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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Psalm 34:1-3

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 65 – “*And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*”

RHC 28 – “*The God of Abraham Praise*”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

John Poh

*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 134

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 134
(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 27 – “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

Scriptural Text

2 Kings 6:1-7

John 17:19

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Our God at Work

God's Greater Work of Sanctification

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 7 – “*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*”

RHC 314 – “*Nearer, Still Nearer*”

*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

CALL TO ALL

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly - 4th October 2015

Introduction:

The Church is a community chosen and called by God to witness, testify and proclaim the gospel to the world until the second coming of Lord Jesus Christ. The word “**Church**”, which comes from Greek word “*Ecclesia*”, is from two words – ‘*ek*’ (out) and ‘*kaleó*’ (called). In other words, a Church is a body of Christians “**called out**” of the world to come together into a separate Called and Commissioned Community. The Church has High Calling of being a Witness to the whole world. As Christians we are called to walk worthy of our calling in this world. Thus, I call your attention to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) to ponder over again and remind ourselves of our negligence of duty in being Disciples of Christ. The Great Commission is a most significant passage in the Holy Scriptures. It was the last recorded personal instruction given by Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples. It is also a special calling from the Lord Jesus Christ to all His followers to take specific action while on this earth. The Great Commission is the beginning of faith in action for all Christians. There are four major aspects in these verses:

1. **All Power – Authority (18b):** “...**All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**”

This is an incredibly powerful statement which demands faith in Jesus Christ, validating His power and authority in the lives of Christians and their commitment to Him. This verse acts as a clear claim to Christ’s omnipotence, and therefore His deity. If Christians do not believe this, complete faith does not exist. Jesus is very clear about His power and authority in the world – it is complete and total from the beginning of time (John 1:1-3, Col 1:16-18). Thus, Christ’s power and authority urges us to act.

2. **All Nations -Territory (19a):** “*Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**...*”

The Great Commission is unique, with global scope and effective until the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here the authority is given to Apostles who represented Christ & Church worldwide without national boundaries and the time extends until His Second Coming. The local church is commissioned to accomplish a specific task in the territory assigned. Therefore, the church is responsible for the spiritual life of the people living locally and globally. The commission emphasizes that the church has to “**GO & MAKE DISCIPLES**” without any boundaries. Thus, Jesus calls all His followers to act and share the Good News of salvation throughout the world. Are you ready to Go and share the Gospel with the lost and unreached.

3. **All Things – Task: (v20a):** “*Teaching them to observe **all things** whatsoever I have commanded you:*”

Jesus provides specific direction with affirmation to His followers. Christians are commanded to teach others about Jesus Christ and the entirety of His truth. The emphasis in this verse is not going or baptizing or teaching; but making disciples by teaching them to observe all things. We can't profess Christ as Saviour and Lord, while rejecting certain of His teachings. We need to take caution not to deviate from the focus – the very nucleus of the Gospel – by doing other things. The gospel must be the focal point in Missions and Evangelism, whether locally or globally.

4. **Always With You – Promise of His presence (20b):** “*...lo, I am with you **always**, even unto the end of the world. Amen*”.

This commission is also unique because of a special promise of the presence of the Lord, which is not to the distant future, but in all times – past, present and future. Hence, as we teach Christ's truths, we can be confident in faith that Jesus Christ will support us. This fact has proven trustworthy throughout the centuries as millions of believers have heard, accepted and shared the Good News of Jesus Christ. Yes, Christ has ascended back to heaven, but He is present by the power of the Holy Spirit in every believer at all times.

Conclusion:

Thus, the Lord Jesus Christ calls us all to step out in faith and spread the Good News. This is faith in action! People who obey this command change their spiritual lives forever! We could be spreading the Good News to a neighbour or moving to another country to reach the people there. We could be sharing with less fortunate kids down the street or spreading the Word in our own neighbourhood. Wherever we are, every faithful Christian is compelled through obedience to share the Gospel. If you're a believer in Jesus Christ, where has He called you to go? Who has God put on your heart to share the gift of salvation? What small or large steps can you take, with the knowledge that Christ will be by your side, “*to make disciples of all the nations*”? The places and people who need to hear the Gospel are everywhere! This great commission is packaged with a great promise that “*He is with us **always**, even unto the end of the world.*” Here we are expected to obey in order to receive this great blessing. Let these words exhort and encourage every one of us to take the Gospel seriously and serve Him in our respective capacity and vicinity. May God bless you abundantly.

By Rev. S. V. Nathan

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 29th Oct	7pm	Mid-Week Out-reach 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.
Sat 31st Oct	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Galatians - A Study of Freedom and Liberty	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 25/10/2015</u>
Message	Powerful Enough to Care	When Jesus Prayed for You	Chairman: John
Text	2 Kings 6:8-23	John 17:20-21	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Keene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene, Meredith, Elliora. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana, Keene, Joel • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. Thank God that his visa application has been approved. • Ladies Fellowship after lunch today. • The Church will be holding its Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 8th. 			Ushers: Tom / Margaret
			Sunday School: Keene / Rachael / Hannah
			Lunch: Hannah
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott
<u>NEXT WEEK: 01/11/2015</u>			Chairman: Jonathan
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £717.32 Attendance - Morning: 29 (A) 9 (C), Evening: 10 (A)			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Keene
			Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn
			Sunday School: Keene / Rachael / Hannah
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Joel

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 92

Q: What is a sacrament?

A: A Sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by **CHRIST**, wherein, – by sensible signs – Christ, and the benefits of the New Covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Comments:

We are here taught that the marks of a sacrament are: 1. That it is appointed by Christ; 2. That it is a way of teaching the gospel by outward signs. Its uses are three in number: 1. To represent the gospel to us, or teach it plainly; 2. To seal the gospel to us, or confirm our faith in it; 3. To apply the gospel to us, or bring it home to our hearts. The word sacrament is derived from a Latin word, which signified the sacred oath of fidelity to his commander, which the soldier took on entering the army for the service of his country. In a Christian sense, it means the vow of fidelity and obedience to Christ which is taken when we enter the Church. This vow was taken for us in Baptism, when we were infants. In the Lord's Supper, we take it upon ourselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 17:10, Romans 4:11

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;"</i></p> <p>Ephesians 6:15</p>	<p><i>"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."</i></p> <p>Ephesians 6:16</p>	<p><i>"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"</i></p> <p>Ephesians 6:17</p>