences. I counseled and prayed for them. The Holy Spirit of God comforted and consoled them. As a result, they found great relief from these tormenting feelings of being dumped by people even of the same faith.

However, I am still concerned (and I hope you too) for Christians I know who are still burying their hurtful feelings within them. This is very unhealthy – physically, spiritually, mentally and socially – to their souls. Some of them may not know where to seek help and comfort. So they turn to non-Christians for help and counsel. Others may just leave the church quietly never to step into it again. And yet others may join another church to begin a new chapter of life, hoping to put the past behind them. Whatever they do, *that* hurtful feeling still lingers within them.

My dear New Lifer, here is a concern before us. As members of the congregation, what are you going to do? How are you going to reach out to those who are still hurting? You cannot say that this is none of your business. Being a member of the church, you have a responsibility for your hurting fellow brethren. You are your brother’s keeper.

Some may ask, “What about the leadership? Is the leadership going to do something about it?” I am sure the leadership is going to do something about it. But the concern does not lie solely on the leadership of the church. The concern lies on us – every member of the church. You and I are responsible for them. We are to offer them a cup of living water. Like golden apples in silver settings, so is a word spoken at the right time (Proverbs 25:11). O yes, like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is a word spoken to a hurting soul.

Romans 12:15 says, *“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”* Hurting people are weeping people. They long for acceptance. They long to be a part of the community of believers. For that reason, no division, discrimination or class distinction should be found in the church.

The Bible teaches the priesthood of all believers. What does it mean? The priesthood of all believers means that in the community of saints, God has constructed his body such that we are all priests to one another. The Priesthood of all believers has more to do with the believer’s service than with an individual’s position or status. We are all believer-priests. We all stand equal before God. Such standing does not negate specific giftedness or calling. It rather enhances our giftedness as each one of us individually and collectively does his part to build the Body (Ephesians 4:11-16). We are all priests. We are all responsible (Daniel Akin in *Perspectives on Church Government*, p. 37).

My dear New Lifer, James reminds us in his writing that if we are fellow members of the Body of Christ, we would not treat another fellow member better than others (James 2:1). Hurting brethren are also part of the community of saints. When they get hurt, by God’s command, we are to reach out to them with loving care and prayer. I am not saying that we must go hunting for them on the Lord’s Day. However, I am pleading with you to pray for them first and then God will show you or bring them to you in his appointed time.

What to say to the hurting brethren? Proverbs reminds us that the right word spoken at the right time is like precious gold set in silver. Learning to speak the right word at the right time in the right place is important. Hurtful words spoken are like poison injected into the vein which results in sure death. That is why Proverbs says that even a fool is thought to be wise if he keeps silent. He is considered intelligent if he keeps his lips sealed (Proverbs 17:28).

Let me share with you seven essential tips to help you to minister to the hurting:

1. Be a good listener. Don’t interrupt. Let the person finish before you begin to counsel. Give your full attention to the person who is speaking. Do not get distracted by the surroundings like looking out of the window all the time.
2. Listen for important points or statements that begin with phrases such as “My point is....” or “The thing to remember is....”
3. Ask good questions if you are not sure you understand what the person wants to get across.
4. Be prayerful. Always pray in your heart whenever you counsel a person. While listening to the person, pray for good judgment, discernment and understanding of the issue.
5. Be sympathetic. When a person is hurt, he/she needs sympathy. Do not be harsh to the person. Be like Jesus (Hebrews 4:15).
6. Be firm. Hurting people are highly disoriented emotionally. Sometimes, you need to be firm in order to deal with the issue objectively.
7. Be focused on God. Always direct the person to God, not to yourself. He is the ultimate counselor and solution to the problem.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asked the lawyer a very pertinent question, *“Which one of these three people was a real neighbor to the man who was beaten up by robbers?”* He answered affirmatively, *“The one who showed pity.”* *“Great! Now go and do the same,”* said Jesus (Luke 10:36, 37).

Will you also go and do likewise? Amen.

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 18 Sept	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome John Ching and TH Tam to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 20 Sept		No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 21 Sept	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen	<u>TODAY: 15/09/2013</u>
Message	The Great Mystery of Godliness	The Rose of Sharon	
Text	1 Timothy 3	Song of Solomon 2	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		<u>NEXT WEEK: 22/09/2013</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Rev. Wong will lead a discussion on this mornings' sermon "<i>Greet 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, Prema, Jonathan, Daniel & Maureen, Anthony & Helen, John & Family. • Church Cleaning after Lunch today. 		<p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: John / Yetta</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £762.20 Attendance - Morning: 34 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 4 (C)</p>		<p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Jasmine</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Margaret</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Volunteers</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 88

Q: What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of Redemption?

A: *The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of Redemption, are His ordinances; especially the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.*

Comments:

In order that we may be saved, God demands of us not only faith and repentance, but the diligent use of the outward means of grace as well. These outward means are here called *ordinances*, or things which God has *ordained*. They consist mainly in: 1. The Study of the Bible; 2. The observance of the Sacraments; 3. The use of Prayer.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 2:42, 2 Timothy 3:15

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;"</i></p> <p>Romans 4:20</p>	<p><i>"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."</i></p> <p>Romans 4:21</p>	<p><i>"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."</i></p> <p>2 Timothy 1:12</p>