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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 13 APRIL 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1-4

Isaiah 61:10-11

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 23 – *“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”*

RHC 121 – *“My Redeemer”*

*Opening Prayer **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 65

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 65 verses 4-5
(to the tune of Belmont, RHC 22)

Announcements & Memory Verse

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 487 – *“New Life in Christ”*

Scriptural Text

Romans 3:9-20

Matthew 6:9-15

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Universal Depravity of Man

The Lord’s Prayer - Introduction

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 563 – *“Amazing Grace”*

RHC 365 – *“Teach Me to Pray”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

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

WAYS TO READING THE BIBLE

"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32)

1. Read the Bible this very day.

The way to read your Bible is to actually read it. It is not enough to state your intention, resolution and decision to read it. You must positively read. There is no special formula to it, no one else can read it for you though someone can certainly read it to you if a physical deficiency hinder you to do so. Otherwise, one way or another, through the eyes or ears gate, the Word of God must gain entrance into your mind.

2. Read the Bible with an earnest desire to understand it.

Some think that browsing over a few passages or a cursory reading of certain pages will advance them deeply into the truth of God. But far from it. It is nothing short of a patience reading with understanding that will lead us to the *"pearl of great price"* (Matt13:46). "Settle it down in your mind as a general principle, that a Bible not understood is a Bible that does no good!" said J. C. Ryle. Purpose in your heart to go deep into the meaning of the Word like a man digging for hidden treasure.

3. Read the Bible with humility and child-like faith.

Go into your closet and pray, *"Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth."* Determine to believe implicitly what you read in the scared pages, however much it may run counter to your own desires and prejudices. Purpose in your heart to receive every statement of truth heartily, whether you like it or not or whether you fully understand it or not. Keep yourself away from the temptation, like some do, of taking in some "pet doctrines" because they favour them and reject others because they are condemning to themselves. Who are we to judge the Word of God? Do we know better than God? Therefore, establish in your mind that you will receive all and believe all, and what you cannot understand, you will by faith take on trust. Know that when you pray, you are speaking to God, and God hears you. But, when you read Scripture, God is speaking to you, and so you are not to "dictate," but to listen.

4. Read the Bible in the spirit of obedience and self-application.

Settle down to your study of it with a daily determination and prayer that you will live by its statutes and precepts, rest on its promises, and act on its commands. Ask yourself as you read through every pages thoughtful, "how does this affect my thought life and daily walk with the Lord?" What lesson can I glean from these verses? It does not profit you at all to merely read out of curiosity, and for speculative purposes so as to fill your head and store your mind with mere opinions; while you do not allow the purifying Word to influence your heart and life. "That Bible is read best which is practised most!" (J. C. Ryle).

5. Read the Bible daily.

Make it a part of your daily routine, but not ritualistically, to read and mediate on some portion of God's Word. Private means of grace are just as needful every day for our souls as food and water are for our bodies. Follow the pattern of the Israelites while they were in the wilderness - gather your manna fresh every morning. Decide a suitable time and place. Do not scramble over and hurry your reading. Give the Word of God the best, and not the worst part of your time and effort. But whatever reading plan you pursue, let it be a rule of your life to visit the throne of grace and God's Word every day.

6. Read the whole Bible and read it in an orderly way.

2 Timothy 3:16 & 17 says, ¹⁶ *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness* ¹⁷ *That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* For some Christians, Bible-reading is a system of perpetual "dipping and picking." They do not seem to have an idea of regularly going through the whole Book of Life.

7. Read the Bible fairly and honestly.

Resolve to take every Word of God in its plain, obvious meaning and regard all forced interpretation with great suspicion. One of the rules of biblical interpretation is: "when the plain sense of scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths indicate clearly otherwise." Another helpful rule - "The right way of interpreting Scripture is to take it as we find it, without any attempt to force it into any particular theological system" (Cecil's Rule).

8. Read the Bible with Christ continually in view.

The grand theme of the whole Bible is the life and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Old Testament ceremonies are shadows of Christ. Old Testament judges are types of Christ. Old Testament prophecies are full of Christ's sufferings, and of Christ's glory yet to come. Christ's first coming and the second; the Lord's humiliation and His glorious Kingdom; His cross, His blood, His resurrection and the crown shine forth everywhere in the Bible. Therefore keep fast hold on this clue, if you would read the Bible aright.

Pr Mok

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 15 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 18 Apr Easter Camp	
Sat 19 Apr 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Nigel Smyth	Rev Nigel Smyth	<u>TODAY: 13/04/2014</u> <i>Chairman:</i> Mok Chee Cheong <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Matthew <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Constance <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Rachael <i>Lunch:</i> Rachael <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott
Message	A Personal Word	Recommissioned	
Text	Mark 16:7	John 21:19	

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, Jonathan, Magdalene, Hannah. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia, Rachael. • Pray for those on travels: Nnabugwu Family, Josiah. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology - 1st to 3rd July 2014: Theme for 2014 is "Rightly Dividing the Word". • Please note that the ECM has been postponed till Sunday 27th April 2014. • Church Easter Camp, 18th-21st April 2014: Please see Sis Rachael for more information. Camp Speaker: Rev Nigel Smyth. Camp Theme: "The Passion/Easter events as seen through the eyes of Peter". 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 20/04/2014</u></p> <i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Sarah <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Yetta <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Rachael <i>Lunch:</i> Maureen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £912.00 Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 0 (C)	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 11

Q: What are God's works of providence?

A: God's work of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures and all their actions.

Comments:

The power of God is quite as necessary to maintain the world as to make it. We cannot live of ourselves. It is *in God* that all things live, and move, and have their being. And so this answer informs us that God not only created everything, but that he cares for his own glory.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 6:26, Proverbs 16:9, Psalm 103:19

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand."</i> Psalm 37:24	<i>"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;"</i> Colossians 3:12	<i>"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye"</i> Colossians 3:13