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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 10 JANUARY 2016

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Psalm 134

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 18 – “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Insert – “God Is Known Among His People”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 145

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 145 verses 1-12
(to the tune of Sweet Hour, RHC 371)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 357 – “Precious Promise”
verses 1, 2 & 4

Scriptural Text

Titus 1

John 17:25

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

The Letter to Titus

When God Became Known

The Lord's Supper

Dr Carl Martin

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 189 – “I Know a Fount”

RHC 221 – “When We See Christ”

*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.

PUTTING GOD FIRST

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We may have failed to put God first in the year 2015. Much as we regret, our loving God will not punish us but in His mercy offers forgiveness. As we start the New Year, 2016, let us prayerfully come before our Lord in repentance and will in our resolution to put God first throughout the New Year.

We commonly hear, “God first, family second, work third.” But what does it really mean to put God first? **Deuteronomy 6:5** tells us to “**love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might**”. But what does it mean? If we are to actually follow this command, what would our lives look like?

Think for a moment about the impossibility of this command and of the standard God sets for us. When we do not follow His commands, it is sin. And, if we are honest, we know that there has never been a moment when any of us have completely followed this command. As believers, we all love God to some degree, but we never succeed in loving Him with all of our being at every moment, as the command suggests we should. On the other hand, in Lord Jesus’ life there was never a moment when He does not love God with all of His being. The only way we can do what Lord Jesus did is to become completely like Him. But being sinners, it is impossible! But the good news is that God has made possible the impossible. He has exchanged our sinfulness for Lord Jesus’ righteousness on the cross, making us completely a new creations (**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**). With this transformation we are now able to love as He loves because we are now in Him. Therefore, our only hope to succeed in putting God first is to begin by trusting fully in His promise to cover our sinfulness with His righteous life (**1 John 4:10**).

The Lord Jesus’ life was perfect in putting God first, and knowing that we should look at the way He lived His life and imitate Him and walk in the manner that He walked (**1 John 2:6**). The Lord Jesus’ life was characterized by submission to the Father’s will, service to others, and prayer. The Lord Jesus never pursued worldly ambition and never pursued the glory of this world. The Lord Jesus had every gift, talent, and ability to make Him the most famous and wealthiest man who ever lived. However, there was only one goal that He considered worthy of His talents, to glorify the Father.

Let this be an example to believers. The time, resources, energy, gifts, and knowledge of God that we have been given should be used not to gain influence, make money, or fuel pride, but instead to multiply glory for the Kingdom and to save the souls of the lost as we trust in God to protect us and provide for us. The Lord Jesus sought first the Kingdom of God, and laid down His life for His friends (**John 10:11; 15:13**). Truly the Lord Jesus’ life was a perfect picture of loving God with heart, soul, and strength, and putting Him first. In the Gospels we do not see the Lord Jesus expressing His love for God by singing praise to God or dancing for joy. That is not to say that the Lord Jesus was not joyful. He was joyful. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit.

Furthermore, the Lord Jesus knew that His actions on earth would mean God's glory and the joy of His people. In **Hebrews 12:2** – **“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”** As the Lord Jesus went to the cross He anticipated great joy and was even motivated by it. Likewise we are to emulate the Lord Jesus, which in **1 Peter 2:21** says, **“For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps”**. Peter is writing about suffering that comes as a result of doing good. It is not primarily a picture of freedom and happiness and songs and laughter. Even the Lord Jesus' love for God was most often in hardship, tears, sorrows, trials, and ultimately a painful and horrific death.

Loving God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our strength is not easy (**Luke 13:24**). The life of a Christian is a life of joy, despite trials, and a life that anticipates great joy (**2 Corinthians 7:4**). But we should not expect our life in this world to be easy or successful or fulfilling in a worldly sense. The world is at enmity with Christ and is therefore also at enmity with His followers (**John 15:18-19**). The world will tell us to strive for success, to achieve, and to live the good life in this world. But sadly, Paul in, **1 Timothy 6:9-10**, warns that it does not bring fulfilment but only pain and disappointment to those who give their lives to such worldly values.

Conversely, the life of a Christian should be characterized by moment-by-moment selfless service to God that flows from love for Him and His people. That is what it means to put God first. Any wealth that comes our way should be used to generously give and bless others especially the poor and needy (**Mark 10:21**). Moreover, any success or influence or talents that we have should be used to multiply Christ's influence (**Matthew 25:14-30**), and any strength or health we enjoy should be spent in His service (**Philippians 2:14-18**).

Brethren, in our desire to put God first in year 2016, let us be reminded to love our Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might. Blessed New Year!

Eld. Prasad

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 14th Jan 7pm Mid-Week Outreach 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 16th Jan 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: 10/01/2016</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Matthew Ushers: Keene / Yetta Sunday School: Rachael / Hannah / Keene Lunch: Tom Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Joel
Message	A Portrait of Godly Leaders	What's in a Name?	
Text	Titus 1:1-9	John 17:26	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<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, Bethany, Megan. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana, Keene. • Pray for those on travels this week: Josias. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister and as he continues his PhD studies. • The Church is currently updating the Church Directory. Please can all members see Joel to obtain a form to fill in and return. • There will be Church Cleaning after lunch next Lord's Day. 	<u>NEXT WEEK: 17/01/2016</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Keene Ushers: Tom / Yetta Sunday School: Rachael / Hannah / Keene Lunch: Nina Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Josias
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £749.20, Lunch: £54.50 Love Gift - £165.00 Attendance - Morning: 28 (A) 8 (C), Evening: 14 (A) 5 (C)	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 103

Q: What do we pray for in the Third Petition?

A: In the Third Petition – (which is, THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN) – we pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Comments:

God's will means what he wishes to be done. This will is obeyed perfectly in heaven, and in this petition we pray that it may be obeyed as perfectly on earth. This can never be done in our own strength, and therefore we ask that God would help us to know perfectly what his will is, and having learned it, to do and suffer it.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 119:34, Matthew 26:39

MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	
Last Week <i>"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps."</i> Proverbs 16:9	<i>"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"</i> Titus 3:5	Next Week <i>"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"</i> Romans 3:23