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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 26 JANUARY 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

Psalm 36:5-7

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 8 – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

RHC 47 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 54

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 54 verses 1-7
(to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 384 – “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Scriptural Text

Romans 1:16-17

Matthew 5:4

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Sermon Message

The Righteousness of God Revealed

Blessed are they that Mourn

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 184 – “Rock of Ages”

RHC 247 – “Cleanse Me”

*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

My Dear Reader,

SO YOU WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?

If you ask a congregation, *"Who wants to go to heaven,"* I am very sure every congregant will raise his or her hand. If you ask them again, *"Why do you really want to go to heaven,"* I am afraid you won't get the same enthusiastic response.

In the course of my ministry, I have the blessing of meeting a handful of God-fearing saints who like Paul of old, *"having a desire to depart and to be with Christ; which is far better"* (Philippians 1:23). On the contrary, it saddens me to meet Christians who are not ready to bid the world goodbye or ready to meet the Lord Jesus in the air.

Why? I believe one of the reasons is the pleasures of the world and its constant busyness that keep drawing them, draining their energy, occupying their time and dominating their thoughts from reflecting on their Christian beliefs like *"Why do I really want to go to heaven?"*

Dearly beloved, if what I said is true of you, I would like to encourage you to make a firm resolution to spend time daily with God and His Word to reflect on *what* you believe and *why* you believe, particularly on the question: *"Why do I really want to go to heaven?"*

I ask myself the same question also. Having given some thought to it, let me share with you why I long to go to heaven when my work is done on earth.

First, I want to go to heaven because I want to see my Savior over there. Frances Jane ("Fanny") Crosby is one of my inspirations. She was born into a family of strong Puritan ancestry on March 24, 1820. As a baby, she had an eye infection which an incompetent doctor treated by placing hot poultices on her red and inflamed eyelids. The infection did clear up, but the result was that scars formed on the eyes, and Fanny became blind for life.

Concerning her blindness, Fanny said: *"It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me... If I had a choice, I would still choose to remain blind...for when I die, the first face I will ever see will be the face of my blessed Saviour."* What inspiring words!

We all know that she was a great hymn writer. She had written more than 7000 hymns and had blessed millions of hearts, even today. Once she was asked who would she like to see when she get to heaven. Her answer was most gratifying to my soul. She said, *"When I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."* That's what I desire in my heart also.

Second, I want to go to heaven because I want to see the old saints I read about both in the Old and New Testaments. Think about the awesome experience Peter, James and John had on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:3, 4). Even though they had never met before, yet they could recognize them as Moses and Elijah. Jesus never introduced them or told the disciples who these men were, but interestingly they already knew them. This must be an overwhelming, indescribable experience for them.

I believe this is something I will experience when I get to heaven. It's going to be an exciting time talking to them and listening to them sharing their experiences on earth.

Some may ask, *"Will we be able to recognize the old saints in heaven?"* The answer is a resounding yes. MacArthur writes: *"All the redeemed will maintain their identity forever, but in a perfected form. We will be able to have fellowship with Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Samuel, Moses, Joshua, Esther, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, David, Peter, Barnabas, Paul, or any of the saints we choose. Remember that Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration. Even though they died centuries before, they still maintained a clear identity (Matthew 17:3). Moreover, Peter, James, and John evidently recognized them (4) – which implies that we will somehow be able to recognize people we've never even seen before....."*

For that to be possible, we must all retain our individual identities, not turn into some sort of generic beings” (John F. MacArthur: “Will we recognize and be reunited with our loved ones in heaven?”).

So I am looking forward to that glorious day. Are you?

Third, I want to go to heaven because I want to see people whom I had the privilege to minister to and godly people I got to know over the years and continue fellowship with them. No fellowship on earth is forever, for either circumstances or death eventually part us. Earthly relationship or fellowship ends the moment God takes us home to be with Him. Jesus explained that spouses will not remain married in heaven, for they will be like angels, not become angels (Matthew 22:30), but with glorified bodies, believers will know one another there. Abraham was still Abraham and Lazarus was still Lazarus there (Luke 16:31). If that is the case, I can still continue to have fellowship with people I know and people I will somehow recognize in heaven.

So it is going to be very exciting to renew fellowship with people you had ministered to and loved while they were on earth.

Truly, my longing for heaven gets stronger whenever I make a trip to the cemetery to conduct a funeral service. The older I grow the more I talk about people of the past like pastors and missionaries in the Lord’s vineyard. Come to think about it, I may have more loved ones on the other side than I have here.

Dearly beloved, there will be a heavenly family reunion when believers meet the Lord Jesus in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). What joy to be reunited with our loved ones and fellow Christians who have gone before us!

However, there will be loved ones, colleagues or people from your neighborhood missing the rapture because of their refusal to believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They will be lost forever in hell. So why don’t you share the Good News with them and tell them that you will see them again someday and know them by name in heaven.

I would like to encourage you to bring the Gospel blessing to as many people as possible in the year 2014. I know the ground is hard, but there is no other way to heaven but the Jesus Way (Acts 4:12). Let us pray for God’s help to fulfill the Great Commission in this part of London. Amen

Sincerely in the Lord,

Pastor Colin

I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN

Music and chorus written by Betty Johnston - Octavia, OK - 1997

Verses written by Joan Babcock - Octavia, OK 1997

Chorus:

I want to go to heaven when I bid this world goodbye.
I want to see my Savior over there.
I’ll see my friends and loved ones in that sweet by and by.
Yes, I want to go to heaven when I die.

Verse 1

I lived my life the way I wanted, never thought about my soul.
I cared naught for heaven’s treasures, but found nothing could make me whole.
And then Jesus touched my sin-filled heart. He drew me to His side.
And now I want to go to heaven when I die.

Chorus:

I want to go to heaven when I bid this world goodbye.
I want to see my Savior over there.
I’ll see my friends and loved ones in that sweet by and by.
Yes, I want to go to heaven when I die.

Verse 2

Now I’m looking for his coming, going to meet Him in the air.
He’ll bring all the saints home with Him, I’m so glad that I’ll be there.
If you’ve not made Him your Savior, “Please come,” He gently cries.
Then you’ll surely go to Heaven when you die.

Chorus:

Don’t you want to go to heaven when you bid this world goodbye?
Don’t you want to see your Savior over there?
You’ll see your friends and loved ones in that sweet by and by.
Yes, I want to go to heaven when I die.

Tag (last time after chorus): Don’t you want to go to heaven when you die?

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
Wed 30 Jan	No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Charlene to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 31 Jan	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 01 Feb	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: 26/01/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Sarah</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Yetta</p> <p>Sunday School: No Sunday School</p> <p>Lunch: Hannah</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Jonathan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 02/02/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Jasmine</p> <p>Pianist: Sarah</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Carry In</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>
Message	The Wickedness and Ingratitude of Men Condemned	Blessed are the Meek	
Text	Romans 1:18-22	Matthew 5:5	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: There will be a short video study on "Purity" by Dr Jim Berg. • 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, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Matthew. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Margaret. • Ladies Fellowship after lunch today: Please see Sis Elizabeth or Sis Helen for more information. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Rev Colin Wong as our resident minister. • Chinese New Year Lunch: Next week will be a carry in lunch. Please see Sis Maureen if you wish to bring a dish. 			
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £724.54, Lunch: £46.50</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 4 (C)</p>			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 107

Q: What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A: *The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer – (which is, FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER, AMEN) – teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from GOD ONLY, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to him. – And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, AMEN.*

Comments:

The conclusion means the *end*. And the concluding part of the Lord's Prayer teaches us three things: 1. That we should look to God alone for help; 2. That we should give all praise to him who alone can answer our prayers; 3. And that we should end all our prayers with some such word as Amen, which means, *May it be so, or May our prayer be heard.*

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 65:2, 1 Chronicles 29:11, Psalm 106:48

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 30:18</p>	<p><i>"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ephesians 4:32</p>	<p><i>"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matthew 5:16</p>