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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 105:1-4

Psalm 145:8-12

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 32 – “Immortal,
Invisible, God Only Wise”

RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I
Should Gain?”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 64

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 64 verses 1-9
(to the tune of Bethlehem, RHC 251)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 409 – “Take Time to Be
Holy”

Scriptural Text

Romans 3:1-8

Matthew 5:10-12

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Sermon Message

*Objections Raised – God’s
Justice Upheld*

*Blessed are they which are
persecuted for righteousness’ sake*

*Closing Hymn **

Insert – “O Thou Whose
Justice Reigns on High”

RHC – “Pressing On”

*Benediction/3-Fold
Amen **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18

DEVELOPING A GOD-HONOURING MIND OR THOUGHT LIFE

By Pastor Jack Sin, Maranatha Messenger - 23rd March 2014

Introduction

The Christian is being bombarded every day in the real world and by electronic social and mass media with worldly influences through the eye and ear gate. This information affects our thought life – and **we are to be careful and disciplined with what we think. The battlefield is the mind today.** Satan is attacking every believer with his subtle and insidious tempting and unsound or unedifying thoughts. Solomon says negatively *“as a man thinketh, so is he”* (Proverbs 23:7). How can the believer regulate and manage his mental life in an edifying and healthy manner?

When a person is regenerated in his heart by the Holy Spirit, one of the faculties of his life that will be changed subsequently is his mind. In Romans 12:1–2, Paul speaks of believers being transformed by the renewing of their minds. **God effectually sanctifies the mind.** We are told by Jesus in Matthew 22:37–38, that we are to *“love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy **mind**”* (emphasis added). This is a vital theme that is sadly neglected today. **What constitutes the Christian mind?** The bizarre holy laughter phenomenon led by Rodney Howard Browne in the 1990s is a good example of something that is devoid of the sound Christian mind, engaged in godless jesting and senseless laughter, totally unbecoming of a believer. Consider the following to **the development of a Christian mind according to the Word of God.**

Firstly, consider Philippians 2:5, *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus”* What is the mind of Jesus? Read verses 6–8. It is a **mind of humility and lowliness.** It is a servant’s (slave’s) mind. Philippians 2:3 reads, *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”* One supreme example of lowliness is in our Lord Jesus Christ, who condescended to earth to die for the sins of many. In describing this, Paul uses a word in Philippians 2:7, *kenow* which means “to empty oneself.” Christ emptied Himself of His divine prerogatives (not His deity) during His public ministry on earth. It is not a haughty or arrogant mindset but one that is meek and lowly that will revere God and respect others. Paul exhorts the same in Romans 12:3, *“not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”* A humble mind is befitting of a redeemed sinner who acknowledges his Almighty God and sees the depravity of his own soul.

Secondly, it is a **mind that honours and puts God first in one’s life.** In Colossians 3:2, we are admonished to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth. The verb here is *phroneo* which can be rendered to be “minded of” or “to think.” It is a mindset that is fixed on eternal things not on earthly temporary enjoyments and rewards. The matter of priorities in our life will determine what occupies our hearts and minds (Matthew 6:21, 33). It is a most needful thing today in a world of materialism and fleshy pursuits. What comes first to you? God’s kingdom or selfish desires? Do you have this kind of a mindset? Strive to cultivate a heavenly mindset (2 Corinthians 4:18) in your life clearly and be not enthralled and enamoured by the enticing things of this fleeting and ephemeral world.

Thirdly, it is a **mind that has the peace with God and the peace of God** (Romans 5:1–8). Look at Philippians 4:7, *“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* The same is said in Isaiah 26:3, *“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”* Do you have a mind of tranquillity, peace and joy in the Lord or is your mind full of turmoil, paralysed with irrational doubts and neurotic anxiety? The Christian mind is a mind of peace (John 14:27), love, contentment in whatever state we are in. The mind is stayed on Christ and experiences comfort, joy and solace. A life of constant depression and great disturbance in our minds always is not the will of God for us. A mind of peace comes from a repentant heart, walking in the will of God and seeking to please Him always. A sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7) and a mind of peace, joy, trust, despite capricious circumstances (like Paul’s) is what God would have for us.

Fourthly, it is a **mind of active service and readiness**. The Apostle Peter exhorts us in 1 Peter 1:13, *“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”* It is a mind of action and preparedness. The imagery here refers to the ancient oriental customs of tying one’s loose flowing robes in the process of getting ready for hard work. An equivalent contemporary metaphor will be “let us roll up our sleeves and get ready to work in the business of the Lord.” In Romans 12:11, it said, *“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.”* Are you always prepared and willing to serve the Lord with a ready mind in evangelism, prayer, stewardship and others? It is a mind of diligence, discipline and industry. It is a mind ready to discern right from wrong, truth from error. With what velocity do you carry out the work of the Lord daily? Is it with an idle, indolent mind, or an alert, vigilant and enthusiastic mind? Remember an idle mind is the devil’s workshop and it tempts the devil to tempt us.

Conclusion

Lastly, remember 2 Corinthians 10:5, *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”* Bringing *“into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”* means “an undistracted mind,” no vain thoughts, worldly or otherwise, no wandering thoughts. Beware of the latest Mindfulness teaching that is non-judgement, based on eastern religious philosophy and supported by secular psychologists and contrary to scripture. **A subjection to Christ in our thought life is absolutely necessary for holiness and godly living** (2 Corinthians 7:1). The process of Christian sanctification includes that of a sanctified mind; not a mind of positive thinking or self esteem as taught by the late Norman Vincent Peale (who was a 33 degree Freemason), or possibility thinking by Robert Schuller (whose church went bankrupt), but **a humble and lowly mind, a mind of peace, a mind that honours God first and a ready mind for active service**. Serve to cultivate and engender such a sanctified mind in your lives with the help of the Holy Spirit. Do not let sensual, unedifying, worthless, lustful thoughts occupy your mind but rather *“be renewed in the spirit of your mind”* (Ephesians 4:23).

Jack Sin

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
Tues 08 Apr	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 11 Apr	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 12 Apr	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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 06/04/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Tom</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Carry In</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Yangfan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 13/04/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Sarah</p> <p>Pianist: Matthew</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Constance</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>
Message	Universal Depravity of Man	The Lord's Prayer - Introduction	
Text	Romans 3:9-20	Matthew 6:9-15	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: There will be a short video study on "Christian Womanhood" by Mrs Rachel Fisher. • 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, Maureen, Jonathan, Magdalene, Toby, Ellie • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travels: Nnabugwu Family. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology - 1st to 3rd July 2014: Theme for 2014 is "Rightly Dividing the Word". • Please note that there will be an ECM on Sunday 13th April 2014 • Church Easter Camp, 18th-21st April 2014: Please see Sis Rachael for more information. Camp Speaker: Rev Nigel Smyth. 			
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £731.03; Lunch: £39.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 26 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 2 (C)</p>			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 10

Q: How did God create man?

A: God created man, male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Comments:

We are here told that man was created in the likeness of God. His soul resembles God in being upright and holy, and possessed of reason. None of the other animals were so endowed, and they accordingly were put in subjection to him.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 4:24, Genesis 1:28

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."</i></p> <p>Psalm 37:23</p>	<p><i>"Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand."</i></p> <p>Psalm 37:24</p>	<p><i>"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;"</i></p> <p>Colossians 3:12</p>