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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 JULY 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 59:16-17

Philippians 3:7-17

*Opening Hymn **

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

RHC 116 – “Higher Ground”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 15

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 15
(to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 194)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 90 – “Love Lifted Me”

Scriptural Text

Philippians 1:27-28

Philippians 2:16

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Stephen Toms

Eld Stephen Toms

Sermon Message

The Christian’s Conversation

The Christian’s Holding Forth

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 419 – “Take My Life and Let It Be”

RHC 315 – “Walk in the Light”

*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.

SAVED BY GRACE ALONE

Adapted from Life BPC Singapore Weekly, Sunday 30th June 2019

The story is told of a man who came eagerly but very late to a revival meeting and found the workmen tearing down the tent in which the meetings had been held. Frantic at missing the evangelist, he decided to ask one of the workers what he could do to be saved. The workman, who was a Christian, replied, "You can't do anything. It's too late." Horrified, the man said, "What do you mean? How can it be too late?" "The work has already been accomplished," he was told. "There is nothing you need to do but believe."

There are those who find it impossible to believe the truth that we do not have to do something good to earn our salvation. However, in no uncertain terms God tells us in His Word that our righteousness and good works are considered by Him as filthy rags, "*We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.*" (Isaiah 64:6). Without apology, the Word of God declares that we are but sinners and have come short of His glory (Romans 3:23). We are sinners not because we feel sinful or commit sins but because we are all born in sin, "*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me*" (Psalm 51:5).

If we are born in sin, then we are naturally inclined to do wrong. God tells us that we gratify the cravings of our sinful nature, "*Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others*" (Ephesians 2:3). We are sinners by deed as well as by nature. Furthermore, the truth of the matter is, we are dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1).

Do we realize the state of our spiritual condition? When a person is in his state of sin, he is enslaved to sin. He is under the wrath and condemnation of God. In his sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God" Jonathan Edwards remarked, "The bow of God's wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string." We need to be saved from God and His wrath! We are unable to have any cooperative efforts with God at all because we are dead in our trespasses and sins. There is nothing that we can do to save ourselves! If God does not do something to help us, we're in big trouble. Jesus says, "*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God*" (John 3:18). We are children of wrath and condemned because we rejected Jesus and His salvific work. But God in His grace and mercies desired that none should perish, "*Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?*" (Ezekiel 18:23). We need God's mercies and grace, and salvation is by His grace alone!

Our Salvation

The apostle Paul says here, "*For by grace are ye saved.*" God's gift of grace means first of all that salvation starts with God, not with man. Sometimes we think grace means, "We do our part and God does his." No, grace means God's unmerited favour towards unworthy sinners. We owe everything to God.

There is a story of a man who gave his testimony of his salvation at a gospel meeting. He kept on mentioning the grace of God. Afterwards, a friend came to him with a comment: "You said a great deal about God's part in your salvation. Why didn't you say anything about your part?" The man paused for a moment said, "Please forgive me. My part was to run away from God as fast as I could. I kept running until he finally caught me."

We think God is saying, "Clean up your act and then I'll save you" or "I'll clean up your act and then I'll save you". God never says any such thing! He says something entirely different: "While you are still sinful and undeserving, I'll give you the righteousness of Jesus Christ." We are made righteous by Jesus Christ by His life and by His substitutionary death on the cross. *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"* (2 Corinthians 5:21 cf. Romans 5:19).

The American Evangelist, D L Moody once said that "The thief had nails through both hands, so that he could not work; and a nail through each foot, so that he could not run errands for the Lord; he could not lift a hand or a foot toward his salvation, and yet Christ offered him the gift of God; and he took it. Christ threw him a passport, and took him into Paradise."

It is not because of any works, but all of God's grace as testified in God's Word, *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* (Ephesians 2:8-9). The prince of preachers, Charles Spurgeon, eloquently emphasized this truth, "If there be one stitch in the celestial garment of our righteousness which we are to insert ourselves, then we are lost."

Our Response

How is this response to God's grace of salvation possible, when we are said to be 'dead' in our sins? In 1 Peter 3:18, we are told we are *"quickened by the Spirit."* This means, we are made alive spiritually by God and to God. We are drawn to Him by His calling in repentance of our sins with a turning away from sin and putting our trust in Him. God therefore works through the will and heart of ours to make us willing and delighted to come to Christ.

We are saved by God's grace from beginning to end. Left to ourselves, we would have continued to rebel against God. Once we trust in Jesus alone for our salvation, we will undoubtedly realize that the only reason we are able to have faith is that God was drawing us to Him before we knew it. *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him"* (John 6:44).

The work of salvation has been accomplished by Jesus. There is only one thing we need to do and that is to believe that Jesus is our Saviour and Lord.

- 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 13 th July	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.
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i> <i>Afternoon Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	<u>TODAY: 07/07/2019</u>
<i>Message</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan
<i>Text</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		<i>Pianist:</i> 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 Mr Mok Chee Cheong to become our resident minister. • Pray for the forthcoming preachers: July – Mr Marco Reale, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson. • Ligonier Ministries, London Conference: 27th-28th September 2019. The theme is "<i>The Light of the World</i>". Please see Jonathan or John for more information. 		<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom
		<i>Lunch:</i> Maureen
		<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
		<i>PA Crew:</i> Scott / Jason
		<u>NEXT WEEK: 14/07/2019</u>
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £610.05, Lunch: £40.00		Church Maintenance Fund
Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 9 (C), Afternoon: 12 (A) 9 (C)		Total: £5,010.50
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 72		
Q: What is forbidden in the Seventh Commandment?		
<i>A: The Seventh Commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.</i>		
<u>Comment:</u>		
This commandment respects <i>purity</i> . It commands us to be pure in thought, word and deed. It forbids all unchastity and immodesty. It acknowledges God as the owner of the body as well as of the soul, and the right he has to command that both of them should be kept pure and holy for himself.		
<u>Scriptural Reference:</u>		
Matthew 5:28, Ephesians 5:4		
MEMORY VERSE		
Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."</i>	<i>"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."</i>	<i>"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts."</i>
James 1:3	Psalms 51:10	Proverbs 21:2