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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 97:1-6

Psalm 9:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 40 – “*God the Omnipotent*”

RHC 24 – “*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 126

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 126

(to the tune of Bethlehem, RHC 251)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 317 – “*The Solid Rock*”

Scriptural Text

Philemon

John 17:17

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Restoration – The Heart of Christianity

Why Must Christians be Sanctified?

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 409 – “*Take Time to Be Holy*”

RHC 419 – “*Take My Life and Let it Be*”

*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

BIBLICAL FEAR AND OBEDIENCE

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In one of my daily devotions some time ago, I read about a man who could not sleep because as soon as he slipped into sleep, he would have the sensation of falling out of bed or from some great height. He feared that he would die and he imagined himself falling into a bottomless pit. Then, one evening as he was strolling through a cemetery, he saw this inscription on a tombstone: "Underneath Are The Everlasting Arms". This is taken from Deuteronomy 33:27 and the verse says: "*The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*" Indeed, the Christian need not fear and it is a comfort to believers in the Lord Jesus for Psalm 23:4, "*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me.*"

Human Fears

Fear is an emotion that protects us from threats in our environment and this "protective" fear is given by God and is a good thing. But there are three top fears that do not come from God. These are:

- Failure – This takes the top spot and it rules our action and decisions. It governs what we do and how we do them. Some have reacted by procrastinating, or not doing anything to make things worse or better. Others with resignation reasoned, 'I am just not good enough' or 'What's the use of trying?' But we have the victory through Christ. Ephesians 3:20 tells us "*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us*".
- Rejection – This social fear is so great that it influences people to do things they never imagine they could do in their right mind. Acknowledgment or acceptance by others validates us socially within a society. It keeps us from doing things that are socially unacceptable. But sometimes it hinders us from doing what is right. The Bible tells us that our Lord suffered rejection Isaiah 53:³ *He is despised and rejected of men.* He knows what it is like. There is now no condemnation and He is working in us to conform us to the image of Jesus Christ [Romans 8:1, 29]. What a comforting thought!
- Death – Surprisingly, this is not man's greatest fear. We all know that everyone will have to face it. It is just a matter of time. It has been said that our fear of death is tied to the fear of the unknown. Many don't know what will happen to us when we leave this world. Jesus comforted His disciples in John 14:1- 4 and the assurances are as certain today as they had been then.

Our Lord Jesus has conquered all these. As Christ's disciples, we are to replace them with Godly fear which is linked to obedience.

Biblical Fear and Obedience

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 *"Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: That thou mightest **fear** the LORD thy God, to **keep** all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged."*

The Christian must have a reverential fear for our awesome God. It is this fear that leads us to obey Him. The link between godly, or reverential, fear and obedience is a continual theme throughout the Old Testament. We fear the Lord by obeying Him in keeping his statutes and commandments. It is a conscious obedience to God's commands as given in His Word.

In Psalm 36, David tells the transgression of the ungodly that has no fear of God and his wonder at God's mercy and grace. The ungodly has no fear of Him. In contrast, Psalm 112 and Psalm 128 describe the blessedness of the man who fears God and obeys His command. Read both of these Psalms and let your heart rejoice and delight in obeying God's word. Let them be your source of encouragement.

Finally, let us hear from the book of Ecclesiastes. Having seen the vanities of life and after all the instructions, the writer has this to say, Eccl 12:¹³ *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments.*

Keep his commandments – in simple terms, obey God. The fear of the Lord is the principle of obedience. This is so essential that Charles Haddon Spurgeon has this to say, "No man is really saved unless he is in his heart obedient to Christ". One writer said, "Obedience is the fruit of the tree of which the fear of God is the root". We cannot rightly obey God if we not fear Him, if we do not honor, reverence and love Him.

By Eld. Yap Chee Kian

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 3rd Sept	No Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We welcome Elfie Chew, Chew Kim Lim and Tan Lay Tin to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 5th Sept	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 30/08/2015</u></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Keene <i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Daniel <i>Sunday School:</i> No Sunday School <i>Lunch:</i> Maureen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 06/09/2015</u></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Keene <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Evelyn <i>Sunday School:</i> Keene / Rachael / Hannah <i>Lunch:</i> Volunteers <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott</p>
<i>Message</i>	TBC	TBC	
<i>Text</i>	TBC	TBC	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene. • Pray for expecting mothers: Helen. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana. • Pray for those on travels this week: Matthew, Yangfan, Michael, Josias, Dr Martin. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. • Ladies Fellowship after lunch today. 			
<p>Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £408.00, Lunch: £31.50 Attendance - Morning: 21 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 12 (A) 5 (C)</p>			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 84

Q: What doth every sin deserve?

A: Every sin deserveth God's WRATH AND CURSE, both in this life and that which is to come.

Comments:

The *wrath* of God means his holy displeasure against sin; and his *curse* is the doom which he has pronounced against it. This wrath and this doom, we are told, are the desert of every sin, and stretch over both this life and the life to come.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 6:23; Matthew 25:41

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."</i></p> <p>Romans 5:6</p>	<p><i>"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die."</i></p> <p>Romans 5:7</p>	<p><i>"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."</i></p> <p>Romans 5:8</p>