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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 06 AUGUST 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:5-8

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 86 – “*Safely Through Another Week*”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 67

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 67 first version

(to the tune of tune of Trentham, RHC 240)

Scriptural Text

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Sermon Message

Conduct that Pleases God

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 400 – “*Every Moment of Every Day*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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 72

Q: What is forbidden in the Seventh Commandment?

A: The Seventh Commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

Comment:

This commandment respects *purity*. It commands us to be pure in thought, word and deed. It forbids all unchastity and immodesty. It acknowledges God as the owner of the body as well as of the soul, and the right he has to command that both of them should be kept pure and holy for himself.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 5:28, Ephesians 5:4

Analogies of the Christian Calling (Part 1)

Those who are saved by sovereign grace are called to walk worthy of the Lord in our several vocations (Ephesians 4:1). Among others in the Old Testament, Daniel was religiously faithful to his spiritual convictions in a foreign land Babylon (Daniel 1:1-11). Joseph was also morally tested, passed the test in idolatrous Egypt and was promoted in the end (Genesis 39:1-12). Abraham was posted overseas permanently to start a new generation of people in a new land of Canaan (Genesis chapters 12, 15 & 17) and God blessed and prospered him greatly. We want to study how we can be good witnesses and testimonies for our Lord Jesus Christ from the Word of God even in a pandemic.

The Bible used six analogies or metaphors to depict and describe the Christian life appropriately and here are the first three:

1. Faithful Stewards of God

The world emphasizes ownership but the Bible says that we are not owners but called to be custodians, managers or trustees of the manifold grace of God and there is accountability to God one day. We are to be responsible for that which is entrusted to us and we need to manage it well productively to glorify the master.

Note 1 Peter 4:10-11 *"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."* Everyone has a gift and we are to be using it for the glory of God and to edify others and not ourselves (Romans 12:6-8).

Paul in 1 Corinthians 4:2 says *"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."* There is a requirement for all stewards, faithfulness or accountability to God one day and that is a grave duty.

Our Lord has given to each one of us different talents and resources to all as He wills. We are not to hoard our talents or gifts but to discover, develop and employ them fruitfully as good and faithful stewards to the blessing of others. We are all accountable to God at the bema of the judgement seat of Christ one day (2 Corinthians 5:10) and He will reward us one day for our work done for Him in eternity (Matthew 25:15-30). Let us serve the Lord faithfully wherever you are in a Reformed church to the edifying of the saints and the saving of souls.

2. Alert Soldiers of Christ at the Battle Front

2 Timothy 2:2-4 - *"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."* We have National Service in Singapore, and all able-bodied young men have to do about 2 years of tough training and then a military vocation where they

are constantly to be ready and alert all the time. The Israelis have one of the best armies in the world and the Singapore Armed Forces have learnt from them when it began.

We are all conscripted in the Lord's army. We are all in a spiritual warfare zone and there is an enemy waiting to devour us if possible (1 Peter 5:8). We need to be alert, disciplined soldiers and be readily equipped with full amour of God and vigilant to potential dangers in this fallen world and let us not be entangled with the affairs of the world but please only our Commander, our Lord Jesus Christ. Are you equipped and ready to fight well today?

3. Fit Athletes in the Race of Life

Hebrews 12:1-2 says, *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* The Olympics had just ended but our athletes here are busy training and equipping for the next competition. We are all involved in a long race of life and we are to keep spiritually fit and healthy and run carefully, keeping to the rules that is set for us with perseverance and endurance, looking up to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2). Christian athletes are not to disqualify themselves by going against the regulations set for us by God (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). There is to be no doping or cheating in the race and no spiritual or moral compromise or cutting corners as well. Let us keep to the rules and run patiently and win the eternal prize and bring glory to God (Philippians 3:13-14).

To be continued next week...

By Rev Jack Sin

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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am**. 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 is an offering box at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary for you to place your offerings in.

Children's Sunday School – held after Morning Service at 1:30pm.

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

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

This Week

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10

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

Dear all,

While the legal Covid restrictions having been lifted, we will continue to observe the following precautions:

- We continue to urge those who feel unwell (especially with Covid symptoms) to stay home and join us at our online services.
- Please place your offerings in the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- While not required, the use of face covering is voluntary. 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,

Task Force Members