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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 29 APRIL 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

Psalm 31:1-3

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 36 – “High in the Heavens,
Eternal God”

RHC 28 – “The God of
Abraham Praise”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 113

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 113
(to the tune of Ortonville, RHC 556)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 102 – “O It Is Wonderful!”

Scriptural Text

Acts 9:11-30

Isaiah 12:1-6

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Mark Lehman

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Sermon Message

In the Name of Jesus

The Lord is Salvation

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 72 – “Take the Name of Jesus
with You”

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

*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.

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR SINS?

Adapted from Life BPC Singapore Weekly, Sunday 8th April 2018

Proverbs 28:13 – *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”*

This proverb contrasts what happens when we deal with sins foolishly, with what happens when we deal with them wisely. The two different ways of dealing with sin can be summarised in the words ‘covering’ and ‘confessing.’

The Foolish Covering of Sins

The first part of the proverb says, *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper.”* If you have an open wound on your arm that is red, swollen and infected, how should you treat it? Should you cover it up with a plaster so that no one can see it, and then hope that the wound will get healed by itself? If you do that, the infection will only get worse – pus will accumulate inside the wound, and it may soon become gangrenous. Your arm would then have to be amputated. This illustrates what happens when a person covers his sins.

When people sin, they attempt to cover it in different ways: Some will deny it. They pretend that it never happened, hoping that it will just go away. Others will defend their sinful act, and say, *“I couldn’t help it. Anyone would have done the same thing I did.”* The trend today is to say that their sins were committed under great mental stress or severe depression, which deserves sympathy rather than rebuke.

There are some who seek to reduce the sinfulness of their sin by calling it by a different name. For example, adultery is called ‘having an affair’; slander is called ‘gossip’; and gambling is called ‘gaming.’ Some people would say, *“Well, the sin I committed is not as bad as the sins that others have committed. In fact, some good may come out of it.”*

Very often people deflect the blame to someone else, and say, *“That person made me do it”* or *“the Devil made me do it.”* But the worst are those who blame God for their sins. This is what Adam did when God confronted him with his sin. He said, *“The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”* (Genesis 3:12)

All these ways of covering sin have one thing in common – they are all self-protective measures. We think that they can preserve our pride or reputation from being hurt or damaged. But all they do is to make things a lot worse for us.

For instance, when King David’s sin of adultery made Bathsheba pregnant, he quickly tried to cover it up. He ordered Bathsheba’s husband to return home immediately, hoping that he would enjoy a night in bed with her so that when the baby is born, he would think it was his own child. But Uriah felt that this would be unfair to his comrades on the battlefield, and so he refused to enjoy the comforts of his bed, and he slept outside his house.

David was so desperate to keep his reputation intact that he had Uriah killed in battle, so that he could quickly marry Bathsheba, and the child’s birth would then appear to be a result of their marriage. Thus we see that David’s attempt to cover up his adultery led him to commit a worse sin – murder! Covering up our sins makes us sink lower and lower into depravity. Please remember this before you make any attempt to cover up your sin: *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper.”*

All attempts to cover up our sins are also futile because nothing can ever be kept covered from the eyes of God. David eventually had to admit his guilt when God sent Nathan to expose it. But even before that happened, God gave David no peace. Listen to his own description in Psalm 32 of the inward turmoil he suffered (vv.3-4): *When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.* Here David tells how he felt so restless, so weak and depressed because of the guilt of his sin.

What happened when he finally confessed his transgressions to the Lord? *“I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.”* (v.5) God forgave him – What great relief and joy this brought to him!

That is why David began this psalm by saying, *“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile!”* The drought of summer was dispelled from his soul as cool refreshing streams of God’s love began to flow freely again. God’s heavy hand was lifted up from David, as that same hand now lifted him up to offer praise and thanks to God! His youthfulness was restored, as the guilt of his sin was removed. What a great and wonderful change David experienced here.

The Wise Confessing of Sins

This brings us now to look at the wise way to deal with our sins: Confessing them. It is only when we confess our sin that we can experience the wonderful relief and comfort of knowing that God has really forgiven us our sins. God has given us His promise in 1 John 1:9 – *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Whenever you commit any sin you must confess it to God immediately, and say, *“I did it and what I did was wrong. I am fully to blame for it and no one else. O Lord, I am so sorry that I have sinned against Thee and caused Thee so much pain. Please have mercy on me and forgive me.”* When you do that, you can rest assured that God will comfort you and restore to you all the peace and joy that you had lost. As God says in Jeremiah 31:13 – *“...for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.”*

Here we must define what constitutes true confession of one’s sin. Not every confession is true confession. Therefore not every confession will bring the blessedness of being forgiven. The basic element in confession of sin is agreement. There must be full agreement with God about your sin. As long as the slightest disagreement exists, and you keep trying to justify what you have done, you are not looking at your sin the way that God looks at it. God looks at your sin with deep sorrow. Do you feel the same sorrow that God feels for the sins you confess?

There are times when a person is confronted with his sin, and he feels sorry about it, but his sorrow does not mean that he agrees with God about his sin. He feels sorry only because he was caught and his sin was exposed and now he has to bear the shame of being punished for it. This kind of sorrow leads only to resentment and bitterness. It does not lead to the blessedness of being forgiven.

Godly sorrow is not so much mourning about the shame that one has to bear for sin, but the damage and hurt that one has caused to God and to others. When we truly confess our sins, we will sense the horror of the sins we have committed. Then we will truly forsake the sins we confess.

It would be a terrible thing for a person to confess his sin only to commit it again and again. Confession by itself is of no use, until it causes a person to forsake the sin he has committed. That is why the proverb says, *“...but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”*

If you have an open wound on your arm that is red, swollen and infected the best thing to do is to expose the wound, drain out all the pus, wash it thoroughly with clean water and apply an antiseptic cream on it. This may be painful, but it can save your arm from amputation.

God has provided something better to wash away our sins: The precious blood that Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary. Let us use it every day to deal with the sins we commit in thought, word or deed. And always remember this: Covering your sins is foolish, but confessing them and claiming the cleansing power of Christ’s blood is wise.

- Rev Charles Seet

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 2nd May	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 5th May	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: 29/04/2018 Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Matthew Ushers: Daniel / Margaret Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Anthony NEXT WEEK: 06/05/2018 Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Daniel / Tom Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Venise
Message	TBC	TBC	
Text	TBC	TBC	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday School. • 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 today. 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £274.30; Lunch: £43.97 Attendance - Morning: 34 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 12 (A) 2 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,070.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 9

Q: What is the work of creation?

A: The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Comments:

The first thing that God did in relation to us was to make the world we live in. Now, when we wish to make anything, we require materials. Thus, to make a chair, we need wood. But God made all things *of nothing*, by merely speaking the word. We are here told also of the time in which he made all things – six days; and of the condition in which they were when made – very good.

Scriptural Reference:

Hebrews 11:3, Genesis 1:31

MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	Next Week
Last Week <i>"The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul."</i> Psalm 121:7	<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	<i>"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"</i> Ephesians 6:18