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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 7:1, 10 & 17

Psalm 9:1-2 & 11

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Opening Hymn **

RHC 4 – “Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling”

RHC 5 – “Command Thy Blessing
From Above”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 20

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 20 verses 1-7
(to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 194)

Scriptural Text

Exodus 10:26

1 Corinthians 1:18

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Sermon Message

Total Redemption

The Message Of The Cross

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 397 – “Behold The Amazing
Gift”

RHC 551 – “When I Survey The
Wondrous Cross”

Benediction/3-Fold

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Amen **

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.

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.

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 24

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A: Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Comments:

A prophet is a man who declares the will of God; and we are here told that this is what Christ, as our prophet, does for us. He does so by his Word, for the whole Bible is his; but inasmuch as the mere reading of the Bible is not sufficient of itself to make a man wise unto salvation, he likewise bestows his Holy Spirit, that so the Word may profit those who hear it.

Scriptural Reference:

Hebrews 1:1-2, John 16:13

HINDRANCES TO BROTHERLY LOVE

Arthur W. Pink (1886-1952)

The root hindrance to the exercise of brotherly love is self-love. [This means] to be so occupied with number one that the interests of others are lost sight of. In Proverbs 30:15, we read, "*The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give.*" This repulsive creature has two forks in her tongue, which she employs for gorging herself in the blood of her unhappy victim. Spiritually, the "horseleach" represents self-love and her two daughters are self-righteousness and self-pity. As the horseleach is never satisfied, often continuing to gorge itself until it bursts, so self-love is never contented, crying "Give, give." All the blessings and mercies of God are perverted by making them to minister unto self. Now the antidote for this evil spirit is for the heart to be engaged with the example that Christ has left us. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister unto others. He pleased not Himself, but ever "went about doing good." He was tireless in relieving distress and seeking the welfare of all with whom He came into contact. Then "*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*" (Phi 2:5). If brotherly love is to continue, self must be denied.

Inseparably connected with self-love is pride. Fostering pride is fatal to the cultivation of brotherly affection. The majority, if not all, of the petty grievances among Christians are to be traced back to this evil root. "*Love suffereth long,*" but pride is terribly impatient. "*Love envieth not,*" but pride is intensely jealous. "*Love seeketh not her own,*" but pride ever desires gratification. "*Love seeketh not her own,*" but pride demands constant attention from others. "*Love beareth all things,*" but pride is resentful of the slightest injury. "*Love endureth all things,*" but pride is offended if a brother fails to greet him on the street. Pride must be mortified if brotherly love is to flourish. Therefore, the first injunction of Christ to those who come unto Him for rest is, "*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart*" (Mat 11:29).

Another great enemy to brotherly love is a sectarian spirit. This evil is far more widespread than many suppose. Our readers would be surprised if they knew how often a sample copy of this magazine is despised by those who have a reputation for being stalwarts in the Faith and as possessing a relish for spiritual things. Yet because this paper is not issued by their denomination or "circle of fellowship," it is at once relegated to the wastepaper basket. Alas, how frequently is a spirit of partisanship mistaken for brotherly love: so long as a person "believes our doctrines" and is willing to "join our church," he is received with open arms. On the other hand, no matter how sound in the faith a man may be, nor how godly his walk, if he refuses to affiliate himself with some particular group of professing Christians, he is looked upon with suspicion and given the cold shoulder. Such things ought not to be. They betray a very low state of spirituality."

We are far from advocating the entering into familiar fellowship with everyone who claims to be a Christian — Scripture warns us to "*lay hands suddenly on no man*" (1Ti 5:22), for all is not gold that glitters. Perhaps there never was a day in which empty profession abounded so much as it does now. Yet there is a happy medium between being taken in by every imposter who comes along and refusing to believe that there are any genuine saints left upon earth. Surely, a tree may be known by its fruits. When

we meet with one in whom we can discern the image of Christ, whether that one be a member of our party or not, there should our affections be fixed. “*Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God*” (Rom 15:7). It is our bounden duty to love all whom Christ loves. It is utterly vain that we boast of our orthodoxy or of the “light” we have, if brotherly love be not shown by us to the feeblest member of Christ’s body who crosses our path.

Many other things are serious obstacles to the maintenance of brotherly love. Yet we must not do more than barely mention them: the love of the world; failure to mortify the lusts of the flesh in our souls; being unduly wrapped up in the members of our own family, so that those related to us by the blood of Christ have not that place in our affections that they ought; ignorance of the directions in which it should be exercised and of the proper duties which it calls for; forgetfulness of the foundation of it, which is a mutual interest in the grace of God, that we are fellow members of the Household of Faith; a readiness to listen to idle gossip, which in most instances, is a giving place to the Devil (Eph 4:27), who accuses the brethren day and night.

But there is one other serious hindrance to the continuance of brotherly love that we will notice in a little more detail, namely, *impatience*. By impatience, we mean a lack of forbearance. True brotherly love is a reflection of God’s love for us. He loves His people not for their native attractiveness, but for Christ’s sake. Therefore, [He loves] them in spite of their ugliness and vileness. God is “longsuffering to us-ward (2 Pet 3:9), bearing with our crookedness, pardoning our iniquities, healing our diseases, and His word to us is, “*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children, and walk in love*” (Eph 5:1-2). We are to love the saints for what we can see of Christ in them, yes, love them and for that reason — in spite of all their ignorance, perverseness, ill temper, obstinacy, fretfulness. It is the image of God in them — not their wealth, amiability, social position — that is the magnet that attracts a renewed heart toward them.

“Forbearing one another in love” (Eph 4:2). False love is glad of any specious excuse for throwing off the garb that sits so loosely and uncomfortably upon it. Ahithophel was glad of a pretext to forsake David, whom he hated in his heart, although with his mouth he continued to show much love (2 Sam 15-17). “Forbearing one another in love.” That love which a little silence or neglect can destroy never came from God; that love that a few blasts of malice from the lips of a new acquaintance will wither is not worth possessing! Remember, dear brother, God suffers our love for one another to be tried and tested — as He does our faith — or there would be no need for this exhortation “forbearing one another in love.” The most spiritual Christian on earth is full of infirmities, and the best way of enduring them is to remind yourself frequently and honestly that you also are full of faults and failings.

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Oh, Christians! Turn your hot words into salt tears! How do the enemies of religion insult us to see not only Christ’s coat, but also His body rent. For these things let our eyes run down. — Thomas Watson (1620-1686)

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:15 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time of worship with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, we are streaming our worship services online. To join our online services or for more information, please call the church manse, or email us at [admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@newlifebpc.org.uk).

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

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Worship Service Collections: Last Sunday - TBC

Church Maintenance Fund Total: £9,200.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me."

Song of Solomon 8:3

This Week

"And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."

Exodus 6:7

Next Week

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

1 Corinthians 1:18

Pre-cautions for Worship Services held at the church premises:

With the lifting of the legal Covid restrictions on 24th Feb 2022, we will continue observing the following precautions:

- No offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- Temperature measurements will still be taken for every worshipper and visitor for the time being. We continue to urge those who feel unwell (especially with Covid symptoms) not to come to the church services but join us at our online services.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- As per the current government advise, we suggest you use a face covering when attending the services. Please bring your own face covering.

To join our online services or for more information, please visit the church website (www.newlifebpc.org.uk) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim,
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