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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 08 SEPTEMBER 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-10

Opening Hymn *

RHC 23 – “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Opening Prayer *

John Poh

Gloria Patri *

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 24

Second Hymn *

Psalm 24 verses 1-6
(to the tune of Seraph, RHC 15)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *

RHC 242 – “Blessed Quietness”

Scriptural Text

John 14:25-27, Philippians 4:4-7

Pastoral Prayer

Eld George Chew

Sermon Message

Peace of Christ

Closing Hymn *

RHC 334 – “Sweet Peace, the Gift of God’s Love”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Eld George Chew

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.

GUARD YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 1st September 2019

My brothers and sisters in Christ, early this week I was rather surprised and concerned when I read the article entitled 'Evangelical Songwriter Says He's No Longer Christian in Emotional Instagram Post'. This songwriter, a musician and worship leader spent many years writing worship songs and performed with the Hillsong, a well-known contemporary Christian music label.

I am not completely sure why he has arrived at his decision to quit Christianity and abandon his faith but a sampling of his Instagram postings revealed that he has doubts about how a good God could condone evil and suffering in the world. He is questioning the goodness of God. Another question he really cares about is "Did Jesus raise from the dead?" Other thing that bothers him was the way some Christians testified about their being freed from financial problems or cured of certain diseases while many out there continue in their financial miseries and withering sickness. In other words, God is so unfair. Perhaps, the mind-set of the Christians in their testimonies could have upset him.

Unresolved and unanswered doubts can be detrimental to one's faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, doubts seasoned with grace, with humility and submission to the understanding of the God's sovereignty can result in greater faith when they are resolved and answered according to the light of God, the illumination of the Holy Spirit and the truth in God's word, the Bible.

My concern when I read the article is whether what has happened to the songwriter can happen to us who called ourselves Christians and professed our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Can we overcome our doubts and guard our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? Well, the answer is "Yes" with God's help and ourselves guarding our hearts with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23).

This is how we can guard of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ:

1. Believe all scriptures are the revealed word of God, and they are they, which testify of our Lord Jesus Christ (Psalms 119:160; John 5:39; 1 Timothy 3:16).
2. Cast your doubt or concern upon the Lord for such is your burden, which you may not be able to bear on your own (Psalms 55:22).
3. Know that God is holy and righteous, gracious and full of compassion and verily the Lord is God who judge rightly and doeth rightly (Psalms 58:11, 116:5, 119:137 and 145:17).
4. Seek the LORD thy God, for thou shalt find him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul (Deuteronomy 4:29; 1 Chronicles 29:9). Seek not man, for man is mere dust. God is our Creator. He is our wisdom pertaining to all things in life (Job 12:12-13). To a man who is not double-minded, God will grant to him wisdom (James 1:5-8).

5. Fear the LORD and trust in the LORD. (Psalms 62:8, 115:11). Do not put your trust in men (Psalms 118:9). When others question God's word, persevere to hold fast to God's truth despite the onslaught of wicked and evil lies.
6. Avoid vile person as in Isaiah 32:6, for such a person is toxic to our faith in the Lord because he is a fool who speaks folly, whose heart is inclined to sin, practices hypocrisy and is prone to speak error against the LORD. Today, there are many such scoffers and mockers who openly question the veracity, truth, reliability and authenticity of the Bible (Psalms 14:1; Proverbs 19:20; Acts 13:41; 2 Peter 3:3). Have nothing to do with them. Rather, associate yourself with God-fearing men whose company edifies and strengthens faith in Christ.
7. Defence our faith and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and be prepared to give an answer to everyone (1 Peter 3:15). Like the apostle Paul, be an influencer for the Lord rather than be influenced by godless men (Acts 26:1-29).
8. Read good and uplifting testimonies of godly men of God who shared their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ rather than ungodly men whose words are like clouds that are without water, carried about of winds, fruitless autumn trees, twice dead, completely uprooted and useless (Jude 1:12).
9. Put on the armour of God that when the fiery darts of the devil come our way, we may be able to stand against his wiles (Ephesians 6:11).
10. Pray always in the Spirit that the Spirit of truth will illumine our minds and enable us to discern truth from error, that nothing can shake our faith in the Lord (Ephesians 6:18; Malachi 3:18; Hebrews 5:14).

The LORD is He who is able to keep and guard our faith in Him. We can be certain of this. For His word says so. If I am truly born again, I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39). God is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (Jude 1:24). Our Lord is able to help us overcome any doubts that may arise in our walk with Him. He will guard our faith in Him even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings (Matthew 23:37).

Be strong in the Lord as we see the coming of the Lord draws nearer. Be steadfast and unmovable in our faith in the Lord. In Christ, we can cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). Amen.

- *Elder Daniel Tau*

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 14 th September	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: 08/09/2019</u>
<i>Message</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Chairman:</i> John
<i>Text</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		<i>Pianist:</i> -
<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: Praise God that Mok & Carol's visa have been approved, God willing they will be arriving the end of September to take up the pulpit ministry. Please pray for them as they prepare to relocate to London. • Pray for the forthcoming preachers in September: Eld George Chew, Ps Timothy Poh, 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
		<u>NEXT WEEK: 15/09/2019</u>
		<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan
		<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
		<i>Pianist:</i> Anthony
		<i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Yetta
<i>Lunch:</i> Volunteers		
<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers		
<i>PA Crew:</i> Scott / Jason		
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1079, Lunch: £42.10, Love Gift: £140, Building Fund: £100 Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 8 (C)		Church Maintenance Fund Total: £5,710.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 81

Q: What is forbidden in the Tenth Commandment?

A: The Tenth Commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is his.

Comments:

This commandment refers to the *desires* of our heart. It tells us that we ought not to *covet* – that is, to cherish an unlawful desire for anything belonging to another. And it is put here to warn us that the Law of God is *spiritual*, and is broken by a wrong thought as well as by a wrong act. It commands us to be content with our position in life, whatever that may be. And it forbids us to be fretful over our own want of success or envious at the good success of others. To cherish a spirit of *good-will* is the best safeguard of this command.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Timothy 6:8, Hebrew 13:5

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness." Psalm 143:1	"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;" Deuteronomy 7:9	"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13