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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 23 NOVEMBER 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Isaiah 53:1-5

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 20 – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

RHC 212 – “Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus!”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 95

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 95 verses 1-7
(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 286 – “O Happy Day!”

Scriptural Text

Colossians 1:23

John 15:4-11

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

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Sermon Message

Too Blessed to Be Silent

A Continuing Relationship with Jesus

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 462 – “We’ve a Story to Tell”

RHC 380 – “Close to Thee”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

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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

SEALED BY BELIEVING

“In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.” Ephesians 1:13

Today, we come to a text for the believer’s assurance of faith. If you battle with doubts and fears about your salvation here is the evidence you need to doubt no more and go on your way rejoicing.

The moment you believe on the Lord Jesus you are sealed with the Holy Spirit. Sealed means to be stamped, approved, or ratified as a genuine Christian. You are marked as a child of God. The stamp of approval is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who gives an immediate witness within the believer’s soul that he is born of God and given a new nature. Salvation is God coming into the soul of man. Salvation means you are never alone, but indwelt at all times by the Holy Spirit - the third person of the Trinity. By the fall, sinful man is separated from God and driven out of God’s presence - as happened to Adam and eve in the garden. Through salvation God comes into the soul. God gives spiritual life to dead hearts and there is a resurrection in our souls. Such is the thorough renovation of our nature that you can’t be saved and not know it, and you can’t be saved and not show it.

The apostle Paul went on to expound this indwelling of the Spirit in the heart of the believer “as the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession” (v.14). The term “earnest” is the security deposit for the purchase of our souls. It is the first instalment to secure us and mark us for heaven. We are not taken home yet. The owner has to return to pick up the possession, but until the final transfer of the purchase the Holy Spirit dwells in us.

Perhaps you have gone to a store and asked the shop assistant to hold an item for you. Maybe it’s a new item of furniture that’s on sale. It might be a couch you have wanted for a long time and you don’t want to miss the opportunity of the right couch at the right price at the right time. But you can’t transport it home the same day. So, you put a security deposit on it and the staff lays the item aside with your name on it, along with a sold-sticker. No one else can claim that item. The store staff expect you to return and make full transaction take full possession of the couch on the day and time you arrange to pick it up.

That's like the earnest of our inheritance in the gospel. The security deposit is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and from the moment the Lord's name is on us. We are Christians, we bear Christ's name. This is our state while we remain in this world, and one day the Lord will take us home as his fully purchased possession, "to the praise of his glory."

This first instalment of our salvation is mind boggling. I'm a Christian in waiting. I'm not yet what I'm going to be. I only have the first instalment of the gospel, and yet the joy I feel, the song I have and the access I have to God in prayer fills my heart with hope for the future state I shall enjoy God's presence. I'm only at the starting line of the race of faith. Not till I'm in heaven will I know the fullness of glory.

But, praise God, we have heaven begun already, right now through the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit in our hearts heaven has begun in us. This, Paul says, "is the gospel of your salvation." It is the good news of the gospel. And brother or sister, we have only received a little drop out of the ocean of God's eternal blessings! The end is not yet, and the best is yet to be. For the born again Christian the future is as bright as the promises of God, for our God isn't done with us yet. Praise be to His Name!

The above article, used with permission, is written by Pastor Ian Goligher of Cloverdale Free Presbyterian Church, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. It is a devotional for "Let the Bible Speaks" radio on Nov 13th, 2014.

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 27 Nov 7:00pm Bible Study - Study on the book of Mark	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome John Soo, Shavonne Oh, William, Nicole and Olivia to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 28 Nov No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 29 Nov 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	<u>TODAY: 23/11/2014</u>
Preacher	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Jonathan
Message	TBC	TBC	Organist: Sarah
Text	TBC	TBC	Pianist: Anthony

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, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Tom. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Magdalene. • Pray for those on travel: Joy, Keene, Dr Stephen & Charles Scott-Pearson, Jonathan & Magdalene. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the church's sponsorship and Pr Mok Chee Cheong's visa applications. • Church Cleaning: There will be church cleaning after lunch today. • Ladies Fellowship will be held after lunch next Sunday. 	<p>Ushers: Yetta / Margaret</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Sarah</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 30/11/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Keene</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Tom</p> <p>Sunday School: No Sunday School</p> <p>Lunch: Hannah</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £520.30, Lunch: £43.60</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 4 (C)</p>	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 43

Q: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

A: The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, 'I AM THE LORD THY GOD, WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THEE OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE.'

Comments:

These are the words which precede the Ten Commandments. They were spoken to the children of Israel at Mount Sinai, shortly after their deliverance from the bondage of the Egyptians. And they may be applied to us in token of our deliverance from the bondage of sin.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:2

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<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>Psalm 28:7</p>	<p><i>"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."</i></p> <p>Psalm 34:8</p>	<p><i>"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."</i></p> <p>Psalm 34:19</p>