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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 09 NOVEMBER 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-8

Galatians 2:19-20

*Opening Hymn **

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

RHC 106 – “Christ Liveth in Me”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 93

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 93

(to the tune of Ortonville, RHC 327)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 141 – “That Beautiful Name”

Scriptural Text

Colossians 1:18-20

John 15:1-2

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Christ Above All

Our Life in Jesus

Lord's Supper

Dr Carl Martin

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 194 – “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?”

RHC 52 – “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Benediction/3-Fold

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*Amen **

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

WAYS TO WHET ONE'S SPIRITUAL APPETITE

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled"
(Mat 5:6)

Introduction

This is meant only for the believers as the above mentioned text described one of the marks (Beatitudes) of those who are truly a child of God and not a mere professor. The word, "blessed" speaks of a happiness that comes with knowing and recognising that God is pleased with us because this kind of happiness is to be found only in and through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

So for those who are united with the Lord Jesus by His Spirit, here are some helps to spiritual hunger and thirst.

1. Shun those things which will hinder your spiritual appetite

The Chinese believes that wind in the stomach will cause bloatedness and thus hinder a good appetite. Interestingly the English shares the same view in Thomas Watson who says, "When the stomach is full of wind a man has little appetite to his food,". Therefore when one is filled with a windy opinion of his own self-righteousness, he will have no spiritual appetite for Christ's righteousness. He looks upon himself so loftily that he sees no need of God's grace. The windy vapours of pride will leave no room for the spiritual appetite of righteousness.

The next thing that spoil the appetite is the desire for "sweet stuff." To have a luscious delights of the world is a sure sign of losing the appetite to Christ and His grace. The love of the world and love for Christ does not goes hand in hand. Jesus in the parable of the sower warns us that *"the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word,"* and the man become unfruitful (Matt 13:22). Likewise the one who feeds on the things of this world, its values, music, fashion, lifestyle, sports...etc. will gradually lose his spiritual appetite.

Thomas Watson rightly states, "The soul cannot be carried to two extremes at once. As the eye cannot look intent on heaven and earth at once, so a man cannot at the same instant hunger excessively after the world, and after righteousness."

The apostle John clearly pointed this out in 1 John 2:15, *"¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."* The love of the world and the things therein will upset our spiritual appetite for Christ and His righteousness.

2. Do all that may nourish spiritual appetite

There are two ways to working up a spiritual appetite.

Begin with spiritual exercise. Just as a man by physical exercise like brisk walking or jogging gets an appetite for his food, “so by the exercise of holy duties the spiritual appetite is increased.” Paul’s instruction to Timothy and to all believers is, “*exercise thyself rather unto godliness*” (1Ti 4:7).

The regular reading, hearing and receiving of the Word of God is not enough, it must be followed up by the exercise of the Word, which is obedience. And obedience to the Word requires help of the Holy Spirit, which is through closet prayer. So having the Word but seldom, and for the lack of exercise lost their hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Next, is the generous use of condiment to whet our spiritual appetite, which come in two types. Type number one, the ‘bitter spice’ of repentance. “He who tastes gall and vinegar in sin, hungers after the body and blood of the Lord,” says Thomas Watson. David in Psalm 32 says, “³ *When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.* ⁴ *For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer*” (Psa 32:3-4). This is an expression of one whose spiritual well-being is affected by impenitence thus retards the nourishment of his spiritual appetite. It was not until he truly confessed his sins to God that gave rise to these words, “*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.* ² *Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile*” (Psa 32:1-2).

Type number two, the herbs of affliction. This at first creates the most discomfort but it soon produces a hunger after grace. Afflictions may be compared to herbs that are of very strong savour and mainly of high medicinal value, which may not be palatable to the taste but necessary for the maintenance of a healthy spiritual appetite.

One more ingredient that will surely help is the “sauce of sickness.” It is in sickness that man hunger and thirst more after Christ’s righteousness rather than in health. Pro 27:7 “⁷ *The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.*”

I close with the words of Thomas Watson, whose discourse, “The Beatitudes,” which I have briefly adapted for this article - “Christians, when glutted on the world, despise the rich cordials of the gospel. I wish we did not slight those truths now, which would taste sweet in a prison. How precious was a leaf of the Bible in Queen Mary’s days! The wise God sees it good sometimes to give us the sharp sauce of affliction, to make us feed more hungrily upon the bread of life.”

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
Thurs 13 Nov	7:00pm	Bible Study - <i>Study on the book of Mark</i>	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 14 Nov		No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 15 Nov	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 09/11/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Matthew</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Daniel</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Jasmine</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 16/11/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Jasmine</p> <p>Pianist: Sarah</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Yetta</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Volunteers</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>
Message	Being Reconciled to God	The Quest for Spiritual Effectiveness	
Text	Colossians 1:21-23	John 15:1-3	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: Dr Martin will lead this week's study. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Brian Green, Dr Tow, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Kalel. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Magdalene. • Pray for those on travel: Constance. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the church's sponsorship and Pr Mok Chee Cheong's visa applications. • Remembrance Sunday: We will be observing a two minute silence today at 11am to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. 			
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1259.70, Lunch: £36.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 28 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 4 (C)</p>			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 41

Q: Where is the Moral Law summarily comprehended?

A: The Moral Law is summarily comprehended in THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Comments:

The Moral Law is the law which teaches us how we ought to think and act with regard to God and man. When God created man, he set this Moral Law in his heart, so that he knew his duty without a Bible. But when man sinned, this knowledge was partly lost, and God therefore had to give it anew. He gave it fully in the Bible, and briefly in the Ten Commandments.

Scriptural Reference:

Deuteronomy 10:4, Matthew 19:17

MEMORY VERSE

		Next Week
<p>Last Week</p> <p><i>“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”</i></p> <p>Romans 6:23</p>	<p>This Week</p> <p><i>“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”</i></p> <p>Psalms 19:1</p>	<p><i>“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.”</i></p> <p>Psalms 28:7</p>