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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 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:7-9 & 14

Psalm 21:1, 5 & 13

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Opening Hymn *

RHC 24 – *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

RHC 26 – *“Come, Thou Fount”*

Responsive Reading

Psalm 22

Second Hymn *

Psalm 22 verses 23-28
(to the tune of All Saints, RHC 562)

Scriptural Text

Exodus 14:13-15

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Resolution to Our Inner Struggles

Faithful Stewardship

Closing Hymn *

RHC 298 – *“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

RHC 466 – *“Go Labour On”*

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

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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 26

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

A: Christ executeth the office of a king, IN SUBDUING US TO HIMSELF, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Comments:

A king is the ruler of a kingdom. Now there is a great kingdom set up on earth, consisting of all God’s people, and its ruler is Christ. As such, his duties are here said to be threefold: 1. He makes us willing to obey him; 2. He gives us laws for our guidance and safety; 3. He limits and finally puts down all who oppose us and him.

Scriptural Reference:

2 Corinthians 10:5, Matthew 11:29, 2 Timothy 4:18

RAIDERS OF THE SOUL

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The most famous speech ever made was the Sermon on the Mount, given by Jesus Christ to thousands on a Galilean mountainside. Towards the end He uttered these striking words: 'Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves'. 'Beware!' means – keep your mind focused on dangers. It urges us to watch out intelligently. Do we assess and evaluate the ideas about life which are pressed upon us today? Do we check out the various lifestyles and values on offer?

Christ is really saying: 'Don't be mindless about life, and indifferent to its purpose. Don't be naïve, accepting without question all the ideas that come along, but think where you're heading in life.' What do we believe about this life, or about human nature or moral values, or about God?

When Christ warned about false prophets He did not mean religious teachers only but non-religious ones as well. He included people today who challenge and contradict the morals and message of the Bible. He said that people who promote wrong views about life come in sheep's clothing, meaning that they are non-threatening in their message. They offer us whatever we want.

False ideas, said Christ, are like a wide gate and a broad road. They are popular ideas that appeal to the crowds, like a lifestyle pursuing material things and gratifying every lust. Many false ideas tell us to forget about God and morals, and to forget about being accountable to God at the end of life. 'Do everything to please yourself,' they say, 'liberate your animal nature and do just as you want in life.'

Who are the people who teach these things? They are those who today steer society, run the media and the entertainment industry, and who urge and legislate the abolition of morals.

But how may we be certain these are the false teachers? Christ gave this rule, and it is infallible: 'Ye shall know them by their fruits,' meaning their results. Look at the results of today's popular ideas about life. Where have they led, and what have they produced?

We are told to get rid of moral standards, with the exception of a few that protect other people from harm and loss, such as murder, personal violence, child abuse and robbery. All other standards must go, so, gender distinctions are rubbished, homosexuality is approved (soon it will be a crime to disapprove of it), and free sex outside marriage is powerfully championed (with contraceptives given to teenagers in order to eliminate the consequences, and abortion offered if things go wrong).

Pride is OK (the 'feel good about yourself' idea), and greed too, whether in the form of covetousness, or drunkenness or other excesses. This is called 'enjoying yourself'. Scanty clothes for sexual arousal are paraded and promoted, and foul language is plugged to saturation point on TV. Selfishness (it's called 'taking care of yourself') is the ideal lifestyle.

But what have the advocates of these ideas (mainly anti-Christian humanists) achieved? Have they produced the sophisticated, liberal society they claimed would result? The result is that there has never been so much cheating, theft, fraud, violence, cruelty, coarseness, disrespect, porn, abortion, lust, separation and divorce, addiction, drunkenness, yobbishness, selfishness and misery in society as there is today! What a mess, and society is worsening all the time.

This is not said for the sake of moaning, but because it proves that the opponents of morality have got it all wrong, and their ideas have failed.

I read recently a newspaper article which claimed that things have always been just as bad, the author mentioning the Elephant Gang of the 1950s, with their razors, bicycle chains and knuckledusters. I noticed from his photograph at the top of the page that he was not old enough to have been around at the time of the Elephant Gang, but those of us who were say that things were nothing like as bad as today – not even a tenth as bad. Muggings, for example, were rare in those days, and called ‘robbery with violence’, attracting stiff prison sentences. Now they are so commonplace that most muggers are never caught. Society has deteriorated beyond recognition.

The people who have destroyed biblical standards have produced a tidal wave of broken marriages, chaos and pain, and it will get much worse. In their arrogance they have thrown away the standards of centuries, and society will reap the consequences.

Christ says such people are like ‘thorns and briars’, but they are so proud they will not accept their failure, and, it seems, so selfish that they don’t care about the people that get hurt. They seem to be driven by an irrational passion to promote sin and attack the Christian faith.

One eminent atheist was recently given a television series to present his hatred of faith in God! He claimed that religion was the cause of all wars, and should be got rid of. Had he never heard of Stalin’s murdered millions, and all the other ideological killings of communism? Did he not know about the long history of territorial wars that have dominated history and have nothing to do with religion? Was he unaware of the two terrible world wars? What caused him to relate such grossly inaccurate nonsense? Though an accomplished scientist he seems to have forgotten his history, and in his prejudice against God was carried away to say foolish things.

Wars actually prove the Bible teaching about human depravity, that while everyone is capable of doing some good things, all are weak and sinful at the same time. Constant cruel wars only prove the Bible right and atheists wrong. People who oppose God’s moral standards will never produce stable communities and real happiness.

The supreme teacher is Christ Himself, Who is both God and man. He reaches out to individuals to change them and give them new life and happiness. His teaching is perfect and His standards are pure. He lived a perfect life on earth and then died in terrible agony as God the Father laid upon Him the guilt of everyone who would trust in Him throughout the history of the world, punishing Him in their place.

He came to bring eternal blessing to men and women, and to give deep, inner spiritual change to those who believe in Him. He rose from the dead, and has since changed the lives of billions of people worldwide. Don’t trust the present dominant teachers and moulders of society who are opposed to Christ and His moral standards. Don’t be shaped by atheism. Find out all you can about Christ, and seek Him. (See Matthew 7 verse 15 for Sermon on the Mount speech).

Article taken from Pastor Peter Masters, Metropolitan Tabernacle, Elephant & Castle, London

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 - £615.50, Maintenance Fund - £40.00

Church Maintenance Fund Total: £9,340.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last 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

This Week

“And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light: to go by day and night.”

Exodus 13:21

Next Week

“Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.”

1 Corinthians 3:13

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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