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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 27 JULY 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Psalm 91:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 6 – “*The Spacious Firmament on High*”

RHC 101 – “*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 79

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 79 verses 1-6
(to the tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 321 – “*He Hideth My Soul*”

Scriptural Text

Amos 7:7-17

John 13:21-30

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Preacher Go Home

The Dark Night of Betrayal

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 379 – “*O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink*”

RHC 408 – “*I Gave My Life for Thee*”

*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

BORN ONCE DIE TWICE OR BORN TWICE **DIE ONCE**

Scripture Text: John 3:1-21

How many times can you be born? The answer is very straight forward, isn't it, each one of us can only be born once. Our mother gave birth to us only once, no human being on earth can be born physically twice.

But do you know that the bible tells us that we can be born twice? According to the bible we can be born once physically and we can be born once spiritually. So from the bible we are told that there is a physical birth and there is a spiritual birth.

However, this is not the end, in the bible, we are also told that there are two kinds of death – physical death and spiritual death. But there is a great difference between the two kinds of birth and the two kinds of death. And the difference is this, you, or a man, or a woman can be born once and die twice or you can be born twice but die once. What do I mean by this? The bible teaches us that you can be born physically once but you have to die two times – physically and spiritually. But you can also be born physically once and spiritually once and then you die only physically, spiritually you are alive.

How can this be possible? Well, the answer is in John chap 3:1-21. Jesus in this passage is explaining to this man by the name of Nicodemus that he must be born again. Jesus said to him in v.3, *“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”* (Joh 3:3).

But Nicodemus was puzzled. So he asked Jesus two questions, “How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?” (Joh 3:4). Nicodemus could not understand how can a man be born again when he is already physically born. But Jesus is talking about something else. V.5 is Jesus' answer to Nicodemus, *“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit”* (Joh 3:5-6).

What Jesus is telling Nicodemus is this, if you want to enter into the Kingdom of heaven, you must be born spiritually, otherwise you cannot enter. To be born again spiritually is to believe and your trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord. Why is this so?

The answer is in v.15, *“¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (Joh 3:15-16).

Why is Jesus able to give you this spiritual or this everlasting life? Because Jesus though He is a man, but He is also fully God, only Him can give you that spiritual birth and this everlasting life.

What about you? Do you understand what Jesus is saying to you? Do you wish to die once, and be born again twice or do you wish to be born once but die twice. You see, every one of us will die physically. No one born into this world can escape death, this is physical death. Whether you are young or old, whether you are rich or poor, whether you are very smart or not smart, we all have to die and leave this world. And you cannot take anything with you when you leave this world. You leave everything behind, your money, your favourite books, your paper qualification; your prizes you have won in school and everything else will have to be left behind.

But just as Jesus is offering Nicodemus, a second chance or a second life, if you desire to be born-again, Jesus is offering this to you also. If you receive Christ Jesus into your hearts as your Saviour, He will give you the spiritual birth so that you will live forever with Him in heaven and you die only once, physically.

However, if you choose to reject this offer of spiritual birth or spiritual life, then you will not only die physically, you will also die spiritually. Because John 3:18, warns us with these words, *"¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"*.

Dear friends, do not think once you die, everything will be over for you and you will have peace. The bible tells us that man is different from animals; man is created with a living soul. Gen 2:7 says, *"⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."* And this soul, your soul, will live forever, either in hell or in heaven with God.

For Nicodemus, he finally understood what Jesus was showing him. Thanks be to God, Nicodemus was born twice, physically and spiritually and so he died only once. How do we know, if you turn to John 19:39, you will see there that Nicodemus was with the other disciples to lay Jesus in the tomb.

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 |
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| Tues 29 July No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day. |
| Fri 01 Aug No Young Adults Fellowship | |
| Sat 02 Aug 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting | |

| Next Lord's Day | Morning Service | Evening Service | LORD'S DAY DUTIES |
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| Preacher | Dr Carl Martin | Dr Carl Martin | <u>TODAY: 27/07/2014</u> <i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Jasmine <i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Margaret <i>Sunday School:</i> No Sunday School <i>Lunch:</i> Volunteers <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Jonathan |
| Message | Where Are You When You Worship? | It's New and True and Impacts You | |
| Text | Amos 8:1-8 | John 13:31-35 | |

| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | |
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| <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, Scott, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Jonathan, Daniel. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Evelyn, Magdalene, Dr Martin's wife and daughter. • 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. • Ladies Fellowship will be held after lunch today. • Church ACM will be held after morning service next Sunday 3rd August. Please see Jonathan to obtain your ACM pack. | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 03/08/2014</u></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Jasmine <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Yetta <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Rachael <i>Lunch:</i> Maureen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott</p> |
| <p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £605.15 Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 4 (C)</p> | |

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 26

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A: Christ executeth the office of a king, IN SUBDUING US TO HIMSELF, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Comments:

A king is the ruler of a kingdom. Now there is a great kingdom set up on earth, consisting of all God's people, and its ruler is Christ. As such, his duties are here said to be threefold: 1. He makes us willing to obey him; 2. He gives us laws for our guidance and safety; 3. He limits and finally puts down all who oppose us and him.

Scriptural Reference:

2 Corinthians 10:5, Matthew 11:29, 2 Timothy 4:18

MEMORY VERSE

| Last Week | This Week | Next Week |
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| <p><i>"I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever"</i></p> <p>Psalm 145:1</p> | <p><i>"Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever."</i></p> <p>Psalm 145:2</p> | <p><i>"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."</i></p> <p>Psalm 145:3</p> |