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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 15 APRIL 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-3

Psalm 134

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 45 – “We Gather Together”

RHC 48 – “O Bless Our God With One Accord”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 111

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 111 verses 1-4
(to the tune of Ortonville, RHC 556)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 553 – “Love Found a Way”

Scriptural Text

Ephesians 4:15-25

Psalm 127

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Mark Lehman

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Sermon Message

Speak the Truth

He Giveth His Beloved Sleep

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 382 – “I Would Be True”

Insert – “Of All the Thoughts of God”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Mark Lehman

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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.

WILL OUR CHILDREN CARRY ON THE GOOD FIGHT

Adapted from New Life BPC Singapore Newline, Sunday 25th March 2018

Romans 12:2 – *“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

For many of us, including myself, we came from non Christian family. By God’s grace, we were introduced to the faith. We had to seek the truth from an atheistic or from a different religious background. Many of us followed our family’s religion. But when God found us, we had to confront the truth and learn it from our personal experience with God. Every first generation Christian has his or her own story to tell!

But for many of the young people in our church, they are born into a Christian family. They were taught the Bible from young. They follow their parents to church. They have been doing it for many years and are very contented to stay where they are. They are used to the things pertaining to church, so much so that they take things for granted. Some of them adopt a nonchalant attitude. They have no opposition from the family and yet.....they are not seeking to confirm their faith! Many of them have passed the age of cognition. They have heard the gospel hundreds of times. But why are they hesitating?

Is it a symptom of something more dubious? They have head knowledge but the truth is not evoking a heart response and action! Why? Concern parents have shared their worries and rightfully so.

Correct Examples

Let us look in the Bible for the right attitude. In Mathew 3:13-15, Jesus looked for John the Baptist at the river Jordan. He wanted to be baptized before He began His public ministries. He said: *“suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us **to fulfil all righteousness.**”* Yes, it is the right thing to do. To make all things complete and perfect. Let us look at another example: the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8, who read from the book of Isaiah and could not understand the content. God sent the deacon Philip who expounded God’s plan for a saviour in the person of Jesus. After he believed, he immediately asked for water so that he could be baptized. See, no delay. He was baptized at the next place where a pool of water could be found.

Yes. As parents, we have to set the right example to our children. Are we living out the truth of the Bible? Do we exhibit the joy of new life in Christ? How often do we praise God for the little blessings we received? Are we the light of the world, showing love and helping others in need? Or are we selfish, always speaking ill of others, taking advantage of others? Are we the salt of the earth, visiting the sick, comforting the downcast, bringing joy to those who are sad? Or are we too self-centered to even care? If our children cannot see Jesus in our life, any wonder they are not keen to seek confirmation?

Do Not Procrastinate Anymore At the last supper in the upper room, Jesus conducted the Holy Communion with his twelve disciples. Imagine the spirit of togetherness and closeness with the Lord as they shared the wine and bread. Remember Jesus’s words: *“take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me ... This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me”* (1 Cor 11:24-25). For those of you who have been baptized at a young age, may I exhort you to seriously consider reaffirming your faith in Christ. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to join the rest of the brethren to partake of the Holy Communion, instead of being a by-stander? It is a privilege and a blessing which is only bestowed on those who have been baptized or confirmed in the faith. As Easter approaches, let it remind you of the significance of the Lord Jesus’s agape love for us and may it exhort those who are still hesitating to make the right choice. Amen.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

- Dn Ivan Lim

OF ALL THE THOUGHTS OF GOD

Words: Elizabeth B. Browning
Music: St Catherine (WALTON) (RHC Hymn 432)

Of all the thoughts of God that are
Borne inward into souls afar,
Along the psalmist's music deep,
Now tell me if there any is,
For gift or grace surpassing this:
"He giveth His belovèd sleep"?

O earth, so full of dreary noises!
O men, with wailing in your voices!
O delvèd gold, the wailer's heap!
O strife, O curse, that o'er it fall!
God strikes a silence through you all,
And giveth His belovèd sleep.

His dew's drop mutely on the hill,
His cloud above it saileth still,
Though on its slope men sow and reap;
More softly than the dew is shed,
Or cloud is floated overhead,
He giveth His belovèd sleep.

For me my heart that erst did go,
Most like a tired child at a show,
That sees through tears the mummers leap,
Would now its wearied vision close,
Would, childlike, on His love repose,
Who giveth his belovèd sleep.

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **3.00 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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| Weds 18th April | No 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 21st April | 3pm | Bible Study & Prayer Meeting | |
| Next Lord's Day | Morning Service | Evening Service | LORD'S DAY DUTIES |
| Preacher | Rev Mark Lehman | Rev Mark Lehman | TODAY: 15/04/2018 Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Matthew Ushers: Tom / Yetta Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Venise NEXT WEEK: 22/04/2018 Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Michael Ushers: Tom / Daniel Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Jonathan |
| Message | TBC | TBC | |
| Text | TBC | TBC | |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: This afternoon at 1:45pm the church will be holding Sunday School for young children and toddlers, led by Sisters Elizabeth, Nina and Barbara. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of a new minister. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2018: 3rd - 5th July 2018. Theme: "<i>Depth and Scope of God's Truth</i>". | | | |
| Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £546.70; Lunch: £46.50 Correction 01/04/18 - Offering: £1108.92; Church Maintenance: £100 Attendance - Morning: 31 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 13 (A) 5 (C) | | | Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,070.50 |
| SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 7 | | | |
| <p>Q: What are the decrees of God? <i>A: The decrees of God and his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> The decrees of God are <i>his purposes</i>, or <i>what he has from eternity determined to do</i>. And this answer tells us that God has so appointed everything that comes to pass. Nothing happens by chance. Everything is arranged upon a plan, and that plan is the plan of God. He makes all things work together for good to them that love him, and for evil to them that hate him.</p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Isaiah 40:13, 14, Romans 8:28, Matthew 10:29</p> | | | |
| MEMORY VERSE | | | |
| <p>Last Week <i>"And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."</i> 1 John 3:24</p> | <p>This Week <i>"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."</i> Psalm 51:10</p> | <p>Next Week <i>"The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul."</i> Psalm 121:7</p> | |