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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 15 JUNE 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:19-22

Psalm 96:7-11

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 82 – “*This Day at Thy Creating Word*”

RHC 74 – “*For the Beauty of the Earth*”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 74

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 74 verses 1-2, 12
(to the tune of Ortonville, RHC 556)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 90 – “*Love Lifted Me*”

Scriptural Text

Romans 5:12-21

Matthew 6:10

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Death in Adam, New Life in Christ

The Third Petition - “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 307 – “*Amazing Grace*”

Insert – “*Thou Sweet, Beloved Will of God*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S INVITATION?

My Dear Reader,

15-06-2014 When you receive an invitation, how do you decide whether or not you will accept it? We accept invitations for a variety of reasons, I suggest several: Who has made the invitation? What am I being invited to do? Where is the activity to be held? Who is going to be there? When is it taking place? How will this affect my other plans? Is there a cost for accepting? What if I reject the invitation? Probably none of us accepts every invitation we receive. From the publicly displayed advertisement to the politician's invitation to an event, to the invitation to a close friend's wedding or birthday celebration, we make choices for diverse reasons.

We approach the most significant invitation we will ever receive in John 5:24-25 where Jesus said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.* We have an invitation from Jesus for those who hear with a promise for those who hear and believe.

We come to the fourth of the five points in our continuing series of studies giving an overview of the **Five Points of Calvinism**: "Irresistible Grace" or "The Effectual Call." Again, remember that this is the response given to the third of "***the five points***" of **Arminianism**. Below I have posted the summary of the two positions on **the call of the Gospel**.

The Holy Spirit Can Be Effectually Resisted

The Spirit calls inwardly all those who are called outwardly by the gospel invitation; He does all that He can to bring every sinner to salvation. But inasmuch as man is free, he can successfully resist the Spirit's call. The Spirit cannot regenerate the sinner until he believes; faith (which is man's contribution) precedes and makes possible the new birth. Thus, man's free will limits the Spirit in the application of Christ's saving work. The Holy Spirit can only draw to Christ those who allow Him to have His way with them. Until the sinner responds, the Spirit cannot give life. God's grace, therefore, is not invincible; it can be, and often is, resisted and thwarted by man.

The Efficacious Call of the Spirit or Irresistible Grace

In addition to the outward general call to salvation which is made to everyone who hears the gospel, the Holy Spirit extends to the elect a special inward call that inevitably brings them to salvation. The external call (which is made to all without distinction) can be, and often is, rejected; whereas the internal call (which is made only to the elect) cannot be rejected; it always results in conversion. By means of this special call the Spirit irresistibly draws sinners to Christ. He is not limited in His work of applying salvation by man's will, nor is He dependent upon man's cooperation for success. The Spirit graciously causes the elect sinner to cooperate, to believe, to repent, to come freely and willingly to Christ. God's grace, therefore, is invincible; it never fails to result in the salvation of those to whom it is extended.

Source: Graceonlinelibrary.org

Let us consider several questions to help think through this subject: How does one “hear” the invitation? Does everyone “hear” the invitation with equal clarity? When people “hear” why does one person accept the invitation when another rejects it? We find help from the Apostle Paul to work through this idea in his letter to the Romans 10:13-18: *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? ...So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. **The invitation to believe on Jesus for eternal salvation is extended to all humankind.*** Earlier in the letter Paul had affirmed that the Gospel was powerful and effective for all people, whether Jewish or Gentile (Rom 1:16). Further he had noted that all the human family is responsible before God for the evidence of His existence that is available to all in the created world (Rom 1:18-20). Yet with the available information, humankind has deliberately rejected the witness and embraced other gods of their making as a substitute for trusting the Creator God (Rom 1:21-25). So to some degree, every person is aware of the existence of God, but she or he may not know God in a saving relationship.

Given those conditions, something must be done specifically to break into the hardened hearts of humankind to make us respond to God. That is what we find in His invitation cited from John’s Gospel and in the passage from Romans 10. The external work is that of the created world and the spoken word of some preacher who speaks to a person. Internally there must be a work by the Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11). Even allowing that the Holy Spirit is invisibly at work in the heart of the hearer to apply God’s truth, can a person resist His work? On the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit’s ministry was unleashed, the Apostle Peter concluded his appeal to the thousands gathered in Jerusalem that day: *Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, **even as many as the Lord our God shall call*** (Acts 2:38-39).

A clear example of this calling is the conversion of the Apostle Paul, recorded in Acts 9. As a devout Jew, he was en route to Damascus to seize and arrest those who believed on Jesus Christ. Before reaching his destination, he was confronted by a light from heaven, so overpowering that he fell to the earth. He heard a voice calling to him, *Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?* For Saul/Paul, there was no resisting. His defenses were overpowered. He cried unto God for direction and willingly obeyed what he was told. The result? He was wonderfully converted. In Acts 16 we read of the conversion a businesswoman working away from home, in Philippi: *And a certain woman named Lydia ...which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended to the things which were spoken of Paul* (v.14).

As we noted in our previous article, not everyone is saved, so here again, not everyone is called in this same way. For the call to be effective, it must overcome the defenses and distractions in ones heart in order for her or him to be saved. When God calls to salvation, he gets the attention of the one He is calling. The evidence of that work is in the willing, believing response of the person who is born again. The most important question I raise for you dear reader is: Have you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ in order that you might be saved?

Hoping to point you to Jesus, 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
Tues 17 June	No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Amos Hoon & family and Michelle Tan to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 20 June	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 21 June	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: 15/06/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Tom / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Carol Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 22/06/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Tom / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p>
Message	Dead to sin, Alive to God	The Fourth Petition - "Gave us this day our daily bread"	
Text	Romans 6:1-11	Matthew 6:11	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Father's Day: The church wishes all fathers a Happy Father's Day. • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week's study will be a video presentation. • 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, Scott, Patricia, Hannah, Sarah, Shirley. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travels: George & Susan, Daniel & Maureen, John, Sharon, Tobias & Elliora, Matthew & Michelle. 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £941, Lunch: £25 Attendance - Morning: 23 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 13 (A) 5 (C)			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 20

Q: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a REDEEMER.

Comments:

Man did not obey God's law, and so he was condemned to death, both of body and of soul. But it was not the will of God that the world should perish, and so there was another covenant made, but this time with Christ, called the Covenant of Grace, by which God undertook to deliver those who should believe in his Son, and give them everlasting life. This is the Gospel, or Good News of God to men; and it is called the Covenant of Grace, because it proceeded from God's free mercy, and not from our deservings.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 3:15, 2 Timothy 1:9

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."</i></p> <p>Philippians 2:16</p>	<p><i>"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."</i></p> <p>James 1:17</p>	<p><i>"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"</i></p> <p>Titus 2:13</p>