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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 13 SEPTEMBER 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Isaiah 42:5-12	Colossians 3:12-15
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	John Poh
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 77	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 John 4:17-5:3
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Ps Timothy Poh	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Gospel = Evangelism</i>	<i>Love, Honour, Obey</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, as the Church Premises reopens for Morning Worship Service please note that there will be strict social distancing measures put in place. Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times out of consideration for all worshippers.

Tithes & Offerings – There will be an offering box at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary for you to place your offerings in.

Bi-Weekly Bible Study will next be held online on Friday 18th September, 7pm. Please speak with Pr Mok for more information.

Worship Service Collections: 02/08/20 - £2945, 09/08/20 - £3165, 16/08/20 - £5190, 23/08/20 - £1290

Building Maintenance Fund: £100

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 28

Q: Wherein consisteth Christ’s exaltation?

A: Christ’s exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Comments:

Exaltation means a rising from meanness to greatness. Christ’s exaltation consists in the following particulars:

1. In rising from the dead; 2. In ascending up into heaven; 3. In sitting at God’s right hand; 4. In being appointed to judge the world. This is the state in which our Saviour is now.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:19, Matthew 25:31-32

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.”

Habakkuk 3:2

This Week

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

1 John 4:10

Next Week

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcome, even our faith.”

1 John 5:4

LIVING FOR GOD'S GLORY

Introduction

What a lofty goal this is! What could be higher? Yet this is the chief end of everyone who has ever lived. God deserves all glory due to His name (Ps. 29:2). He says it Himself: *"This people have I formed for myself, they shall shew forth my praise"* (Isa. 43:21). The happiest beings are the angels and glorified saints in heaven, who glorify God eternally. Paul put it this way: *"Ye are redeemed with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit"* (1 Cor. 6:20).

The Steps to living for God's glory

First, we must *be redeemed by Christ*. By nature, we come short of the glory of God; in fact, we are enemies of it (Rom. 1:21-23; 3:23). We deserve everlasting shame because we have not glorified God rightly. We must be redeemed. Our service to sin must end, and Christ's blood and righteousness must be applied to set us free from the penalty and power of sin (Gal. 3:13-14; 5:24). He lived a perfect life that glorified God without fail; He paid the full ransom price on Calvary. Are you redeemed by His precious blood? Without this great Redeemer, you are lost and will never attain the purpose for which you were made.

Second, we must *glorify God in our bodies*. Many in the Corinthian church were returning to their former fleshly sins. The body is not for fornication (1 Cor. 6:13), but for the Lord. *"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?"* (1 Cor. 6:19). There is a great dignity to our bodies. They are not a garbage dump. They are temples of the Holy Ghost. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Let us use our eyes rightly, as Jesus did, who was filled with compassion as He looked on the multitude. Let our ears turn away from the voices of the world and use them to listen to God's Word and the advice of the godly, even if it is reproof. Let us use our lips not for gossip, but to pray, to speak of the Lord Jesus, and to speak comfort to the downcast. Let us use our hands not to steal, but to work diligently, and to give for the good of others (Eph. 4:28). Let us use our feet to go to the house of God, to walk in His ways, and to follow the Lord Jesus in His footsteps (1 Peter 2:21).

Third, we must *glorify God in our spirit*. Let us think high thoughts of God, read His Word, and submit to His will. Let us trust in Him, as was said of Abram: *"he was strong in faith . . . giving glory to God"* (Rom. 4:20). Let us give glory to God by confessing our sins, as David acknowledging his sin and justifying God (Ps. 51). Let us give glory to God by a life of holiness, being made conformable to His Son, denying ourselves, and taking up our cross. Let us give glory to God by being thankful, as the leper who returned to Jesus to render thanks to Him (Luke 17:18). This is our reasonable service, isn't it (Rom. 12:1)?

He has bought you with His precious blood, so glorify Him in your body and in your soul. How sad when common activities like eating and drinking remain only common activities. That is how they lived in Noah's days, swallowing it all down without honouring the Giver of these gifts. But Paul says that the children of God should be marked by doing everything to His glory (1 Cor. 10:31).

Conclusion

The secret? The favourable presence of God. That was the secret to Joseph's life of glorifying God in trying times. He was far from his parents, far from the Promised Land, but the Lord was not far from him. God was with him (Gen. 39:2). He experienced the communion and nearness of the Lord. Can we do with less?

Let us look to the Saviour from God who could say, *"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do"* (John 17:4). He gives His Spirit in answer to your prayer: "Help me thy will to do."

- PM (adapted)