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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 17 NOVEMBER 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 34:1-3	Ephesians 1:3-6
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 44 – “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”	RHC 74 – “For the Beauty of the Earth”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 34	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 34 verses 1-6</i> (to the tune of Lloyd, RHC 563)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 119 – “Sweeter as the Years Go By”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 11:28	Matthew 11:29
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen
<i>Sermon Message</i>	A REST which is GIVEN	A REST which is FOUND
<i>The Lord’s Supper</i>	Dr David Allen	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 182 – “Lead Me to Calvary”	RHC 331 – “The Haven of Rest”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen
<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.

What Scientists Ignore About Climate Change – Part 2

by Dr. Alan White - Answers In Genesis, 20th October 2019

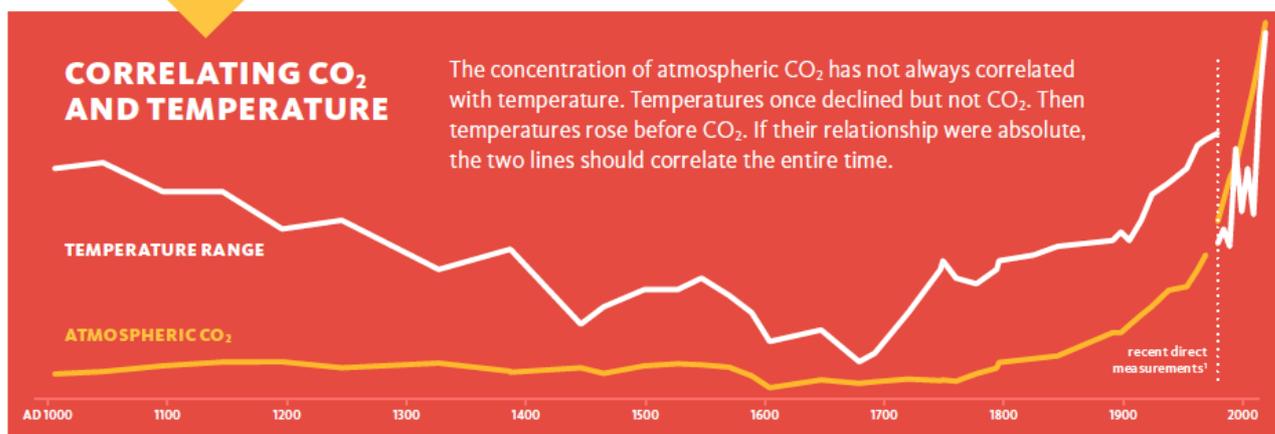
Should We Be Concerned About the Rise in Temperatures?

Scientists agree on the facts, which we observe and measure. It is certainly true that the earth's temperature has been rising over the past few centuries since the little ice age of about AD 1300–1850. It is also true that CO₂ does act as a greenhouse gas and is therefore capable of raising the temperature of the earth. It is even true that the concentration of CO₂ has been rising for several decades.

But just because CO₂ and temperature have been rising together for quite a while doesn't automatically prove one caused the other. That's the great challenge in scientific research—to determine what are the true causes of the changes we observe. In this case, that boils down to answering the question, "Is CO₂ the *predominant* cause of the current change in the climate?" This is not easy to answer because we have so much more to learn about many factors that influence our climate.

Notice in Figure 1 that the concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere has not always correlated with the earth's temperature.¹ From AD 1000 to 1300, for instance, global temperature declined while CO₂ remained fairly constant. The earth's temperature also began to rise about 100 years *before* the carbon dioxide did. Our understanding of this relationship is far from absolute, as many people claim. If it were absolute, the two lines would correlate over the entire length of time.

Figure 1



When pondering this issue, keep in mind that human beings are responsible for a fraction of the total amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere, not the entire amount. Climate experts are doing their best—with the help of an armada of advanced satellites and computers—to separate all these factors that affect global temperature. Most now claim that the models are sophisticated enough to prove that mankind is the predominant cause of the latest rise in the earth's temperature. But we still have ample reason to question these conclusions, which many say should not be questioned, because of the poor correlation between CO₂ and temperature (shown in Figure 1) and the broad range of future temperature increases that current mathematical models predict.

What About Extreme Weather Events?

In the discussion of human-caused climate change, one of the most popular claims is the increasing number of extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, and floods. But has the frequency of these events actually changed, and does it correlate to the rising amount of CO₂?

Advocates of immediate, drastic action often latch onto any extreme weather event and claim that it was caused by climate change. But a growing new field known as *attribution science* is attempting to develop a statistical way to connect a particular rare event to a particular cause. To establish a connection, the statistician must look at a sufficiently long period of time and a sufficient number of similar, rare events (not a single event). For example, this year researchers completed a long-term analysis (over 100 years) looking for any relationships between the increase in hurricanes in the Atlantic and the rise in the earth's temperature. They found no significant correlation. The authors concluded, "In short, the historical Atlantic hurricane frequency record does not provide compelling evidence for a substantial greenhouse warming-induced long-term increase."²

"The chaotic nature of weather means that it is generally impossible to say, for any specific event, that it would not have occurred in the absence of human influence on climate," explains Oxford's Environmental Change Institute, which is spearheading the development of these statistical tools. "In a simple analogy, a dice may be loaded to come up six, but a six could have come up anyway without the loading."³

The correlation between human activity and extreme weather events seems to be much more tenuous than the correlation between human activity and higher global temperatures.

Everything Is Politics

No matter how much scientific data we collect or how successful future models become at attributing blame for climate change, they do not tell us what we should do. The underlying issues are moral and political, not scientific.

Should we waste natural resources, such as fossil fuels, or wantonly pollute God's earth? Of course not! We don't need a scientific study to tell us this. We should be good stewards right now because our worldview tells us so—whether we are Christians who believe God is the owner of creation or are secular humanists who are concerned about self-preservation. Science is just a tool to help us understand the world around us and the consequences of our actions.

What if it becomes clear in the future that burning fossil fuels is seriously harming life on this planet? We must weigh many complex moral factors based on our worldview. That includes weighing the effects on people. What suffering would a lack of affordable energy cause to millions, even billions, of people worldwide? Who has the authority to make such difficult decisions?

As fellow humans made in God's image, we can all share many common concerns. Both Christians and non-Christians agree that we have a responsibility to care for the earth (Genesis 1:26, 28). Most people would acknowledge that we must be careful because of mankind's tendency to act selfishly and abuse power. And most are wary of unintended consequences of political decisions even if our motives are pure.

Yet Christians will never be on the same page with non-Christians because we have such radically different starting points. The key to interpreting the scientific data and determining whether the earth's climate is out of control is found in the light of God's Word. Without this starting point, people will reach radically different conclusions about the state of our climate and what, if anything, needs to be done.

Those with a secular view have good reason to be concerned about rising temperatures. In their view, the earth's climate is uncontrolled and dangerous, and humans are the only ones who can do anything about it.

In a biblical view, by contrast, God designed the earth and our climate, and he is actively sustaining creation. Though the temperature of the earth will fluctuate, the Creator has promised that the climate will remain suitable for human life until he creates a new heaven and a new earth (Genesis 8:22).

Christians can be a voice of reason and hope to a frightened world. We should point people to the wisdom found in God's Word, which shows us how to tackle daily challenges as well as the eternal issues that matter most. Through it all, we can be confident that God will keep his promises. He always has. He always will.

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Footnotes

1. Alan White, "The Globe Is Warming, But It's Not Your Fault!," AnswersinGenesis.org. Direct measurement of carbon dioxide and temperature was not possible until recently. The earlier temperatures were estimated by using multiple datasets that correlate with temperature. The earlier CO₂ measurements were estimated by analyzing the gas trapped in ice core samples. These data are much less accurate than current, direct measurements, which appear on the graph beginning at 1979. Currently, temperatures are measured by satellite, and CO₂ concentrations are measured at Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii.
2. Thomas Knudson, et al., "Tropical Cyclones and Climate Change Assessment: Part I. Detection and Attribution," *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, (forthcoming), <https://www.gfdl.noaa.gov/global-warming-and-hurricanes/#global-warming-and-atlantic-hurricanes>.
3. Friederike Otto, Rachel James, and Myles Allen, "The Science of Attributing Extreme Weather Events and Its Potential Contribution to Assessing Loss and Damage Associated with Climate Change Impacts," Environmental Change Institute, 2014.

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

Weds 20 th Nov, 7pm	Mid-week Bible Study
Fri 22 nd Nov, 7pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony
Sun 24 th Nov, 10am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting

WELCOME

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
Preacher	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
Message	TBC	TBC
Text	TBC	TBC

LORD'S DAY DUTIES

TODAY: 17/11/2019

Chairman: Jonathan
Organist: Anthony
Pianist: Venise
Ushers: Daniel / Yetta
Lunch: Sharon
Washing Up: Volunteers
PA Crew: Mark / Jason

NEXT WEEK: 24/11/2019

Chairman: John
Organist: Anthony
Pianist: Anthony
Ushers: Tom / Margaret
Lunch: Maureen
Washing Up: Volunteers
PA Crew: Mark / Jason

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday School:** Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend
- **Lord's Day Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting @ 10am:** Please do come and join us for a time of prayer.
- **Mid Week Bible Study:** This will be held fortnightly in the manse on Wednesday evening, 7pm, starting 20th November.

Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1040.74, Lunch: £44.20
Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 8 (C), Afternoon: 19 (A) 8 (C)

Church Maintenance Fund
Total: £5,810.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 92

Q: What is a sacrament?

A: A Sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by CHRIST, wherein, – by sensible signs – Christ, and the benefits of the New Covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Comments:

We are here taught that the marks of a sacrament are: 1. That it is appointed by Christ; 2. That it is a way of teaching the gospel by outward signs. Its uses are three in number: 1. To represent the gospel to us, or teach it plainly; 2. To seal the gospel to us, or confirm our faith in it; 3. To apply the gospel to us, or bring it home to our hearts. The word sacrament is derived from a Latin word, which signified the sacred oath of fidelity to his commander, which the soldier took on entering the army for the service of his country. In a Christian sense, it means the vow of fidelity and obedience to Christ which is taken when we enter the Church. This vow was taken for us in Baptism, when we were infants. In the Lord's Supper, we take it upon ourselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 17:10, Romans 4:11

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.”

Psalm 37:23-24

This Week

“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.”

Psalm 31:24

Next Week

“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.”

Ephesians 5:2