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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 MARCH 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1-2 & 10

Psalm 147:1 & 12

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Opening Hymn **

RHC 50 – “Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All”

RHC 64 – “Jesus! The Sinner’s Friend”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 145 1st Version

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 145 verses 1-6
(to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)

Scriptural Text

2 Corinthians 11:22

Jonah 2:4

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

The Christian’s Spiritual Lineage

Resolute Faith

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”

RHC 359 – “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

*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.

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 106

Q: What do we pray for in the Sixth Petition?

A: In the Sixth Petition – (which is, AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL) – we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Comments:

Temptation means anything that would induce us to sin. And in this petition we ask one of two things from God – either that he would take all temptation away from us, or that he would enable us to resist and overcome it.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 26:41, Psalm 19:13, 2 Timothy 4:18

THE MISTAKEN CHRISTIANS

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matthew 7:21-23).

Introduction

We know from scriptures that there never was a time in the church of God in which all were Christians who professed to be so. When the Lord Jesus, as the Master himself had selected twelve men to be his nearest his disciples, yet there was a devil amongst the twelve. Judas, the treasurer of the apostles, was also a son of perdition. When Paul and the apostles went about to preach the gospel and to plant churches, surely there must have been a great harvest of souls into God’s kingdom; but it was not so, the harvest was a mingled mass of wheats and tares. Tragically, this phenomenon continues still in the churches today, and will be so until the day of Jesus Christ (Matt 13:30).

The above mentioned verses spoken by the Lord Jesus clearly and soberly reveal that in the church of Christ, there are those who are termed as, “The mistaken Christians.” According to the Lord Jesus, these are the people who said, “Lord, Lord,” and yet Jesus says, not every one of them shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. So, what sort of people were they?

1. Superficial Professors

There is no doubt the Lord Jesus referred, in the first place, to a certain class of superficial professors, for they are satisfied with the shell of religion whether their heart is in it or not; they have a form of godliness, but they are strangers to its power (2 Tim. 3:5). They are content to clean the outside of the cup and the platter, but the washing of the inside, the new heart, the truth in the inward parts, the giving of the heart’s love to Jesus, is not their intention.

If you say “Lord, Lord,” you must yield a hearty obedience to the Lord Jesus, and make your inner nature to be the temple of the Spirit of God, or else your hypocrisy will condemn you at the day of judgement, as one who dared to insult the God of truth with a false profession.

2. Active Professors

Yet another group, are those who are very busy in religious service, for Jesus says of them, “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?” In other words, they had not served in any mean position, for they had prophesied or preached in the name of Christ. They actively and prominently occupy the prophet’s chair, and prophesy in Christ’s name.

Furthermore, these people had obtained remarkable success, for they went on to say, “Have we not, in thy name, cast out devils?” It is indeed a great success to cast out devils, but if you and I are able to cast out evil spirits out of others, yet unable to cast the devil out of ourselves, then are we not in the most dire condition? It is better to be absolutely certain that our names are written in the Lamb’s book of life than to *“speak with the tongues of men and of angels...., and have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge”* (1 Cor. 13: 1& 2).

3. Zealous Professors

Moreover, these people were not merely professors, and doers of miraculous works, and very successful, but they were exceedingly zealous, and were noted for their energetic service, for they said, "Have we not, in thy name, done many wonderful works?"

They had done many works in Christ's name. They seemed as if they could never do too much, and what they did was really very wonderful; in fact, they did not like to do anything unless it was wonderful, and the people wondered at them, and so it kept them diligently at their work because they were so much wondered at.

Yet it is possible that a wonderful life should, after all, be a lost life, — that a doer of many wonderful works should, at the last, be found lacking; for so the Lord Jesus puts it in our text. Therefore, I urge each professed believer, however highly favoured he may have been in his Master's service, to put away from him everything that might veer to false security, and to ask himself, "Shall I, in that last great day of account, be proved to be right?"

4. True Professors

There are many more varieties of vain professors that can fill the pages, but there is one more group of professors that Jesus mentioned in the text — "he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven," they are the true professors. They are the ones who are doing what their Master, Jesus, did — "*My meat is to do the will of him (God) that sent me*" (John 4:34). What is the will of his Father in heaven? We are expressly told in John 6:40, "this is the will of him that sent me (Christ), that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life." It is a part, then, of the will of God, which we must do if we would be saved, that we believe on Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is not, your sacraments, your church-goings, your prayers, your bible reading and hymns; all these externals go for nothing, if you do not trust in the Lord Jesus, you have not even the foundation stone of salvation; you are lost; and may God have mercy upon you! It is a part of God's will, that where there is faith there should also be obedience to God, conformity to the divine precepts. In fact, true faith in Jesus Christ always brings about this. There never was one that believed in Jesus, and yet will not endeavour, by the help of the Holy Spirit seek to know and do the will of Jesus, his Saviour and Master. The true child of God, also, adds to his faith, love, and faith generate in him all the graces and virtues which adorn renewed the true professor, and bring glory to God.

Conclusion

Therefore, judge yourselves, whether you know Jesus or not, and whether Jesus knows you; and, as you examine your hearts, whatever your verdict may be, take this last word of counsel; whether he knows you or not, come to him; trust in him; rest in him. If you fear whether you do know him, trust him without further delay. Then, if you have made a mistake previously, and have not really known him, you will begin to know him now; and if you have known him, you will blessedly renew your fellowship with him, and the question that has troubled you will vanish, and you will say, "Yes, Lord, blessed be your name, I do know you, and you know me, and you will know me for ever and ever." Amen.

- Pr. Mok

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, with the legal Covid restrictions lifted on 24th Feb 2022, both Worship Services will be held in the Church Premises.

Please continue to use face coverings in the church out of consideration for all worshippers and as per government advice.

For those unable to attend Church in person, we will continue to stream our services online.

If you require the link to our online zoom services or have any queries, 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.

Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £310.00

**Church Maintenance Fund
Total: £8,500.50**

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.”

Nehemiah 9:6

This Week

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8

Next Week

“Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.”

Jonah 2:4

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

With the lifting of the legal Covid restrictions on 24th Feb 2022, we will be following the precautions listed below until further notice:

- No offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can still be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- Temperature measurements will still be taken for every worshipper and visitor. We must urge those who feel unwell with Covid symptoms not to come to services until tested.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- We strongly recommend face coverings to be worn in the church out of consideration for all worshippers and as per government advise. For young children under the age of 11, the use of face covering is optional. Please bring your own face covering.
- From 6th Mar onwards, access to non-essential areas of the church (e.g. the Fellowship Hall and kitchen) will be made available. Please bring your own lunch as Fellowship Lunch is still suspended. Drinks will be provided.

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,
Task Force Members