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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 OCTOBER 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-3, 14-17

Psalm 119:129-136

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 21 – “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

RHC 200 – “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 41

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 41 verses 1-2, 11-13
(to the tune of Ballerma, RHC 130)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 137 – “Thanks to God!”
verses 1-2

Scriptural Text

Amos 5:1-15

John 12:31-36

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

An Invitation to Live

Attracted to Christ

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 563 – “Amazing Grace”
verses 1-2, 5-6

RHC 295 – “The Light of the World is Jesus”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

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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,

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME

27-10-2013 When I wrote last week, I was fully anticipating that our time last Lord's Day would be a special time of welcoming the Kis back to their ministry here at New Life. Well we did that, but not in the way we all anticipated. It was a joyful welcome, but accompanied with the news that they were being required to depart to their port of origin this week. Sunday evening, Pastor Ki asked me, "Did you ever think I would be leaving London before you?" Actually, no I had never thought that would be possible. Even this week, I have prayed that the Lord would intervene so that the immigration difficulties would be resolved before they had to depart. But that reminds us that all of these things happen by the higher hand of God's providence. Not one detail of this caught our Lord by surprise.

In Psalm 31, David, the psalmist and king of Israel wrote of his trust in the LORD:

vv. 1-3 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. For thou are my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Reading those words from our 21st century context, we may wonder what he was really facing. We are not really told what the circumstances were. We do know that something was threatening him because he requested deliverance. In the midst of his circumstances, he committed his very life source to the LORD as noted in verse 5:

Into thy hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

I say "life source" because Genesis 2:7 speaks of God having breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life and he became alive (a living soul). Again in Ecclesiastes 12:7 we are reminded: *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.* Though a powerful king, David was very aware that he was dependent on the Lord, his Maker or he could not survive, let alone go forward in the things he had been called to accomplish in life. He had to carry on in the face of tremendous issues.

We are told in verse 13 that people were slandering him, that fear was surrounding him, and that plans were being crafted by those who wanted to end his life – and there had been many persons and attempts. Faced with such threatening circumstances, what would he do? We are told in verses 14-16, he continued to turn to the LORD:

*But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou are my God. **My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake....***

Let those words echo in your mind and heart. The only one who ultimately governs our time is the LORD. We make our plans, set our schedules, and attempt to do the things we believe the Lord has put before us to do. But we must always remember that He has the ultimate veto power to our plans. But you may ask, why would He permit things to happen as He does? Please remember what Jesus taught in His earthly ministry, God is a good Father to you who are His children (cf. Luke 12:28). One writer said: "Surprise and serendipity are on the heart of God for His children, if we understood that better, we would have planned better."

To you as a congregation, look to the Lord and do not give way to fear. Jesus is our Chief Shepherd. He continues to walk with you. Keep your eyes on Him. In His time He will provide you with a faithful under-shepherd to pastor and care for you. Either He will sort things out for Pastor and Mrs. Ki to return, or He will provide another couple or family to serve with you. In the meantime, I appeal to you first, to pray! Pray for the Lord to provide you with the right pastor in His time. Then, continue to keep the Word of God primary. Finally, continue to care for one another. Encourage the task force. If someone is absent, let them know you missed them. You can phone them, send them a text, an email, a note, or even visit them. Welcome strangers to come and worship our God with you.

Speaking of time, my time with you is quickly concluding. While I am eager to return to my family, this has been a precious time to be in the UK. I cherish the opportunities the Lord has given us to worship and serve together. Thank you for your love and hospitality expressed to my family and me in so many ways. Note my new email address: carltimothymartin82@gmail.com.

- Gratefully yours, CTM

An Invitation to Live Amos 5:1-15

I. The Song of _____

II. The Summons to True _____

III. The Stand against _____

IV. The Standard We Must _____

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 Oct	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Daniel Wong and Becky Tan to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 01 Nov		No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 02 Nov	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	<u>TODAY: 27/10/2013</u>
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	TBC	TBC	Organist: Sarah
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Dr Martin 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: Prema, John, Sharon, Tobias & Elliora, Hannah, Joy. • Church cleaning today after lunch. 			Ushers: Daniel / Margaret
			Sunday School: No Sunday School
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £6021.50, Lunch: £52.50 Attendance - Morning: 35 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 5 (C)			<u>NEXT WEEK: 03/11/2013</u>
			Chairman: Jonathan
			Organist: Sarah
			Pianist: Jasmine
			Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn
			Sunday School: No Sunday School
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Yangfan

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 94

Q: What is Baptism?

A: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water – in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost – doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Comments:

The *outward act* in baptism is washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The *inward meaning* of this is the removal of our sin. We are all by nature born in sin, and we need to be *born again* before we can be admitted into heaven. Now, Baptism is an emblem of this new birth. And the baptismal fountain of water tells of *another fountain*, which is filled with the blood of Jesus Christ, and which has been opened freely for all sins and uncleanness.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:3

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week		Next Week
<p><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></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Colossians 1:16</p>	<p>This Week</p> <p><i>"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Colossians 1:17</p>	<p><i>"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 40:26</p>