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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 27 JANUARY 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 36:5-10	Isaiah 62:10-12
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 36 – “High in the Heavens, Eternal God”	RHC 121 – “My Redeemer”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 2	Isaiah 61
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 2 verses 1-8, 10-12</i> (to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)	RHC 103 – “Sunshine in My Soul”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 101 – “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Luke 4:14-30
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Eld George Chew	Eld George Chew
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Potter and The Clay</i>	<i>A Personal Challenge</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 421 – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”	RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Eld George Chew	Eld George Chew
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 80 (stanza 1 & 5)</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

THE RACE IS NOT TO THE SWIFT, NOR THE BATTLE TO THE STRONG

"... But time and chance happeneth to them all." Eccles. 9:11

By Elder Lim Yew Cheng. Adapted from Evangel BP Church bulletin dated 11 Nov 2012

Ecc 9:11 – *"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.* Two recent happenings provoke me to revisit this verse. In my medical practice I was confronted with two very challenging problems."

Scenario 1

The first patient was a 32 year man, who was due to get married the following month. He developed an excruciating chest and back pain. It turned out that he had a major cardiovascular catastrophe, where his major blood vessel had dissected from top to bottom. His prospect was certain death without operation and extremely high mortality even with operation. He underwent surgery and had to weather a prolonged and very stormy post-operative convalescence.

Scenario 2

He was a 27 year physical fitness instructor, who was a decent and likeable young man. When I got to know him, to my horror, he already had advanced liver cancer, which had spread to both sides of the lungs. He had a very caring mother, whose love and devotion to him was a moving and touching sight. The medical team tried their utmost, using the latest but it was to no avail!

The two accounts clearly tell us that we too can be cut down at the very youth of our lives. Neither of the two had expected that to happen to them. They were in their prime of life. They were swift, strong and skillful and everything seemed to be going their way and then it happened. Why must they have these encounters in life?

Scriptures on Time and Chance

Solomon given all, his endowed wisdom tells us in Ecclesiastes 9:11:-

"...the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all." Whether we are young or old, strong or weak, rich or poor, we are given time and chance.

Stewardship of time

Tomorrow is not yet in our hands. We only have today. What then are you doing with this time? Are you wasting in pleasure and sin? It behooves us to remember that we have to give an account of our time.

Time is a stewardship. It is given to us by God and He holds us accountable. Cannot be earned or borrowed. *"Ps 31:15 My times are in thy hand:...."* Scripture also tells us "to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalm 90:12) This life must be wisely lived out as it is the preparatory ground for the life to come.

What season are you at now?

Eccles 3:1

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:”

Between interval of life and death there is chance- a chance to saved, to be forgiven, to obtain mercy from God, to be restored and to be prepared .What for? For eternity. Why is that important? Simply because eternity can either be with the angels in Heaven or in hell with the demons!

Where will you spend eternity?

Offensive though this may be, still it must be sounded because your time may soon be up. Because of Christ finished work, the Holy Spirit has been sent to give us time and chance over and over again. The Holy Spirit is God’s enforcer Do not spurn His overtures, as God gives to you another opportunity to get right with God. *“Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. “*

The Contrast Illustrated

Prof J H Huxley, who was a staunch agnostic died without God. This is the account given by his nurse, recorded for us in the anonymous book of memory. As Huxley lay dying on his bed of affliction, he saw an unusual sight, invisible to the mortal eyes. He gazed and gazed and then remarked - **“So it is true”**. Huxley saw the truth at the end but he saw it too late. He had chance after chance but he squandered them all!

His friend came to see him, Charles H Surgeon on his dying bed, said “I am tranquil though very weak. My theology is very simple I can express it in 4 words - Christ died for me. I don’t say that they contain all that you should preach or that they are sufficient to live by but I know that they enough to die on.”

Friend: “What are they?”

CHS : “Jesus died for me.”(after a pause)

Dear friends, let us get our perspective right. Do not squander away our eternity by pursuing vainglorious things, where moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal. Let us heed His warning, recorded for us in the book of Jeremiah - *“Jer 45:5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.”*

Realize that you may be in the departure lounge or, perhaps you are already in the tarmac of life! Make sure your visa to Heaven is stamped. Will you be a citizen of heaven? As for the two patients mentioned in the introduction, they turned their lives to God and were gloriously saved. Glory be to His name.

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 30 Jan	11:00am	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 01 Feb	7:00pm	Young Adults Fellowship <i>"Quieting the Noisy Soul"</i>	
Sat 02 Feb	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: 27/01/2013</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Joy Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Alan / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Hannah Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Yangfan <u>NEXT WEEK: 03/02/2013</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Alan / Evelyn Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Yangfan
Message	TBC	TBC	
Text	TBC	TBC	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Eld Chew will be leading a short study on "<i>What is Grace?</i>" • 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, Eld Chew's mother • Pray for those on travel: Sonia, Nana, Matthew, Pastor & Mrs Ki, John & Sharon, Anthony & Helen, Daniel & Maureen, Tobias & Elliora. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. 	
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £338.50, Lunch: £31.01 Attendance - Morning: 19 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 13 (A) 4 (C)	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 54

Q: What is required in the Third Commandment?

A: The Third Commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's name, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Comments:

The Third Commandment bids us use in very reverent manner – 1. God's names, such as *the Lord*; 2. His titles, such as *King of Kings*; 3. His attributes, such as *holiness*; 4. His ordinances, such as *prayer*; 5. His Word, or *the Bible*; 6. His works, such as *man*.

Proofs:

Psalm 29:2, Ecclesiastes 5:1, Job 36:24.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."</i></p> <p>Isaiah 41:10</p>	<p><i>"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,"</i></p> <p>Isaiah 46:9</p>	<p><i>"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"</i></p> <p>Isaiah 46:10</p>