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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

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:7-13

Opening Hymn *

RHC 81 – “*Lord of the Sabbath*”

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 135

Second Hymn *

Psalm 135:13-20

(to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)

Scriptural Text

Ephesians 3

Pastoral Prayer

Dr David Allen

Sermon Message

All The Fulness of God

Closing Hymn *

RHC 385 – “*May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour*”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Dr David Allen

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 40

Q: What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

A: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was THE MORAL LAW.

Comments:

“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, not having the law, are a law unto themselves. Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;” Romans 2:14-15

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 2:14-15, Romans 10:5, Deuteronomy 5:1, 33

Dear brethren, this week's article is entitled "The Transforming Power of the Sufficient Word of God" written by Rev Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church. The article has been slightly adapted for our edification.

The Transforming Power of the Sufficient Word of God

We have been preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God by His sovereign grace and strength, which is the bedrock of our faith and practice. We have witnessed how the Word has impacted lives and transformed hearts. The Bible is God's written Word, communicating His will to men. It is His "Word" because He speaks to us through its sacred pages. **The Bible is the Christians' resource book, their manual for living, and the light to their path.**

Above all, the saving knowledge for a person is obtained from the Word of God. As God's revelation to man, God's Word teaches him spiritual things which he cannot learn about life and vital truths concerning eternity. Not only has God revealed Himself in His Holy Word, but through His Word He revives the lives of His people. God's Word has the power to transform hearts and minds. **The Bible has the quickening and reviving power to regenerate and change or transform the lives of people as it reveals the very wisdom of God and brings men into a vital relationship with Him through its truth.**

Following are some of the ways through which the Word of God can transform the life of a person:

By Illuminating the Heart

The authoritative Word of God begins the transformation in the life of a person by enlightening or illumining the heart which was previously darkened and not being able to discern what is right and wrong. A person's life begins to change when the Holy Spirit shines in his heart and gives the light of the knowledge of the glory of God. The Scripture says, *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* (2 Cor 4:6). Understanding the spiritual truth of God's Word requires the illuminating ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Prior to salvation, the Spirit of God works to enable the unbeliever to understand the issues of salvation and to bring people to faith in Christ as they hear God's Word. Only God's Holy Word can penetrate through the darkness of a person's heart because only the Word of God can see and discern the heart of a person. The Bible says, *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* (Heb 4:12) The Bible further says, *"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."* (Psa 19:7). **Only God's Word can restore the life of a person to a saving relationship with God the Father based on Christ and away from sin and condemnation.**

By Directing our Paths

The indestructible Word of God guides the life of a believer by daily directing his path. The psalmist says, *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* (Psa 119:105). When God's Word guides and directs our path there is no chance for a believer to falter in his daily walk with the Lord. The wise man Solomon says, *"For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life."* (Prov 6:23) In this darkened world of sin, one may feel that they are stumbling and wandering, without any purpose or direction in life. But God leads the lives of His children by giving them spiritual light. We need to turn to God for His light to shine on us so that our path would be led by Him, and darkness would be repelled.

The Bible says, *"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."* (Psa 119:130). When a person allows God to work in his heart, God says that He would write His Words on his heart, *"I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts."* (Jer 31:33). And when

God's Word is put in our hearts, we would say as the Psalmist says, *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."* (Psa 119:11). When God's Word rules our hearts it becomes our guide for our everyday living and enabling us to walk aright and to live a life well pleasing unto the Lord.

By Mirroring our Life

God's inspired Word is also like mirror, which shows our real condition of who we are and what do we lack in our spiritual life. The function of a mirror is to show a person accurately what he looks like, so that he can make any necessary changes. **The function of the Word of God is to show us accurately what we look like so that we can be who God wants us to be.** Hence, when the Word of God points certain things that we need to change, we need to take heed to it and act upon it. The Word of God says, *"For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."* (Jas 1:23-25) We, as the children of God, should allow the Word of God to speak to our hearts. **This happens when we read the Word and meditate on it. We should surrender ourselves to the guidance we receive from His Word. When we put ourselves before God's holy standards, then only we realize how we fall short of His holy standards.**

By Nurturing our Lives

It is God's inerrant Word that helps a person to grow in the fear of the Lord. The Bible says, *"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."* (Psa 1:1-3) A person needs to constantly feed on God's Word for his spiritual nourishment without which a person's spiritual life would be dry and soon withers away. The nourishment that a person needs to grow is found in God's Word because it is like milk and meat for a believer's spiritual growth. The prophet Jeremiah says, *"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts."* (Jer 15:16) **For a child of God, meditating and feeding upon God's Word is a delighting experience, as it is the well spring of life that sustains a person and builds him or her up in the faith.**

God's infallible Word can work in our hearts, to bring forth lasting fruit. Jesus said, *"For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes."* (Luke 6:44) He is to bring forth the fruit of the spirit such as, *"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."* (Gal 5:22-23) By this a person can be known as whether he or she is truly a child of God whose life has been touched and transformed by God's Holy Word.

Conclusion

It continues to amaze us that God's sufficient Word not only saves a person but transforms his life completely. This is not a punctiliar event, but rather a continuous process through life. The Apostle Paul says, *"but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."* (2 Cor 4:16) This renewing is a daily process whereby the inner man within us is strengthened every day and we are able to have a closer walk with the Lord. For all this to happen, the bottom line is that the Word of God must penetrate and impact the heart and minds and transform us. **The Word of God guides us every day we seek to read, memorise and meditate on it and we are able to overcome sin and temptation in this fallen world and be changed to be like Him.**

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. 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 worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Dr David Allen to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Next Lord's Day, our speaker will be Mr Charles Scott-Pearson.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service.

Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Afternoon Bible Study – Dr Allen deliver the study entitled “Why the Authorised Version?”.

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

Chinese New Year Carry-In Lunch, 2 February – Do join us for our carry-in lunch. If you would like to contribute a dish, please inform Mark/Jonathan.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.”

1 Samuel 7:12

This Week

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen..

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

Dear all,

When attending the church Worship Service and Bible Study, 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 online.
- 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.

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,

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