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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 APRIL 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

John 15:9-15

Opening Hymn *

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

Opening Prayer

Joey Seow

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146

Second Hymn *

Psalm 146:1-6

(to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)

Scriptural Text

Acts 13:13-52

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

Sermon Message

Three things beginning with B we must do

Closing Hymn *

RHC 336 – “*Only Believe*”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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 51

Q: What is forbidden in the Second Commandment?

A: The Second Commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images – or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Comments:

This command forbids us: 1. To make use of images in worship; 2. To make use of any other means than those God has appointed.

Scriptural Reference:

Deuteronomy 4:15, Matthew 15:9

Dear brethren, for this week, we have Part 2 of the article entitled “Steps in the Sanctification of a Soul” written by Rev Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope BPC. The article has been reproduced and adapted for our edification. (Works consulted for this article include Matthew Henry Commentary, Vol 6, World Bible Publishers and Joel Beeke and Randall, J Pederson, Meet The Puritans, Reformation Heritage Books, 2006.)

Steps in the Sanctification of a Soul – Part 2

1. Put off Hatred & Put on the Love of Christ

The evil one often creates problems among people by first creating a deep sense of resentment, anger or hatred towards another for whatever reason. Let genuine affection and love for one another flood our hearts and let not the evil one plant evil thoughts and desires in us against one another in the Lord. Eph 4:32 says, *“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”* Show forth the practical love that the Lord has given to us to others that they may see Christ in you and seek the Lord. Remember someone once said, ***“To forgive someone is to release a prisoner free and discover him/her to be yourself.”*** Chew on this and act on it too.

2. Put off Coarse Conversation & Put on Edifying Speech

We communicate with one another in different forms, from email, WhatsApp, a phone call or handshake or through social media or directly with an oral word of greeting or concern. Words can kill and words can heal. Be careful what you say and be not involved in indecent talk, spreading tales, gossip, rumours and falsehood. Let our words be edifying and our speech seasoned with salt and wisdom as Paul teaches in Col 4:6 and also in Eph 4:29 which says, *“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”* Let our words be meaningful and edifying and not one that will discourage and undermine others in the Lord but be a blessing to all in our speech and conduct.

3. Put off Evil Company & Put on Godly Friendship

There is a Chinese proverb that says if you mix with the murky, you will be blackened and you mix with the white you will be clean. We can see it in our children or even ourselves. We make friends and they turn around and they make us the way they are. We need to be careful with whom we mix with as birds of a feather flock together. Be with those who love and fear God and who cherish His Word and prayers and that you will do the same too. **You make friends and they influence and remake you one day. Choose your close companions carefully as they will impact your life.**

4. Put off Self-Centred Presumption & Put on Spiritual Watchfulness

The world emphasise on self but we put our trust in God We often rely on ourselves, our families, friends or even the government, but Psa 20:7 says, *“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.”* We need to trust fully in the Lord and lean not on our own understanding (Prov 3:6-7). **We need to vigilant against the wiles for the evil one. In these last days of deception and declension, we**

are to be like a good soldier of Christ and an alert watchman of night for there is danger around. 1Pet 5:8 says, *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”*

5. Put off Indolence & Put on Industry

We are all tempted to be lazy and indolent. Thomas Watson says idleness tempt Satan to tempt. **Slothfulness is a curse in life and let us cast off sloth but instead be diligent and hardworking in the work of God as there is reward for our labour. Our model is the hard-working ant in Prov 6:6-7 and not the indolent pig.** Let us not cease or be weary in the sharing of the gospel, works of comfort and encouragement to others in well doing for the glory of Lord. Be diligent for the cause of the gospel and not lazy. Paul exhorts us in 1Cor 15:58, *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”*

6. Put off Worldly Folly & Put on Spiritual Prudence

Our Easter conference theme for this year is on the subject of *“Christian Worldview”*. There is much foolishness in this world as we chase after a temporal dream which can turn into a nightmare overnight. Let us seek wisdom from God and let us live our lives prudently in the fear of God for without it, there is no true wisdom. **Do not be deceived by the decadent fallen world but be seeking God in His Word and in His will in prayer. Come and learn together at the Easter conference and be blessed by the Word of God.**

7. Put off Phobia and Doubt & Put on Trust and Hope in God

We live in a world of manifold fears and trepidations and the evil use this against us but 2Tim 1:7 says, *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”* For those who are in Christ, we are more than conquerors and let us not be fearful but courageous and bold for Christ in sharing the gospel in the saving souls and the exhortation of the saints. Psa 56:3, 4 says, *“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.”* We are a people of a glorious hope, we trust in the risen Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ and He is coming again one day to rule and judge the world as the King of kings and Lord of lords. **With Christ, it is an endless hope; without Him, a hopeless end. Fear God and you have nothing to fear for it is the beginning of wisdom. (Prov 9:10) Fear of men or faith in God? It is your call today.**

Conclusion

There is much practical wisdom from the past godly saints. Above all, let us learn from the God-fearing English puritans how to put off the old man of sinfulness and depravity and put on the fullness of Christ in our lives in progressive sanctification in the Spirit. Let us show forth the beauty of Christ in our actions, words and conduct. Ask God to transform our hearts and minds unto Christ and walk worthy of the Lord as the Spirit enables us daily.

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 Mr Charles Scott-Pearson to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Next Lord's Day, our speaker will also be Eld George Chew.

Please note we will only be holding the Morning Worship Service.

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 – Mr Scott-Pearson will deliver the study entitled “The making of the boards and bars of the Tabernacle” taken from Exodus 26.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:”

Acts 13:38

Last Week

“Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.”

Psalms 59:17

Notice for Church Easter Conference 2025

Dear brethren,

We will be holding an Easter conference on the theme “**Christian Worldview**”. Our speaker will be *Rev Carl Vermeulen*, minister of the Free Reformed Church of Armadale, Australia.

There will be 6 sessions held as follows:

- Good Friday (18th April) – 11am and 1:30pm
- Saturday (19th April) – 11am and 1:30pm
- Easter Sunday (20th April) – 11am and 1:30pm (our regular Sunday worship)

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

We do hope that you will be able to set the time aside to join us for the conference.

With the Lord's blessing,
John Poh & Jonathan Kim,
Task Force Members