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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 20 MARCH 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-4 & 13

Psalm 149:1-2 & 4

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Opening Hymn **

RHC 82 – “*This Day at Thy Creating Word*”

RHC 360 – “*My God is Any Hour so Sweet*”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 146

(to the tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)

Scriptural Text

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Jonah 3:9

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Christ’s All-Sufficient Grace

The Reversal of Judgement

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 294 – “*Grace! Tis a Charming Sound*”

RHC 317 – “*The Solid Rock*”

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 107

Q: What doth the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?

A: The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer – (which is, FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER, AMEN) – teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from GOD ONLY, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to him. – And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, AMEN.

Comments:

The conclusion means the *end*. And the concluding part of the Lord’s Prayer teaches us three things: 1. That we should look to God alone for help; 2. That we should give all praise to him who alone can answer our prayers; 3. And that we should end all our prayers with some such word as Amen, which means, *May it be so*, or *May our prayer be heard*.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 65:2, 1 Chronicles 29:11, Psalm 106:48

EVANGELISM — WHAT IS IT?

Introduction

EVANGELISM is the communication of a divinely inspired message that we call the gospel. It is a message that is definable in words, but must be communicated in word and power. *For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance...* (1Th 1:5). That message begins with information and includes explanation, application and invitation.

The information is how God, our Creator and Judge, in mercy, made His Son a perfect, able and willing Saviour of sinners. The invitation is God's summons to mankind to come to that Saviour in faith and repentance, and find forgiveness, life and peace.

'And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment' (1Jo 3:23). *'Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent'* (Joh 6:29).

Definition

The definition of evangelise is as follows: "To present Jesus Christ to sinful men, in order that they may come to put their trust in God, through Him to receive Him as their Saviour and serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His church." You will notice that this definition is more than "winning souls," or saving people from hell, or saving them from their personal problems, or from life's casualties, and you will notice that the definition includes serving Christ in His church. Much present-day evangelism would not fit this definition.

Evangelism Is a Good Work

We want to consider evangelism as a good work, and we must ask, "What determines a good work?" There are three things that determine when a work is a good work.

First, a good work must be done by a right rule, and in the case of evangelism, that rule is the Word of God. We must examine all we do and say in evangelism by the Word of God. That is going to be shocking and revealing, but, this will be our only appeal — the Word of God. The question is not going to be, "Does it work?" but, "Is it true?" "Is it biblical?" The Jehovah's Witnesses '(a cult group) system works because they get converts, but is it true?

Second, a good work must have a right end in view. What is that end? The glory of God! God's grace, mercy, and power will be glorified in the salvation of souls, or, His righteousness, holiness, and justice will be glorified in the damnation of ungodly rejectors of His revelation. Therefore, our job is to be true to the message of evangelism, regardless of the results.

When a preacher of a church tries to effect that which only God can effect, it has shifted from God-centred evangelism to man-centred evangelism. Therefore, the end we must have in view in God-centred evangelism must be first and foremost, the glory of God. If our end is only man, then our evangelism will soon become man-centred, which represents most modern evangelism.

Third, a good work must have a right motive. What is the right motive in God-centred evangelism?

There are two proper motives:

1. Love to God and concern for His Glory.
2. Love to man and concern for his good.

Both of these motives spring from the Ten Commandments. Let me explain what I mean. When Jesus was asked by the lawyer, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said unto him, *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets"* (Mat 22:36-40). Here our Lord gave a summary of the Ten Commandments.

Now, I said our motive for the good work of God-centred evangelism must be: (1) love to God and concern for His glory, and (2) love to man and concern for his good. Well, how do we glorify God?

We glorify God by doing His will — and it is His will that we spread His name and His message of His salvation. Jesus said He glorified the Father by finishing the work that the Father gave Him to do: *"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do"* (Joh 17:4).

He has given us the work of taking His message to all the world, thus our first motive must be love to God and concern for His glory. This is expressed in obedience to His revealed will. Therefore, if we are obedient to spreading God's message, He will be glorified regardless of the results. The results are past our reach, past our ability, and, thank God, past our responsibility.

Our second motive — love to man and concern for his good — again springs from our Lord's summary of the commandments, *"...the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself"* (Mat 22:39). If we really love our neighbour, we will want to share with him the message of salvation. I must add a personal note. The greatest good that has ever been done to me, or for me, in this world was done by the man who brought me the message of salvation, the message we call the gospel. He loved me; he was concerned for my good in this world and in the world to come. The Christ of this message changed my life, my home, and thank God, my destination.

In God-centred evangelism our motive is important. Evangelism is a good work; therefore, it must be done:

1. by a right rule — the Word of God.
2. with a right end in view — the glory of God.
3. with a right motive — love to God and love to man.

I am convinced that many of our churches would not be in the spiritual condition they are in if our past evangelism had been done by a God-centred rule, with a God-centred end in view, and by God-centred motives. Evangelism is a good work and, like all our work, will be tried as to what sort it is. *"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"* (1Co 3:13).

- adapted and edited from Ernest Reisinger (1919-2004), *Today's Evangelism*, P&R Publishing Co.

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.

Please note that clocks will go forward 1 hour next Sunday at 1am.

Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £371.00

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

MEMORY VERSE

Last 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

This Week

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

Jonah 2:4

Next Week

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

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