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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 07 APRIL 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 28:6-9

Psalm 89:15-18

*Opening Hymn **

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

RHC 84 – “This Is the Day of Light”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 2

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 2 verses 7-11
(to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 38)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 137 – “Thanks to God!”

Scriptural Text

2 Chronicles 14:1

2 Chronicles 21:1

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Stephen Toms

Eld Stephen Toms

Sermon Message

Jehoshaphat’s Father

Jehoshaphat’s Son

*Closing Hymn **

Insert – “We Rest on Thee”

RHC 386 – “Be Thou My Vision”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Eld Stephen Toms

Eld Stephen Toms

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.

MAKING CHOICES

Adapted from New Life BPC Singapore Weekly, Sunday 24th February 2019

Whether we like it or not, life presents us with many choices which we have to make. The decisions may be simple or difficult to make, nevertheless, they all lead to some changes that impact our lives. “Choices are the hinges of destiny,” says Edwin Markham. Consider Judas Ischariot who chose to betray Jesus Christ which led to His crucifixion. Later when tormented by the thought of “betraying innocent blood” he took his own life. In contrast, Daniel illustrated the importance of making right choices in life. Exiled in Babylon, he went through many tough challenges in his time. Because of his trust and obedience, he was able to overcome all adversities by His grace. Even at the risk of losing his own life, Daniel chose to fear God rather than submit to the wicked deeds of man. We are responsible for our choices and we bear the consequences of our decisions. Judas chose to betray Christ and reaped his own death by suicide. Daniel obeyed God and became a prime minister. One lost his salvation while the other was immortalised in the “Hall of faith” (Heb 11).

What is the right choice? How should we decide?

God is very gracious and kind, indeed, He has not abandoned us to struggle in our decision making alone. The following Bible verses or passages should guide believers in making sound and biblical choices (1 Cor 6:12-20; 1 Cor 10:23-33; Col 3:10).

1. Is it lawful? (1 Cor 6:12; 10:23) The 10 commandments give us the standard of God’s law. There are some things which are non-negotiable - for example no other gods, no images, no stealing, no lying, no murder, not covetous etc. To break any of the 10 commandments is to sin against the Lord. Therefore, the first question to ask in making any decision should be “Is this thing I am about to do lawful?” If not, reject making the choice. No one is above the law and believers must abide by the laws of the land and the spiritual laws of God.

2. Is it moral? The moral standard of the world is different from Biblical standard. Believers must make the right choice of obeying God rather than the voice of the world in the area of friendship, courtship, marriage and sexual practices. Flee fornication or sexual immorality (1 Cor 6:18) is the Lord’s command for personal purity.

3. Is it beneficial? This is fairly obvious. Some activities are harmful to family and self – for example smoking, drug/physical addiction, alcoholism, gambling etc. Beware of spending too much time on the smartphone which can become your idol to enslave you.

4. Does it stumble others? All believers are not at the same level of spiritual maturity. To Paul, all meats (including those offered to idols) may be consumed. For the sake of the brother with weaker conscience Paul will refrain from eating, forgoing his personal privilege for the brother’s sake. Are you willing to forego your rights so as not to stumble others in making your choice?

5. Does it glorify God? 1 Cor 10:31 We do not live unto ourselves. We belong to Christ who has bought us with His blood. Therefore “Do all things to glorify the Lord” – in our eating, drinking, speaking, actions and thought-life as well. The things we do, the places we visit, the thoughts that pass through our minds ---- can we invite Jesus Christ to be present with us in these circumstances? And will Jesus Christ be pleased with us? Col 3:17 says “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus ..”

6. Do I have peace after committing it to God? Have we committed the decision or choice we want to make to the Lord? Do we have peace in our soul meanwhile? Are we still anxious and fretful instead? Cast all your cares upon the Lord. Take time to pray. Do not make any decision in haste or we may live to regret it. The peace of God is a good gauge of His abiding presence with us. We can be sure of God’s blessing if we trust and wait on Him.

In conclusion, we will make many choices in our life time. Some may be good and some we may regret. Someone says “We are what we choose.” Let us be wise and let us rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us in our decision making. We need God’s help to make right choices. Our Father knows best. As the hymn goes “God is too wise, to make mistake and He is too loving, to be unkind.” He is ever ready to help us and He will – if we will go to Him. Let us choose Him always (Joshua 24:15).

- Elder Sim Chee Seng

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 13 th April	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	Mr Marco Reale	Mr Marco Reale	<u>TODAY: 07/04/2019</u>
Message	The Model Church	Plead Thy Cause	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	1 Thessalonians 1	Psalm 74	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Matthew
<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 a new minister. • Pray for the forthcoming preachers: April-June – Mr Stephen Toms, Mr Marco Reale, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Eld George Chew. • Please note that the Church will be holding an ECM on Sunday 21st April after Morning Service in order to discuss the calling of Mr Mok Chee Cheong to become our resident minister. 			Ushers: Daniel / Tom
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott / Jason
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 14/04/2019</u>
			Chairman: Jonathan
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1187.00, Lunch: £40 Attendance - Morning: 29 (A) 10 (C), Afternoon: 12 (A) 7 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,730.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 59

Q: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

A: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the CHRISTIAN Sabbath.

Comments:

The Patriarchal and Jewish Sabbath was held on the *Saturday*, because that was the day on which God rested from Creation. The Christian Sabbath is held on the *Sunday*, because that is the day on which our Saviour arose from the grave. The change was made in accordance with the practice of the Apostles and the early Church.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 2:3, Acts 20:7, Revelation 1:10

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."</i></p> <p>Psalm 145:3</p>	<p><i>"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."</i></p> <p>Psalm 127:1</p>	<p><i>"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;"</i></p> <p>Colossians 3:12</p>