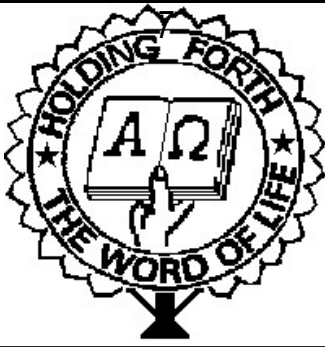




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Morning Service – 11am

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The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Romans 8:28–39

Opening Hymn *

RHC 43 – *"God is Still on the Throne"*

Opening Prayer

Dn Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 70

Second Hymn *

Psalm 70 First Version

(To the tune of St Thomas, RHC 19)

Scriptural Text

Isaiah 49:13-17

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Sermon Message

"Inscribed on the Palms of His hands"

Closing Hymn *

RHC 352 – *"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"*

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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.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 24

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

A: Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Comments:

A prophet is a man who declares the will of God; and we are here told that this is what Christ, as our prophet, does for us. He does so by his Word, for the whole Bible is his; but inasmuch as the mere reading of the Bible is not sufficient of itself to make a man wise unto salvation, he likewise bestows his Holy Spirit, that so the Word may profit those who hear it.

Scriptural Reference:

Hebrews 1:1-2, John 16:13

Dear brethren, Rev Lim Chee Boon will be authoring the main articles in our church bulletin – this week’s article is based on Acts 1 and entitled “Ye Shall Receive Power”. As the article has been specially prepared for our edification, and we hope they will be a source of encouragement and growth.

“YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER” (ACTS 1:1-11)

In Acts 1:1, Luke says that his former treatise is to give an account of “all that Jesus began to do and teach.” If the Gospel of Luke is the first treatise, then Acts of the Apostles would be his second treatise. The purpose of the second treatise was to show Theophilus the evidence that the apostles continued in the work and the teaching of Jesus Christ.

But, the ministry of the gospel is not completed after the apostles. It is interesting to note that the Acts of the Apostles has an open ending. The last two verses of chapter 28 read, “And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him. Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.”

The reason for the sudden ending is for a purpose. God has a message; he intends for the gospel ministry to be continued by someone. This person is to complete the telling of the story of the gospel. Now, who is responsible for the continuation of the work and the teaching of Jesus Christ? The answer is the church.

The church has the duty of carrying on the task of bringing the gospel to the uttermost part of the earth. The Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be done and completed by the Christians. Jesus says the harvest is plenteous (Matthew 9:37). The word plenteous carries with it the idea of much work. It also suggests that the field is very wide. How can we accomplish the great task? It is enormous, and what is the motivation to do it?

IKEA is a household brand in many countries. The concept of the company is simple: sell the items cheap, but you have to assemble the furniture yourself. Everything you need is in the box—the materials and the manual. In every package, there are tools like the Allen key or the hex key. It is called a hex key because the tip is hexagonal in shape.

Jesus did not leave us without the tools required for us to do the job. Our text reveals four essential tools for doing Jesus’ work. He gives us four motivational truths to do His work. They are:

1. The resurrection and ascension of Jesus,
2. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit,
3. The direction in the ministry, and
4. The return of Jesus Christ.

I) We must have a solid foundation

A. The first thing about this solid foundation is the resurrection and ascension of Jesus (1:3).

³ To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

There are many evidences of His resurrection:

1. He showed himself repeatedly to the disciples

This is a visual proof of His resurrection. He was seen alive by the apostles and the believers for 40 days. He appeared repeatedly to them. If it had only been one occasion, we could perhaps conclude that it was a vision or mass hallucination. But there were multiple appearances—some to individuals, some to the whole group—and not on one day only, but over 40 days.

2. He ate with the disciples.

We read in verse 4, “And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.” The phrase “being assembled together” may have the nuance of eating together. In Luke 24:42-43, the disciples saw Him eat a piece of broiled fish in their presence. They knew that He was not a phantom. It was a physical appearance of the living Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

3. His tomb is empty.

The resurrection of Jesus is a bodily resurrection. This is an important doctrine. It is the heart of the Christian faith. If He is not risen, our faith is in vain.

¹⁴ And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. ¹⁵ Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. (1 Cor. 15:14-15)

B. The second thing about this solid foundation is the teaching of Jesus on the kingdom of God.

Look at 1:3 again,

³ To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Here we are told that Jesus speaks about the kingdom of God. The word “kingdom” occurs many times in the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles:

- In Luke’s Gospel over 40 times
- In Acts 8 times (1:3, 1:6; 8:12; 14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31).

What is this kingdom, and what does it refer to? There are 2 applications:

1. First, the kingdom refers to God’s sovereign rule over the universe. Yes, the world is in a fallen state, and the devil wants to take control of it. But God has not lost control. He is still in charge.

Daniel 4:17, 25, 32

*¹⁷ This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that **the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men**, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.*

*²⁵ That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that **the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men**, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.*

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2. Second, it refers to the future Millennial Kingdom.

We believe in the millennial reign of Jesus Christ. He is coming back to rule the earth for 1,000 years. He returns to reign in fullness and power. Paul preached to the intellectual Athenians, and he said these things to them: *³⁰ And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent. ³¹ Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30-31)*

He reasoned with the Jews and sought to persuade them about the kingdom of God (19:8). He summed up his ministry as going about preaching the kingdom (20:25). Why preach about the kingdom of God? He is telling us of Jesus Christ’s rightful Lordship, His resurrection from the dead, and His soon return in power and glory to judge the earth and rule in righteousness.” He is urging his hearers to repent of their sins and submit to Jesus as King before they faced Him as judge.

Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the message about His kingdom rule are the foundation of our work for the Lord. We must proclaim to people that Jesus died for their sins, that He was raised from the dead, that He now sits at the right hand of God, and that He is coming again in power to reign over all the earth.

II) To do Jesus’ work, the church must have a supernatural power (1:4-8).

In verses 6 and 7, the Bible tells us what was in the mind of the disciples:

⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? ⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

The disciples were still thinking of political power—restoring Israel’s power as an earthly kingdom. They had the idea that Jesus came to be a king. The disciples had a wrong focus. So, He told them to remain in Jerusalem and to wait for the promise of the Father: *⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. ⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:4-5, 8)*

The disciples were told to wait for the descending of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came to empower the disciples in the work of witnessing. They needed this supernatural power to go to the uttermost parts of the earth. We still need this supernatural power today.

A. We need it to preach the gospel boldly and with clarity. Some of us startle in sharing the gospel. Some of us don't even dare to preach it. We need the conviction and the enablement of the Holy Spirit to do the work entrusted to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. We also need the power of the Holy Spirit to live holy lives.

¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world (Titus 2:12)

There are two sides of the Christian life—one is denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and the other is striving to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. A godly life is the foundation for our verbal witness of the gospel. We cannot tell others to trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of our sin when we are sinning. When we are living a sinful life, we are powerless in our witnessing.

Therefore, to do Jesus' work, we need the solid foundation of Jesus' resurrection and the message of His kingdom, and we need the divine enablement of the Holy Spirit.

III) Third, we must have a sharp focus in doing the work of Jesus Christ. (1:6-8)

Our problem today is divided attention. We are not focused on the important things. We have too many distractions. As a result, we are not effective in serving the Lord. The disciples had a problem with their focus; they were interested in a prophetic timetable. But the command of Jesus is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." (Mark 16:15)

Our greatest job is to lead people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Do you know why God has placed you where you are today? He has placed you there to be His witness. The presence of the church is to be a witness for Christ. The church equips and trains us to be witnesses.

Therefore, to do Jesus' work, we need the tools of a solid foundation in the resurrection of Jesus and the message of His kingdom. We need the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. We need the straight focus of the Great Commission.

IV) Lastly, we need a sure future to do the work of Jesus Christ. (1:9-11).

⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;¹¹ Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Luke succinctly repeats the story of Jesus' ascension, which he told at the end of his gospel. The cloud that received Jesus out of their sight was probably the Shekinah glory of God. As the disciples stood gazing up into the sky at this unusual sight, two men in white clothing, probably angels, suddenly stood beside them and in effect said, "Quit gazing into heaven and get on with what Jesus told you to do. He will return in just the same way as you saw Him leave, bodily, with power and glory." Therefore, the certainty of Jesus' ascension as witnessed by the...

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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 Rev Lim Chee Boon to minister to us today. Rev Lim will be ministering to us until end September.

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, 1:30pm – Rev Lim will continue the study from 1 John.

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

Annual Congregational Meeting 2026, 27 September – The Church will be holding its ACM after the morning worship service. The ACM will be moderated by Rev Lim Chee Boon.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

"Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."

Isaiah 49:16

Last Week

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

apostles guarantees the certainty of His bodily return. The certainty If we know for sure that Jesus is coming back, we will be obedient to the work He gave us to do.

Before He comes, the gospel must first be preached to all the nations (Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10). Our ability to carry out the Lord's missionary mandate depends on the fact that Jesus is exalted to the right hand of God, where He possesses all power and authority (Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 1:19-23). Jesus' ascension in Luke 24 demonstrates his power and authority and his propitiation for the sin of men (Heb. 10:12-13). Thus we can confidently proclaim forgiveness of sins in His name to everyone who repents and believes in Him. His place at the Father's right hand also means that He is interceding for His saints. The fact that He is coming again assures us that our work is never in vain.

Conclusion

Jesus has given us tools to do His work: (1) the solid foundation of His resurrection and the message of His kingdom; (2) the special power of His Holy Spirit; (3) the straight focus of the Great Commission; and (4) the sure hope of His coming again. They are simple and yet powerfully effective tools.