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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 19 OCTOBER 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 31:23-24

Psalm 47:6-9

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 3 – “Love Divine”

RHC 226 – “The Lord Is King!”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 90:1-17

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 90 verses 1-9
(to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 390 – “Something for Thee”
verses 1-4

Scriptural Text

Colossians 1:15-17

John 14:28-31

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

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Sermon Message

Held Together by Christ

The Greatest Assignment Accepted

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 456 – “In Christ There Is No East or West”

RHC 227 – “O Glorious Day!”

*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

From the pastor's heart...

WAITING ON GOD – PART 5

Merriam-Webster's English Dictionary defines philosophy of life as “an overall vision of or attitude toward life and the purpose of life.” If life is more than biological existence, every human being must have his/her own philosophy of life. What kind of vision or attitude do we have? What are the purposes of our life? Such questions allude that life is not monotonous in terms of events, happenings, situations, or conditions of life. Such questions also include people's thoughts and ideas that are varying in terms of their mood, temperaments, personalities, characters, or perspectives in life. People may experience the same events but respond differently according to their circumstances, backgrounds, experiences, ages, gender, and even cultures they are living in. It means just one thing: Life can be very complicated, and complications may vary from person to person! On top of this complexity of life, life is full of contingencies that will bring forth totally unexpected surprises and upsets. Moreover, men and women in their nature have many deficiencies. They are not sufficient beings. They have many limits and wants in terms of knowledge, power and even duration of their existences. When all of them are compounded together, life, in a word, becomes very unpredictable. It is no wonder that the wisest man on earth confessed that life was vanity of vanities. How true it is when Ecclesiastes 6:11 says, “*Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better? ¹² For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?*” Besides, the unpredictability and innumerable contingencies of life destroy any degree of our confidence in life. Though we make plans in life, at the same time, we plan for many scenarios when such plans do not go well. However, we cannot live without directions. We need to have certain perspectives of life, by which we set goals and purposes in life and make plans accordingly. We need to make decisions and choices every day. Then how should we make such decisions? Especially as we desire to honour and glorify God through decision-making processes and their subsequent results. How can we find our life directions accurately and purpose of life correctly?

One of the most frequent questions we raise is “how can we know God's will?” How can we find His instructions for us? If you have been thinking of this question, you are not alone. There are many books in relation to this topic. Probably, many of you have read Peter Master's book, *Steps for Guidance*. He offers six steps for guidance (pp. 33-54): (1) Prayer and submission – submit yourself entirely to God and pray fervently for guidance and protection; (2) Clearing the decks – identify and dispose of all wrong desires, attitudes, and motives; (3) Using the Scriptures – Corinthians 6:12 and 10:23 are essential tests (“*All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*” “*All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not*”); (4) Weighing pros and cons - it is the stage of personal discernment. The faculty of mind is not to be bypassed; (5) Overruling of God – God will point out the right course by a direct intervention – circumstantial overruling; and (6) Assurance or unease – either warning of a wrong decision or assuring us that we are in the path of His bidding.

Desiring to know God's will and His ways is not unusual to the believers. Psalm 25:4-5 says, “*Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. ⁵ Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.*” It is a...

Davidic psalm. He is asking the Lord to show him His ways and teach him His paths. He wants to be led by the Lord into His truth. Thus, he says, *“On thee do I wait all the day.”* David, who was after God’s own heart, wanted to know the will of God. He wanted to be led by God. It is interesting to apply David’s words to our daily walks of life. *“Show me thy ways”* is like “give me your orders” or “give me your instructions.” Then, what David says in the latter part of verse 5, *“on thee do I wait all the day,”* is “I’ll wait for your instructions.” Listen to what Andrew Murray has to say: “See how beautifully this comes out in Psalm 25. The writer knew and loved God’s laws exceedingly, and he meditated in that law day and night. But he knew that this was not enough. He knew that for the right spiritual understanding of the truth, and for the right personal application of it to his own particular circumstances, he needed a direct, divine teaching” (*Waiting on God*, 20-21).

Then, let us return to what David said in *“on thee do I wait all the day.”* There are two outstanding lessons: (1) David will wait on God, and (2) He will wait all the day. Firstly, we must not neglect to meditate on the first point, simply because it is a very familiar and frequent expression in our spiritual life and fellowship. How often do we say that we are waiting on God? However, do we really appreciate what it means? There are a few spiritual attributes involved in it: David’s faith in God, his submission to Him, and his absolute dependency on Him. As for David, God was a person who could guide and assist him. He was not just an accidental being, but a person who knew and was able to understand all things concerning him. He was also a person who was sympathetic with him and understood him well. He believed in a personal God. He also submitted himself to the Lord’s guidance by denying his self-determinism. He refused to make his own decisions based on his experiences or even preferences. By waiting on God, David declared his dependence upon Him. He set his own opinions and feelings aside. It also tells us that there is a far more important element while seeking for guidance than making plans and using good resources to help ourselves. Though all of them are important, we must not forget that there has be time to wait upon Him completely. In the midst of busy work and plans, we need to pause and pray, and await instructions from the Lord. Secondly, David says he will wait on God all the day. Along this line of thought, we also need to look at Psalm 25:9, *“The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.”* “The meek” in the KJV are translated as “the humble” in other translations. When we combine all these thoughts, we may learn a few important lessons. Waiting on God is not only waiting for the sake of waiting. It is waiting with a right attitude and humility. Sometimes people come to me to ask my thoughts on certain matters. However, many of them come with a pre-determined mindset. What they want me to do is just to agree with them. Though I may find some faults in their decisions or thoughts, they will not listen to me anyway. Likewise, when we ask the Lord for guidance, we must not make demands of Him with pre-determined decisions or choices, indicating we are not ready to hear Him. The Lord will guide and teach the humble ones. Also, waiting on God continues all day long. It means “constant waiting.” It is like a habit to wait on Him. It is not a once in a while practice but habitual. We need the Lord every moment and every hour. Waiting on Him all the day also implies unceasing and entire dependence on Him. It is a confession that we are nothing but He is everything to us. It is a confession that we cannot do anything without Him. “May we wait on Him all the day!”

Lovingly,
Your pastor

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
Fri 24 Oct	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>Developments in the Middle East</i> - Mr Richard Monteith	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Jean Bosco, Tan Yang En and Halynne Shi to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 25 Oct	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	<u>TODAY: 19/10/2014</u> Chairman: John Organist: Sarah Pianist: Sarah Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jonathan
Message	The Martin Luther of the Old Testament	Jehoshaphat - The Backslider	
Text	Micah 1:1; Micah 3 & 2 Kings 18:1-12	2 Chronicles 16:12-18:34	

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. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Magdalene, Elizabeth. • Pray for those on travel: Constance. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the church's sponsorship and Pr Mok Chee Cheong's visa applications. • Church Cleaning: There will be church cleaning today after lunch. • Ladies Fellowship will be held after lunch next Sunday. • Please note that clocks go back 1 hour next Sunday. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £456.21, Lunch: £37.02 Attendance - Morning: 26 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 14 (A) 2 (C)</p>	

<u>NEXT WEEK: 26/10/2014</u>	
Chairman:	Jonathan
Organist:	Jasmine
Pianist:	Anthony
Ushers:	Tom / Margaret
Sunday School:	Hannah / Rachael
Lunch:	Sarah
Washing Up:	Volunteers
PA Crew:	Scott

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 38

Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full ENJOYING OF GOD to all eternity.

Comments:

We are here taught that there will be a resurrection, and after the resurrection a judgment. At that judgment those who have believed in Jesus will be blessed in the following ways: 1. They will be raised up with glorified bodies; 2. They will be acknowledge by Christ, the Judge, as his own people, and declared free from all guilt before an assembled world; 3. They will be taken to heaven, where they shall be happy with God for ever.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 15:43, Matthew 25:34, Revelations 21:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:17

MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	
Last Week <i>"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it"</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:24	<i>"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."</i> 1 Corinthians 10:13	Next Week <i>"But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."</i> 2 Thessalonians 3:3