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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 05 JANUARY 2014

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 125	Psalm 90:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 1 – “O Worship the King”	RHC 313 – “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 51	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 51 verses 14-19</i> (to the tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 554 – “Another Year is Dawning”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Mark 5	Judges 3
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Coming to the Saviour</i>	<i>Victory through Obedience</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 267 – “Only Trust Him”	Insert – “O How Happy Are They Who The Savior Obey”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18

WHITER THAN SNOW

My Dear Readers,

5 January 2014 - Welcome to a new calendar year. How have you begun? As I write, outside where I am sitting is a blanket of nearly twelve inches of snow covering the ground. No, I am not in Florida with that kind of snow. Rather I am in Michigan where I have been part of an effort to encourage and challenge the next generation of college age students to invest their lives in advancing the Great Commission of our Lord. As I observed the snowfall and the snow covered outdoors, the reflection of the Prophet Isaiah's words in Isaiah 1:18 stood out: *Come now, let us reason together. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be **as white as snow**, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.* Having reflected on the perverseness of our world in the past year, not just "out there" but even in our own hearts, we welcome the reminder that regardless of the magnitude of our rebellion, when we come to the Lord and acknowledge our rebellion, He freely washes our sin away and cleanses us. The Apostle John in 1 John 1:7, 9 he writes: *If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* As the Apostles' Creed says, *...I believe in the forgiveness of sin....* To hurting rebels, is that not wonderful news?

But we tend to argue, "God will forgive the rebellion of other people, but the things I have done are really bad, far worse than you know or think. He would never forgive that thing or those things that I have done (or failed to do)." Often we hear others assure us that what we have done is not beyond that bad and besides, God forgives sin. But when others to minimize our sin, we respond in protest (at least internally) by saying, "Ah, but what I have done is really bad." – Then we will debate the level of the corruption "yes it is" -vs- "no it is not." But in these arguments we miss the greater point. As Dr. Jay Adams has correctly said, "In reality, your sin (rebellion) in God's sight is far, far worse than even you realize and God has promised that He will forgive the really obnoxious, horrific, putrefying rebellion." Yes, that rebellion that you are guilty of, God will forgive if you will confess your sin (take God's side against your rebellion). The promise is that when we humble ourselves to do so then He will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is a matter that we must take by faith. We must believe that God keeps his promise. Rather than believing God, we often try to make a plea bargain with the Lord. I messed up here and here, Lord I will promise to ... read my Bible more, attend services more faithfully, give more of my income for the Lord's work, witness to my lost neighbors, promise to become a full time servant of the Lord, and a host of other creative ideas to make up for what I have or have not done. All such things are penances rather than Biblical repentance. There is not freedom quite like knowing that you are forgiven through Christ and your rebellion (sin) is removed as far as the east is from the west, never to be brought back up to force you to stand trial for it again. As the Psalmist says, it is buried in the deepest sea! Corrie ten Boom added, and God puts a sign up saying, "No FISHING."

The old hymn writer penned the words:

*Lord Jesus I long to be perfectly whole, I want thee forever to live in my soul;
Break down every idol, cast out every foe, now wash me and I shall be whiter than
snow.*

Lord Jesus thou seest I patiently wait. Come now and within me a new heart create.

To those who have loved thee, Thou never sadist No,

The blood is applied and I'm whiter than snow.

*Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow, Now wash me and I shall be whiter than
snow.*

You may ask, when should I deal with any areas of rebellion in my life? The story is told of a young man who once asked a rabbi that question. The rabbi replied, "Well that is easy, repent the day before you die." The young man replied, "But I might die tomorrow." The rabbi responded, "Then you had better repent today." You say, but I am young and have plenty of time. The truth is that man knows not his time.

Just last evening one of my former students who is now in ministry phoned to ask for counsel. A close friend of his was set to embark on a term of service in Haiti. He had finished seminary and was all set to head to the field with his young family this coming week. Their church had had a commissioning service and the eager servant of the Lord had preached in his sending church. For a special outing before heading to the place of service, his family had gone on a skiing trip. His wife had successfully made it down the slope. He was following when his ski hit a place of ice. He flipped, hit his head on ice and went limp, before hitting into a tree. Friends rushed to his aid, but there was nothing they could do. His life had been snuffed out at age 28. My student will preach at the funeral later this afternoon. I have no easy answers to this matter. The theme of our conference these days has been: To Live = Christ; To die = Gain! From Philippians 1:21. In this moment we have been called to reaffirm that we believe that this eager young servant of the Lord has entered into the far more blessed privilege, even than serving the Lord. He has entered the presence of the Lord. But his 28 year old wife, little children, close friends, you, and I are still here. It is imperative that we live in consistent fellowship with our Lord so that we are prepared daily to live for Him. But we are also called to be prepared as witnesses for Him to a broken and needy world.

As we embark upon this new year, let us make every effort to invest our lives to bring the greatest glory to our great God every day.

Faithfully yours, CTM

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 08 Jan No 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 10 Jan No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 11 Jan 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<u>TODAY: 05/01/2014</u>
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	TBC	TBC	Organist: Anthony

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, Elizabeth, Magdalene. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Yangfan, Matthew, Mok & Carol, Sharon & Elliora, Fung, Margaret, Becky, Joy. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Rev Colin Wong as our resident minister, and that the visa application will be accepted and completed without delay. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 12/01/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Sarah</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Constance</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Hannah</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>

<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £560.25, Lunch: £42.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 28 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 3 (C)</p>	
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 104

Q: What do we pray for in the Fourth Petition?

A: In the Fourth Petition – (which is, GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD) – we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

Comments:

We now come to the petitions concerning ourselves – the *order* of the prayer being God *first*, and *ourselves afterwards*. In this petition we pray for the supply of our bodily wants. We ask for two things – a sufficient portion for the day, and God's blessing with it.

Scriptural Reference:

Proverbs 30:8, Psalm 90:17

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>“But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.”</i></p> <p>Jeremiah 9:24</p>	<p><i>“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.”</i></p> <p>Matthew 9:37</p>	<p><i>“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”</i></p> <p>Matthew 9:38</p>