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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 14 JULY 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-5

Psalm 25:4-5

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 21 – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

RHC 351 – “He Leadeth Me”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 16

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 16 verses 7-11
(to the tune of Maitland, RHC 391)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 114 – “At Calvary”

Scriptural Text

1 John 1

Psalm 25

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

Real Christian Fellowship

The Prayer and Meditation of a Child of God

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 456 – “In Christ There Is No East or West”

RHC 360 – “My God, Is Any Hour So Sweet”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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.

WALK WITH GOD DAILY

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 30th June 2019

Every Christian ought to have a closer walk with God. Being a child of God, it should be his or her desire to stay close to the Lord. Some of us who have been walking with God for many years can testify to you that the moment we stray away from God, life becomes restless and purposeless. Everything becomes meaningless (Ecclesiastes 1:2).

A Christian who does not walk with God is a backslider. A backslider is a disobedient Christian. He has become dead cold toward God. He is not interested in the things of God anymore. He is full of his own ways, not the way of God (Proverbs 14:14). He thinks he knows what he is doing but it often leads to the ways of death (Proverbs 14:12). He seems to enjoy life and seems to be laughing all the time, but deep in his heart he is aching and going through endless grief (Proverbs 14:13).

The church is full of backslidden people. Backsliding happens to every Christian. We may not know about it when it first happens. But by the time we realize it, it may be too late because we may have drifted far away from God. Therefore, each and every one of us must not take our Christian life easy because taking it easy is often the prelude to backsliding. Comfort precedes collapse.

For instance, should we take our prayer life lightly? J.C. Ryle rightly said, "Backsliding, generally first begins with neglect of private prayer." Isn't it true that nine times out of ten, declension from God begins in the neglect of private prayer? I believe a Christian falls in private long before he falls in public. Therefore, you and I who desire to keep walking with God daily need to discipline ourselves for the purpose of godly living (1 Timothy 4:7a).

Though all of us are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone and not by good works (Ephesians 2:8, 9), Paul also tells us that salvation is a progressive work, to be "worked out" by obedience through the help of the same Spirit unto perfection (Philippians 2:12, 13; 2 Peter 1:5-8). Therefore, we ought to make every effort to live the Christian life. As Charles Spurgeon aptly said, "The Christian life is very much like climbing a hill of ice. You cannot slide up. You have to cut every step with an ice axe. Only with incessant labor in cutting and chipping can you make any progress. If you want to know how to backslide, leave off going forward. Cease going upward and you will go downward of necessity. You can never stand still." Effort is required to live the Christian life; otherwise we will slide down the icy slope effortlessly (Luke 13:24; Hebrews 4:11).

The Bible lacks no examples of godly saints who walked with God while they were on earth. Enoch walked with God (Genesis 5:22, 24), Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:9), Abraham was told by God to walk before the Almighty (Genesis 17:1), David always put God before him (Psalm 16:8), and Christians are exhorted to walk in the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16, 25).

But what does it mean to walk with God? The word "walk" does not mean a literal walk with God. A story is told of a little girl telling the story of Enoch to her mother. She said, "Enoch used to take long walks with God. One day, he walked so far God said, "It's too far to go back; come on home with me." No. This is not what Moses meant. He used the word as a figurative expression. When a believer walks with God, certain notable characteristics follow:

1. The believer is in the same direction as God. He knows which way God is going and goes the same way. He does not walk ahead of God. He keeps in step with Him. He follows Him closely and only takes a step when God insists (Psalm 16:8).
2. The believer is always in agreement with God. He understands what Amos 3:3 says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" There is no controversy between them. He never goes against God. He always agrees with things as God sees them. He prays at all times, "O Lord, may it be said of me as it was said of Enoch: He walked with God. I also want to go in your direction, keeping pace with you. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

3. The believer is mindful of the presence of God. Knowing that God is with him adds confidence to his walk with the Lord. For instance, when he faces trials of life, God's holy presence brings cheer, courage, confidence, encouragement, rest and assurance to him. The Word of God keeps ringing in his mind: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10). He recalls when God called Moses to confront Pharaoh to let the people of God leave Egypt. He needed confidence. So God assured him, saying, "Certainly I will be with thee" (Exodus 3:12). Like Moses of old, he pleads with God to be with him wherever he goes (Exodus 33:14, 15).
4. The believer is constantly in touch with God. He is not out of touch. Because he keeps in touch with Him all the time, he knows exactly what God wants him to do (Ephesians 5:17). He is not like many of us, in a maze, trying hard to discern the will of the Lord. For that reason, he makes good use of every opportunity he has to do God's bidding because these are evil days (Ephesians 5:16).
5. The believer always stays focused on God. Despite his struggles in life and the many distractions of life, he keeps his focus on God. He remembers the story of Abraham in Genesis. Abraham and his wife Sarah were barren. They could not bear any children. In today's term, they had a biological problem. However, God promised them a son. After waiting for a while, Sarah remained barren. So, at the advice of his wife, Abraham took an Egyptian maid, Hagar as a concubine and she bore him a son at the age of 86 (Genesis 16:16). But God could not accept him as his heir (Genesis 15:3, 4). When Abraham was 99 years old, God appeared to him, saying, "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Genesis 17:1). The Almighty was saying to him not to walk before his problems or unfavourable circumstances, but walk before Him, the God of the impossible and be blameless (Genesis 18:14). He did what God told him and this time he stayed focused on the Almighty. In His good and appointed time, God blessed him with a son (Genesis 21:1, 2).
6. The believer no longer walks in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:5), as other Gentiles walk (Ephesians 4:17), after the flesh (Romans 8:1), or by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), but he walks in newness of life (Romans 6:4), by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16, 25), in a manner worthy of the calling to which he has been called (Ephesians 4:1), in love (Ephesians 5:2), as children of light (Ephesians 5:8), in a manner worthy of the Lord (Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12), or in wisdom (Colossians 4:5).

This is what it means to walk with God daily. The believer has nothing to do with the things of the world. He is mindful of the teaching of 1 John 2:15-17 – "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." Here is a warning to us not to go the perishable way of the world.

Walking with God is not something that is impossible to do. Jesus does not make it so hard for us to live the Christian life. What we need to do is to reckon that He is our vine and we are His branches. And if we were to abide in Him and He in us, we will bear fruit – more fruit and much fruit (John 15:2, 5, 8). However, if we stay away from Him, then we can do nothing (John 15:4, 5). Because spiritual growth depends on our daily walk with the Lord, the closer we stay to Him, the stronger we grow.

Dearly beloved, it's high time to make up our mind to walk with God every moment of the day because the days are evil. Do not procrastinate. Don't wait for the right time. The time is now. Amen.

"Those who fall away have never been thoroughly imbued with the knowledge of Christ but only had a slight and passing taste of it" (John Calvin)

- Rev Colin Wong

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 20 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: 14/07/2019</u>
<i>Message</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan
<i>Text</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		<i>Pianist:</i> Anthony
<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> Venise / Jason
		<u>NEXT WEEK: 21/07/2019</u>
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1702.00, Lunch: £41.10 Attendance - Morning: 26 (A) 2 (C), Afternoon: 10 (A)		Church Maintenance Fund Total: £5,010.50
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 73		
<p>Q: What is the Eighth Commandment? <i>A: The Eight Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.</i></p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Exodus 20:15</p>		
MEMORY VERSE		
Last Week <i>"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."</i> Psalm 51:10	This Week <i>"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts."</i> Proverbs 21:2	Next Week <i>"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."</i> Matthew 24:42