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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 22 APRIL 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 44:1-6

John 1:1-4

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 44 – “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

RHC 52 – “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 112

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 112 verses 1-4
(to the tune of Lloyd 2nd Tune, RHC 563)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 352 – “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Scriptural Text

Deuteronomy 7:1-5

Hebrews 4:1-16

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Mark Lehman

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Sermon Message

In Wrath Remember Mercy

I Will Give You Rest

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 22 – “When All Thy Mercies, O My God”

RHC 331 – “The Haven of Rest”

*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.

5 RULES FOR HAPPY LIVING

Adapted from New Life BPC Singapore Newline, Sunday 11th February 2018

There are always two sides to a coin. Everyone has their own story to tell. Your perception is your reality. Oftentimes, we are so caught up in our own dilemma that we forget that many of our own truths are based on our own view and perspective. These are then reflected in our speech and behaviour towards others. Without seeking to clarify, the follow-up actions often lead to misunderstanding and conflict. For many who have been affected, they will end up hardened and disillusioned. For others, they simply give up. The Bible exhorts us to love one another (Rom 13:8-10; 1 John 4:7-12; 1 Thess 4:9) and we are to respect leaders (1 Thess 5:12,13).

1. Be Kind

It is always a struggle to be kind-hearted in this competitive world. Since young, the perception is that the meanest guy always win. Even in adulthood, we often see that the one who makes the loudest noise gets what he wants. Some people even make it a habit to make others feel small, so that they can feel bigger.

Sometime, we unconsciously bring this kind of behaviour into the church. Brethren, the Bible exhorts us to be kind to one another (Rom 2;10) and this is nothing to be surprised, as it is the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22).

2. Be Grateful

No matter how terrible life is or how unfair the situation may be, there is always something to be thankful for. Look at a glass half-filled with water. The optimistic person will say it is half full. The pessimistic one will say it is half empty.

In the parable of the ungrateful servant (Mat 18:23-34), the essence of the parable is not just to show us the great kindness God has shown to us but to remind us to be grateful for this grace. How then, are we to treat others, especially when we are at a disadvantaged, misunderstood or mistreated situation?

3. Spend Within Your Means

The catch phrase “money not enough” seems to be so real. This applies to our materialistic world. We often complain things are expensive, and getting more and more so. But the reality is that you can save if you want to. That takes lots of financial prudence and self-control not to spend unnecessarily. There are lots of things we want in this life. Things which are good to have, but not essential. Rules of thumb that one can use are: 10% to tithes, 0-10% to government tax, 20% saving and the rest for your own planning.

Did not God promise in His word that He will take care of your physical needs (Luke 12:27 -28)? Or are you accumulating wealth because you think, just in case? Or are you desirous of the finer things in life? I always marvel at the generosity of the early Christians. The rich ones sold off their land to finance the church and to help the poor (Acts 2:37). If today we are called to do likewise, can we do the same?

4. Compliment Others

We are stingy with our compliments and fast to criticize. Perhaps this has to do with our education system or the stress of the society as a whole. Let us be more generous! When the occasion arises, tell someone how great he or she has been and how you appreciate the service. Not one way, but several ways if possible. It's amazing how the phrase "thank you for...." and "you are amazing" ring long and loud in the hearer's ears and heart.

Conversely, the opposite does not work. Even if you are 100% right. The critical approach will put off the other person. What you do is just to provoke the defensive mode and worse, achieve the opposite effect. You may win the debate or argument but you end up losing the person (Psalm 39:11, Prov 15:1).

5. Join A Fellowship, Even If You Don't Feel Like

Why do I need to attend fellowship? Isn't worship enough? These are some of the perennial questions which some of us refuse to answer or simply reject. Yes, 90% of the times you may be bored and return home early. But the 10th time, you will have a worthy experience or meet an interesting person. God work in His marvellous way if you will allow Him. Moreover, it is to your advantage to participate (Heb 10:25). After the initial awkwardness, you will soon realize that it is not as bad as you think. Your spiritual life grows and you will be encouraged to develop your full potential as a child of God. So what is holding you back?

- *Dn Ivan Lim*

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
Weds 25th 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.
Fri 27th April	4pm & 7pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>The Teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ</i> - Mr Brian McClung	
Sat 28th April	3pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev Mark Lehman	Rev Mark Lehman	<u>TODAY: 22/04/2018</u>
<i>Message</i>	TBC	TBC	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan
<i>Text</i>	TBC	TBC	<i>Organist:</i> Michael
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<i>Pianist:</i> Anthony
<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>". • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch next Lord's Day. 			<i>Ushers:</i> Anthony / Daniel
			<i>Lunch:</i> Maureen
			<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
			<i>PA Crew:</i> Scott / Venise
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 29/04/2018</u>
			<i>Chairman:</i> John
			<i>Organist:</i> Michael
			<i>Pianist:</i> Matthew
			<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Margaret
			<i>Lunch:</i> Volunteers
			<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
			<i>PA Crew:</i> Scott / Anthony
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £543.70; Lunch: £53.95; Hospitality Love Gift: £480 Attendance - Morning: 32 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 5 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,070.50
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 8			
Q: How doth God execute his decrees? <i>A: God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.</i>			
<u>Comments:</u> We have been told what God <i>is</i> ; we now begin to learn what he <i>has done</i> . We are here told that he created all things, and still sustains them, and that in creation and providence we see God executing his own decrees.			
<u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Revelation 4:11, Daniel 4:35			
MEMORY VERSE			
Last Week <i>"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."</i> Psalm 51:10	This Week <i>"The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul."</i> Psalm 121:7	Next Week <i>"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."</i> Psalm 91:4	