



NEW LIFE

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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 09 FEBRUARY 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 7:9

Psalm 105:1-4

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 61 – “O For a Thousand Tongues”

RHC 93 – “To God Be the Glory”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 46

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 46 verses 1-11
(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 487 – “New Life in Christ”

Scriptural Text

Colossians 2:4-15

Romans 11:33-36

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Made Alive Together With Christ

To God Alone Be The Glory

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 388 – “O For A Closer Walk with God”

RHC 28 – “The God of Abraham Praise”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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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.

GROWING IN SANCTIFICATION

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:23).

Introduction

It is said that sanctification is so critical that those who professed to be Christians who have no desire for it reveals the dangerous state of their soul, for without holiness no one will see the Lord (Heb. 12:14). The word, ‘sanctification’ signifies to consecrate and set apart to a holy use - for God’s service. A comprehensive definition of sanctification by the Westminster Larger Catechism, Q.75 states: Sanctification is a work of God’s grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.

How are believers sanctified?

First, we must know and trust in the triune God who saves sinners from sin. Sanctification is, to grow in the likeness of our God and Father. By conforming to the image of Christ, we inevitably become more like God. One must begin by trusting Christ’s finished work on the cross whereby His people are saved and made able to be sanctified. Without His life and death, there would be no justification and therefore no sanctification. The Holy Spirit indwells and sanctifies us by making us alive, giving us a heart for the things of God, applying the Word to our hearts, and creating His fruit in our lives. Without the triune God, we would all be relinquished to our natural state of being dead in our sins and trespasses, in the grips of a threefold enemy: Satan, the world, and indwelling sin (Eph. 2:1-2).

Second, we must trust that God has given us, in His Word and specifically in the Ten Commandments, all we need to know about holiness. The Bible contains what we must repent of as well as what we must obey - what we must stop doing, thinking, and feeling, and what we must begin doing, thinking, and feeling (Isa. 1:16-17; Rom. 13:12; Eph. 4:22, 24).

Third, we must be assured that God has given all the power necessary for sanctification to take place in the life of His children. In Ephesians 1:16-20, Paul prays that they would know God, have hope, know the riches of the glory go their inheritance, and know the exceeding greatness of God’s power towards believers. Then he proceeds to explain that this mighty power is the very power with which Jesus was raised from the dead and “set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:17-20).

Fourth, we must guard against two great errors regarding sanctification: legalism and liberalism. Legalism seeks to add the merit of our works to Christ and the wisdom of our rules to God's Word, but in so doing it loses Christ, freedom, hope, obedience, grace, and love (Gal. 5:1-7). Liberalism twists our freedom in Christ into an opportunity for sin, leading to sexual immorality, false worship, strife in relationships, and lack of self-control (Gal. 5:13, 19-21).

Finally, we must be crucifying the flesh and living in the Spirit (Gal. 5:24-25). Crucifying the flesh is actively putting off sin and developing a greater and greater hatred of sin. Sin seeks to do nothing else but destroy any likeness of Christ. Therefore repentance is an ongoing grace - always confessing, praying for forgiveness, and turning from sin. Living in the Spirit is growing in holiness. It is to become more and more like Christ. The fruit of the Spirit are graces diametrically opposite to the works of the flesh (Gal:5:22-23). Love would exterminate adultery, hatred, strife, and envy. Temperance is a powerful weapon against uncleanness, drunkenness, and revelings; meekness against murders; peace against seditions, and goodness against wrath. These are graces that do not originate in the human heart. They are direct consequence of the indwelling of the Spirit. Christians are recipients of grace, yet fully responsible to obey the command to trust the Lord and make use of the means of grace in order to have such fruit produced in abundance in our lives.

Conclusion

Thus, we can understand our dire need of the triune God, His holy Word, and His powerful hand, that he may graciously lead us in the grace of sanctification, keeping us far from the dangerous rocks of legalism and precipices of liberalism - all to God's glory.

- partly adapted from The Reformation Heritage KJV Study Bible

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:00 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Please stay back for fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the afternoon service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

| APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK | | WELCOME |
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| Wed 12 th Feb, 7pm | Mid-Week Bible Study | 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. |
| Sun 16 th Feb, 10am | Pre-worship Prayer Meeting | |
| Next Lord's Day | Morning Service Afternoon Service | LORD'S DAY DUTIES |
| Preacher | Pr Mok Chee Cheong Pr Mok Chee Cheong | TODAY: 09/02/2020 |
| Message | TBC TBC | Chairman: John |
| Text | TBC TBC | Organist: Anthony |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Pianist: 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. • Catechism Class: For those seeking baptism or church membership, the catechism classes will commence today at 2pm. Please inform Pr Mok if you would like to join the classes. • Mid Week Bible Study: This will be held fortnightly in the manse on Wednesday evening, 7pm. The next bible study will be on the 12th Feb. • Library Ministry: The Church library is now open, please see Pr Mok if you wish to borrow any books. | | Ushers: Tom / Jonathan K |
| | | Lunch: Maureen |
| | | Washing Up: Volunteers |
| | | PA Crew: Mark / Jason |
| | | <u>NEXT WEEK: 16/02/2020</u> |
| <p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1946.00, Lunch: £36.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 23 (A) 5 (C), Afternoon: 14 (A) 2 (C)</p> | | Church Maintenance Fund Total: £6,160.50 |
| SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 104 | | |
| <p>Q: What do we pray for in the Fourth Petition?</p> <p><i>A: In the Fourth Petition – (which is, GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD) – we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a <u>competent portion</u> of the good things of this life, and enjoy <u>his blessing</u> with them.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> We now come to the petitions concerning ourselves – the <i>order</i> of the prayer being God <i>first</i>, and ourselves <i>afterwards</i>. In this petition we pray for the supply of our bodily wants. We ask for two things – a sufficient portion for the day, and God's blessing with it.</p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Proverbs 30:8, Psalm 90:17</p> | | |
| MEMORY VERSE | | |
| <p>Last Week</p> <p><i>“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”</i></p> <p>Hebrews 12:14</p> | <p>This Week</p> <p><i>“A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.”</i></p> <p>Proverbs 16:9</p> | <p>Next Week</p> <p><i>“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”</i></p> <p>Deuteronomy 31:6</p> |