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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 77:13-20

Isaiah 40:9-11

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 7 – “*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*”

RHC 532 – “*Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 82

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 82
(to the tune of St Agnes, RHC 231)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 119 – “*Sweeter as the Years Go By*”

Scriptural Text

Amos 8:13-14

John 14:1-3

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

What about the Next Generation?

Assurance for Troubled Hearts

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 407 – “*Jesus Calls Us*”

RHC 324 – “*Trusting Jesus*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

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

OUR HELPER IN PRAYER

Scripture Text: Romans 8:1-26-27

Dear Brethren in the Lord,

Introduction

The title of this short devotion is “Our Helper in Prayer”. We will look at verse 26 and 27 of the passage in particular. Verse 26 says, *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Verse 27 “And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

This is often times the state of our prayer life, *“we know not what we should pray for as we ought”*. Believers are so feeble in our praying, so superficial in our praying and we lack that true spirit of praying which is typical of saints in the past when they cried out to God. Our problems often times may due to our infirmities or due to the presence of sins in our life. But God has given us help through His Holy Spirit and this is the first part we want to look at.

1. The Holy Spirit Helps Us

We as believers have this help of the Holy Spirit promised to us which we do not avail ourselves to. The verse says, *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought.”* God knows that often times we have either great difficulties in praying or we are praying for the wrong things and frequently we do not pray enough and do not feel like praying. God knows that, therefore Paul is saying that the Holy Spirit is the greatest and most divine help for Christians who have such problems mentioned earlier.

The help is there waiting for us to call upon especially in our moment of darkness, confusion, ignorant and weaknesses. When we have no strength and our inner spirit seems to have gone out of us, then the Spirit of God gives wisdom to our ignorance and changes our weakness into strength. This is what the Holy Spirit will do for us and desire to do in us. He gives us the word to pray, inspires us to pray and upholds our spirit in prayer.

Furthermore, the Spirit brings to remembrance what the Lord had done for us on Calvary and gives us boldness to come before the throne of grace. Brethren, we have divine help in our praying.

Next, the Spirit not only enables us, but also assist us to pray according the will of God. 1 John 5:14-15 *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”*

This praying “according to His will” does not mean submission, but rather conformity and the words, “According to” means after the standard, conformity and in agreement. Thus we can be encouraged that whatever our infirmities, we have help and given the boldness to come with great freedom before the mercy seat. We moved on to the second part of verse 26.

2. The Holy Spirit Makes Intercession For Us

This is indeed the next thing the Holy Spirit is doing as we can see clearly from this verse. It says *“but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”* and the first part of verse 27 continues to tell us that, *“And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

When we compare these verses with that of 1 Corinthians 2:9-16 we will see one very important element about the Spirit interceding on our behalf, *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”*

The key note in 1 Cor. 2 is *“revealed unto us by the Spirit”*. Revealed what to us? Verses 10-12 answer, *“for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”*

In other words, the Spirit reveals to us the mind of God so that *“we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”* That is how we must pray according to His will and that is how we know what to ask for and then secure what we ask for.

You and me as sinful people naturally will pray according to our own will and fancy. Our groaning in prayer is most often out of selfishness and self-will and not that of the Spirit. That is why the Spirit intercedes for us and with us and reveals to us the mind of God so that we will pray according to the will of God. Only then can we pray as we ought in tune or in steps to His thoughts, His purposes and His desires.

So we have in verse 27, that *“the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”* We need not be down and out and go under the burden of afflictions because the Holy Spirit as it were, bears us up and carry our burden so that we faint not. The Spirit groans along with creation and the believers refers to the Spirit's work of sustaining us, supports us in those deep emotions, those intense feelings, those inward sighs, which cannot be expressed in language, but which the Spirit can enables us to bear, and which are understood by Him that searcheth the hearts.”

Besides this, we have already discovered that the Spirit incites us to pray and tell us from within our hearts what we ought to pray and how to pray. The prayer of a true believer cannot be frustrated because it proceeds from the Spirit of God who dwells in us. Amen.

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 19 Aug | No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study | | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Lin to our worship services last Lord's Day. |
| Fri 22 Aug | No Young Adults Fellowship | | |
| Sat 23 Aug | 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 | <u>TODAY: 17/08/2014</u> |
| Message | When the Creator Confronts | Way - Truth - Life! | Chairman: Jonathan |
| Text | Amos 9:1-6 | John 14:4-7 | Organist: Anthony |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | Pianist: Jasmine |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week's study will be led by Dr Martin. • 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, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Jonathan, Daniel, Yetta. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia, Magdalene. • Pray for those on travel: Evelyn, Margaret, Constance, Jasmine, Rachael, Hannah, Mrs Martin & Heidi, Anthony & Helen, John, Sharon, Tobias & Elliora. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Pr Mok Chee Cheong as our resident minister, and that the visa application will be accepted and completed without delay. • Friday 22nd Aug: Dr Martin will be leading a trip to the British Museum. Please meet at Russell Square Station at 1pm. | | | Ushers: Daniel / Yetta |
| | | | Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael |
| | | | Lunch: Mrs Martin |
| | | | Washing Up: Volunteers |
| | | | PA Crew: Scott |
| | | | <u>NEXT WEEK: 24/08/2014</u> |
| Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £773.40, Lunch: £37.30 Attendance - Morning: 21 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 4 (C) | | | Chairman: Jonathan |
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| | | | Pianist: Jasmine |
| | | | Ushers: Tom / Yetta |
| | | | Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael |
| | | | Lunch: Maureen |
| | | | Washing Up: Volunteers |
| | | | PA Crew: Scott |

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 29

Q: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Comments:

Having seen, in the previous questions, how salvation has been brought within our reach, we now come to learn the way in which we may become possessed of it. In this answer we are told, that while it is Christ who has purchased redemption for us, it is the Holy Spirit who puts us actually in possession of it.

Scriptural Reference:

John 16:13, Romans 8:14

MEMORY VERSE

| Last Week | This Week | Next Week |
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| <i>“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”</i> 1 John 4:16 | <i>“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.”</i> 1 John 4:17 | <i>“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”</i> 1 John 4:18 |