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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 05 MAY 2019

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 99:1-5	Psalm 18:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 8 – “ <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> ”	RHC 34 – “ <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> ”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 6	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 6:1-4 2nd Version</i> (to the tune of Belmont, RHC 22)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 320 – “ <i>‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i> ”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Revelation 2:8-11	Revelation 2:12-17
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Christ’s Letter to the Church at Smyrna</i>	<i>Christ’s Letter to the Church at Pergamos</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 412 – “ <i>Fight the Good Fight</i> ”	RHC 411 – “ <i>Stand Up for Jesus</i> ”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson
<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.

KNOW YOUR SIN, CONFESS YOUR SIN AND CONQUER YOUR SIN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, 28th April 2019

In our walk with God, even as we are saved in Christ, we continue to struggle with our sin. If you are struggling with sin, this is actually a good thing; as you are not comfortable with sin. You are in the right footing. You do not want to conform with the sin; you do not want sin to have its way to bring you down. Thus you struggle with sin.

Children of God, having the indwelling Holy Spirit, will recognise sin, even smell it from afar. However, the response to sin can vary from person to person. This should be of grave concern if you do not immediately say: "Get thee hence, Satan!", and continue to go along with sin and indulge in the devilish thrills. Man does not just fall suddenly. We all get tempted constantly (by the devil) to sin, and if we allow ourselves to be led away (from God) by our temptation, sin is formed; and when sin is fully grown, it will bring forth death. We have every chance at each stage to deny ourselves, deny the devil (that the devil will flee from us), to avoid arriving at such a tragic destructive end.

Therefore, if you are struggling with your sin, then you are doing all the right things. Such a person KNOW sin, and not pretend don't know or find excuses to compromise with it and accept as new the social orders and norms. You are particularly sensitive and take heed of the grieving of the indwelling Holy Spirit. You CONFESS your sin before God (in earnest prayers) and resolve to deny yourself so as not to conform comfortably with sin. You do not find excuses to continue to indulge in sinful pleasures by blaming the whole world and everyone else, except yourself for your plight. And finally, you will receive God's divine help to CONQUER sin by God's Words and put the final stopper to it for worsening further; swallowing up death in victory. If only we strive to walk closely with God at all time and seek Him diligently, for our God is faithful as He will not allow any temptation to overwhelm us and promises always an escape route for His children to be able to bear it.

But are you keeping yourself ever closer and closer to God, or are you drifting away, hiding away from the divine Light, and so continuing to indulge in sinful pleasures in darkness? Are you absent from church, worship services, prayer meeting and bible class study fellowship with the saints, for fear your sinful indulgences are exposed? And my beloved brethren, if each of us is our brothers' keeper, we ought to be vigilant and watchful for each other; especially those we notice seems "hiding" from us. We need to catch up with the "suspected" brethren soonest, before it's too late, when his temptation develops sin and sin develops further to be fully grown and brings forth death. So we must intervene early, and not delay, before death consumes our brethren.

Sadly, during temporary moments of our weakness, we may want to be left alone (hide away in darkness) to indulge a little longer in our sin, to have a little more of our sin; instead of denying ourselves and denying the devil. We start counting the worldly material gains we amass and swelling our head with our pride of life; instead of bearing more spiritual fruits. We often reason with sin to make sin right and make excuses; instead to confessing sin before our God in prayers. We would blame the whole world and everyone else for our sin, but will not admit our own wrongdoing. Then frightfully, gradually, slowly, we begin to accept the very sin to be the right thing in the new social order; instead of overcoming sin and conquer it.

Our heart becomes hardened and darkened, we don't feel shameful of the sin anymore. As we love the world more (and the love of the Father not in us), our plight will worsen. We will begin to shun the light, skip worship service, avoid fellowship with our church brethren, for fear that our sin be exposed. And if we continue to lay immersed in the sin and still not reverse course, our love for the world will draw us further and further away from God till we reach the point of no return.

We, in our natural self, are all sinful in nature; we tend to love the world and shun God. Leave it to ourselves, we will not confess our mistakes and seek God; not willing we give up the sinful pleasures of this world and all the material gains in it. We must acknowledge we really need to be very determined and undeterred in making great special effort to seek God diligently and walk closely with Him. We need to strive to remain in the Light and be undefiled in all our ways. We need to make a great special effort to constantly measure our deeds, thoughts and speeches with the 10 commandments.

It is a good daily exercise we diligently measure ourselves with the 10 commandments, to see where and how we have sinned. In all things we do, we must always make great special effort to first check..... "Is this right with God?"... "Is this really God's will for me to continue to do this?".... "If this is really God's answer to my prayer to do it, then which part of the scripture has inspired me so?" We must refrain from listening and obeying our natural self to do sinful things "naturally"; thus Jesus said that we must deny ourselves (Matthew 16:24). We must also refrain from struggling against sin by our own strength. All sin comes from the prince of this world, Satan. Who are we to rival against Lucifer, son of the morning (Isaiah 14:12)? We must rely wholly in God's divine strength (and His Words), just like our Lord Jesus when He was tempted thrice in the wilderness by Satan; only God's Words.

Furthermore, did we make right a sin just because we can skilfully exploit some legal loopholes? Did we compromise with the devil and agree with sin, such as homosexuality, gambling, buying TOTO, divorce, same sex marriage, business deal cheating and exploitations, etc... , just because they are allowed under the civil law? We are reminded to seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33); not legal loopholes even if they can justify a sin. And let's all be reminded that man does not live on bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4); so even when you think you have all the legal rights and that's about satisfying your (most subsistent) basic needs, stop right there immediately, ponder on Matt 4:4 again to save you in the nick of time. You are urged by Jesus' calling to deny yourself and pick up the cross daily and follow Me (Matthew 16:24).

Our God is faithful and merciful and loving. If we seek Him in spirit and in truth and resolve to honour Him first, in return our God will be very close to us to help us and honour us. Psalm 51:17 *"The sacrifices of God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, oh God, thou will not despise"*. Repent on your sin, return to God, and in all truthfulness pray for His mercy to help you in your struggle with sin; and not become so comfortable and unrepentant to be consumed by the lust finally. So to save us from death Know your sin, Confess your sin (to God quickly) and Conquer your sin (with full reliance in God).

May our Lord have mercy on us and help us. Amen.

- Dn Royce Yeo

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 11 th May 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	Afternoon Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Mr Marco Reale	Mr Marco Reale	<u>TODAY: 05/05/2019</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Daniel / Tom Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jason <u>NEXT WEEK: 12/05/2019</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Venise Ushers: Tom / Jonathan Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jason
Message	TBC	TBC	
Text	TBC	TBC	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of Mr Mok Chee Cheong to become our resident minister. • Pray for the forthcoming preachers: April-June – Mr Stephen Toms, Mr Marco Reale, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson, Rev Patrick Baker, Dr David Allen. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2019: 2nd-4th July 2019. The theme this year is “<i>The True Dynamism of the Local Church</i>”. Please see Jonathan or John for more information. 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £633.52, Lunch: £35.70 Attendance - Morning: 29 (A) 10 (C), Afternoon: 12 (A) 7 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,810.50
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 63			
Q: Which is the Fifth Commandment? <i>A: The Fifth Commandment is, HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.</i> <u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Exodus 20:12			
MEMORY VERSE			
Last Week <i>“The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.”</i> Nahum 1:7	This Week <i>“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:”</i> 1 John 5:14	Next Week <i>“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”</i> Colossians 3:16	