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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

Afternoon Service – 3pm

	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 46:1-7	1 Peter 1:3-5
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 46 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”	RHC 109 – “Jesus Is All the World to Me”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 129	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 129</i> (to the tune of Ballerma, RHC 130)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 347 – “Under the Care of My God, The Almighty”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Genesis 3	Matthew 4
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Mr Marco Reale	Mr Marco Reale
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Fall of Man</i>	<i>The Temptation of Christ</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 299 – “My Savior”	RHC 39 – “Thee Will I Love”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Mr Marco Reale	Mr Marco Reale
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---

* 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.

DOES THE REFORMATION STILL MATTER?

Adapted from Life BP Church Weekly, Sunday 30th October 2016

It would not come as a surprise that Christians are more aware of 31st October as Halloween's Day than Reformation Day. The commemoration of Reformation Day has been eclipsed by the celebration of Halloween. Does the Reformation still matter since it happened 499 years ago? Living today in the 21st century, the advancements made in science and technology have affected us in a way that our generation has forgotten to look to the wisdom of the past for guidance. Instead, we look to the future for the next new discovery or invention. What matters is tomorrow and not the news of yesterday. Inevitably, we view church history as boring and irrelevant.

However, this is an unwise perspective. Although almost five centuries have elapsed, remembering the Reformation gives us an understanding and appreciation of our Christian faith and godly courageous men who have contended for the faith. God has always called his people to remember his gracious works in the past. Israel was called to remember the Exodus with the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles. The twelve memorial stones taken out of the Jordan River was to etch into the minds of the Israelites God's miraculous parting of the flooded Jordan River. Christians are called to remember the death of Christ with the Lord's Supper. The same principle holds true with the lessons of church history. It has been rightly said that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Undoubtedly, the Reformation reminds us that we have a big God and that we ought to remember Him and His gracious providence to deliver us from the darkness of the Roman church. The church simply cannot afford to forget the lessons of the Reformation.

The Reformation has sometimes been called one of the greatest revivals since Pentecost as recorded in the book of Acts. During the dark reign of the Roman Church between 538 AD and 1798 AD, the truth was trodden upon by the Church. The clergy usurped the place of Christ. Salvation was only found in the Church and by works. Confession of sins was made to human priests and not to the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. The Scriptures were in Latin and could only be read by the Church's clergy. Furthermore, the teaching of Indulgences was taught and promulgated by the priests to the common people.

Indulgences was a way to reduce the amount of punishment one had to undergo for sins committed. Indulgence tickets were sold and anyone who purchased this ticket would free a dead loved-one from purgatory—a half-way house between heaven and hell—to heaven. Johann Tetzel was the Grand Commissioner for the sale of these Indulgences. His catchy couplet, "As soon as a coin in the coffer rings / the soul from purgatory springs" was so successful that poor people were most willing to go hungry and part with all their money for the Indulgence tickets thinking that salvation could be bought. Deciding that he could no longer be silent, a brilliant and brave German monk, Martin Luther posted 95 grievances on the castle doors of Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. He did so out of a love for Christ and the gospel.

As a church that declares her love for Christ and the gospel, we simply cannot afford to forget the lessons of the Reformation.

The Reformation does matter as firstly, it brings us back to the Bible. The Bible is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16) and the only rule of faith and practice. We look to it as the final authority and therefore it takes precedence over the declarations of religious leaders, church tradition, councils and creeds. If not for the Reformation, people would not have a Bible in their own language in their hands and to have free access to the reading and studying of it under the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, the Reformation reinforces the truth that Jesus is the only way to heaven. Salvation is not secured by the church but in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus alone saves us by His grace (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Thirdly, the Reformation reminds us that salvation is not work-based but grace-based. It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit and not human methods or strategies that brings us to Christ by freeing us from the bondage to sin. Being religious does not save us. It is purely by the grace of God.

Fourthly, the Reformation reminds us that we are justified by faith alone. It is God's pardon for guilty sinners granted and received through faith alone.

Lastly, the Reformation asserts that God's glory was the ultimate purpose of all things. God's sovereignty contributed ultimately to His own glory rather than to man's or to the church's. All of life can be lived for the glory of God; everything we do can and should be done for His glory.

These doctrines are called the five *solas*. Sola Scriptura (Bible alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone) and soli deo Gloria (glory to God alone). They form the bedrock of all that we believe.

In addition, the Reformers also laid out for us many of the practices of the church that we take for granted. Without the Reformation, the church would have lost sight of sermon preaching, celebrating the Mass instead.

Without the Reformation, we would not have congregational singing. Jan Hus, one of the pre-Reformation reformers, was condemned as a heretic for, among other things, having his congregation sing. Martin Luther and the other Reformers like John Calvin restored congregational singing to the church. We should offer our heartfelt thanks to God and these reformers who recaptured this important aspect of worship.

May we not remember the Reformation only once a year and be done with it. Our forefathers did not suffer at the hands of the Romanists that we might preach the gospel of free grace and raise the banner of Christian liberty only once a year. We ought to remember constantly that it is God who raised up the Reformers so that the gospel is recovered. We thank God that we could possess the gospel and have the privilege to share it with others. We thank God that the Word of God is central again. Simplicity is sought after in worship and church life. The work of Bible translation is hastened and every person of this world would be able to have a Bible in his or her own language. Therefore, the Reformation brings us back to the gospel, back to the Scriptures, and ultimately back to our Lord Jesus Christ.

- *Rev Quek Keng Khwang*

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
Sat 3 rd Nov	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		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.
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Pr. Mok Chee Cheong	Pr. Mok Chee Cheong	TODAY: 28/10/2018
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	TBC	TBC	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Venise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday School today. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch this Lord's Day. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of a new minister. • Pray for the forthcoming preachers: Nov-Jan – Pr Mok Chee Cheong. • Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony centenary meeting: Saturday 24th November 2018, 2:30pm at Westminster Baptist Church. Speaker: Dr John Douglas. 			Ushers: Daniel / Margaret
			Lunch: Tom
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Venise / Anthony
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 04/11/2018</u>
			Chairman: Jonathan
			Organist: Matthew
			Pianist: Matthew
			Ushers: Daniel / Yetta
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: John
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £641.65, Lunch: £41.40 Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 6 (C), Afternoon: 15 (A) 6 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,430.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 35

Q: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the IMAGE OF GOD, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Comments:

Sanctification means making a person holy. It is here said to be a *work*, because it is done, not at once, but gradually, and a work of *grace* because it proceeds from God's undeserved goodness, and is wrought in us from first to last by his own Spirit. It consists in our being made *like to God* – that is, in gradually learning to hate and cease from sin, and to love and practise holiness; and this is called a *renewing*, because it is restoring us to the state in which we were at first.

Justification, adoption and sanctification are thus seen to be all necessary to salvation. In justification, the sinner is pardoned; in adoption, he is brought into the family, in sanctification, his is cleansed from all sin.

Scriptural Reference:

Titus 3:5, Ephesians 4:24, Philippians 3:13-14, Proverbs 4:18

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."</i> 2 John 1:9	<i>"Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."</i> Romans 5:18	<i>"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."</i> Romans 5:19