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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 11 JANUARY 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Philippians 3:7-14

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 2 – “O Worship the King”

RHC 116 – “Higher Ground”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 102

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 102 verses 16-22
(to the tune of Maryton, RHC 52)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 114 – “At Calvary”

Scriptural Text

Colossians 2:8-10

John 16:4-7

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

A Mind for Truth

*Learning to Live in the
Reality of Now*

The Lord's Supper

Dr Carl Martin

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 175– “For All My Sin”

RHC 466 – “Go Labour On”

*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 2015 – “Build a God-Honouring Family” – Joshua 24:15b

From the pastor's heart...

WAITING ON GOD – PART 9

Adapted from Weekly Lively Hope Newsletter, Sunday 7th September 2014

Psalm 37:7-9, *“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.”*

There are lots of verses teaching us about patience. I'll give you a few examples. What we need to see from such frequent teachings of patience by the Holy Spirit is that patience is important in Christian life and character. Consider the following verses and meditate upon them. Luke 8:15, *“But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.”* Luke 21:19, *“In your patience possess ye your souls.”* Romans 8:25, *“But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.”* Colossians 1:11, *“Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.”* Hebrews 6:12, *“That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”* Hebrews 10:36, *“For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”* James 1:4, *“But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”* Revelation 14:12, *“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”*

The first lesson we can glean from verse 7a, *“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him,”* is that there is a relation between patience and waiting for God. This relation may offer us a few profitable lessons. (1) We are not patient enough, and patience must be cultivated. If patience is a natural fruit of our inner character, there is no reason for the Lord to teach us to wait for Him patiently. We find its synonym, longsuffering, in Galatians 5:22, which is a fruit of the Spirit. (2) Trusting in God does not imply quick fixes to all problems. Probably, many of us are stumbled over this particular lesson. We think that trusting in God removes all the obstacles in life and defeats all our enemies, and quick solutions are easily obtained. However, “wait patiently for Him” teaches us otherwise. (3) Patiently waiting does not specify the duration of waiting. It can be very long, or it can be relatively short, but regardless of its duration, we are required to patiently wait for God by faith. To remove problems and to make changes may be a very slow process and our expectations may not be met. (4) Patiently waiting indicates that thoughts of God are not the same as ours. He will do as it pleases Him. His time is the time to see all the fulfillments, not our time. (5) Patiently waiting honors God's sovereignty. He is not to be pushed. In fact, He cannot be pushed. He does all things according to His sovereign will. Patient waiting is one of the ways that we show our submission to Him. While we are waiting for His move, we do acknowledge that He is the Lord and King. (6) Patiently waiting requires us to be faithful and steadfastness. If we are not faithful, then we will fail to wait for Him constantly, and we will become unstable. The time to wait disciplines, educates, and trains us to be constant in hope and faith. When we fail to wait for Him patiently, we are showing that we desire our will to be the controlling factor and we are double minded people. We have doubts, and challenge God and His authority over many unknowns in trying times. (7) Patiently waiting provides us with opportunities to exercise our faith. Waiting time is uncertain time. Problems are prevalent but solutions are not in sight. We patiently wait for God, it is the very picture of faith. (8) Patiently waiting is an internal declaration that God is wiser than us and nothing is hidden from His eyes. Thus, instead of relying on our own understanding, we submit ourselves humbly before Him. More problems and trials we have, more submission and obedience to Him we offer.

The second lesson we may glean from the passage is that life is real and our faith should not blind us from the real life with obstacles and seemingly unfair events. Living by faith does not mean living in cozy world. (1) Patiently waiting for God in such trying times is a confession that we are truly nothings. Trials and problems are real, but there is nothing we can do about them with our own efforts and strengths alone. We have no means to overcome problems at the present moment, our expectations cannot be met, and we are helpless. We confess that we are nothing, and we cannot but depend on God. (2) Patiently waiting for God is a confession of faith. God can be reached only by faith. There are so many unknown factors in life, and our desire and efforts produce nothing but hopelessness. Unless God interferes, nothing will change. God seems to be in the distance, and injustice seems to everywhere. God, His people, their suffering, and injustice do not make good matches practically, intellectually, and spiritually. Apart from the mighty hands of God, there is no way to resolve the uneven tensions in life. However, He can neither be seen nor be touched. Only by faith we can come to Him for help. If we believe in the seen, it is not faith. We are not to walk by sight but by faith. Patiently waiting for God is a real practice to live by faith. (3) Patiently waiting for God presupposes that there are circumstances or conditions of life in which we may struggle, and many a time we may not fully understand the logic behind such trials and struggles. In fact, Psalm 37 is full of such exhortations. (a) We should not fret ourselves because of evil doers in verse 1. "Fretting" means "burning anger." We are not to be hot in anger because of them. On the one hand, there are legitimate reasons for them to be angry with the wicked and evil doers. The evil ones are plotting against the just and righteous in verse 12. They borrow but do not pay back in verse 21. Thus, the good people suffer under the hands of the wicked, which is unreasonable and illogical. (b) We should trust in God. God knows all things and is able to deal with the wicked justly. Therefore, there will be due compensation made against the evil doers. We must patiently wait for God because there is eternal justice by eternal God. (c) We should neither misunderstand nor misjudge God by finding present trials unreasonable and unmatched with our theology of the justice and goodness of God. Patiently waiting for God presupposes that waiting will not be endless but only temporal and limited in time.

The third lesson we may glean from the passage is that there is a proper attitude we must cultivate as we wait for God. Psalm 37:7a says, "*Rest in the LORD.*" The ESV and the NIV translate it as "Be still in the LORD." Another translation says, "Be silent in the LORD." Resting in the LORD is the spiritual attitude we ought to cultivate. We may be frustrated and discouraged at first when we experience evil deeds by wicked people. However, we must recognize that such people and such problems must be dealt with by the LORD of holiness and justice. We ought to rest in Him. The LORD will do His divine work against such people and situations because of two reasons: One is the necessity of justice against the evil and wicked ones. The other is to protect His people from such evil doers or to reward His people. Probably Philippians 4:6-7 are the fitting verses for our meditation: "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*" Rest not in anything else but in Him. Patiently wait only for Him!

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 |
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| Thurs 15 Jan 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 Anita Rockman to our worship services last Lord's Day. |
| Fri 16 Jan No Young Adults Fellowship | |
| Sat 17 Jan 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: 11/01/2015</u> |
| Message | A Spectacular Triumph | When the Holy Spirit Confronts the World | |
| Text | Colossians 2:11-15 | John 16:8-11 | |

| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will start a new study, "Building Firm Foundations" • 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, Jonathan's father, Sharon, Toby, Elliora. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Magdalene, Nana. • Pray for those on travel: Josias, Margaret, Matthew, Heidi. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Pr Mok's visa application. | <p>Ushers: Tom / Daniel</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Hannah</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 18/01/2015</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Sarah</p> <p>Pianist: Anthony</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Yetta</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Jonathan</p> |
| <p>Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £720.10, Lunch: £39.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 22 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 14 (A) 2 (C)</p> | |

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 50

Q: What is required in the Second Commandment?

A: The Second Commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his Word.

Comments:

This commandment bids us: 1. Adopt the way of worshipping God appointed by himself; 2. Adhere to it; 3. Not add to it; 4. Nor take from it. There must be no will-worship.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:20, Deuteronomy 12:2

MEMORY VERSE

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| <p>Last Week</p> <p><i>"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."</i></p> <p>Isaiah 55:6</p> | <p><i>"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."</i></p> <p>Isaiah 55:7</p> | <p><i>"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.."</i></p> <p>Joshua 24:15</p> |