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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

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 105:1-4	Psalm 134:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 2 – “O Worship the King”	RHC 75 – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 31	Matthew 6:19-34
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 31 verses 1-5</i> (to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)	RHC 380 – “Close to Thee”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 67 – “Praise the Saviour”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	2 Kings 5:1-14	2 Corinthians 8:1-6
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>God’s Will: Doing the Unexpected</i> - Dr Ron Vandermey	<i>Where Your Treasure Is</i> - Dr Ron Vandermey
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 465 – “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”	RHC 419 – “Take My Life and Let it Be”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Ron Vandermey	Dr Ron Vandermey
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 13 (stanzas 1 & 4)</i>

* 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.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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.

Church Theme 2010 – “Believers Built in Christ”

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

A Study in Ephesians 1:1-6

Introduction

Many Christians have an identity crisis. They have been so imprinted by the world that they do not know who they really are in Christ. They see themselves as “turkeys” trapped in a chaotic coop bound for the slaughter house, when they should be flying like eagles (Isaiah 40:31--*But they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*) In Ephesians, the Apostle Paul dwells on our true identity in Christ, to get us out of the turkey coop and help us fly like eagles. From the first six verses, we glean four great truths that summarize our identification with Christ.

I. We Are All Saints (vv. 1-2)

Paul distinguishes himself as “an apostle” (Greek: *sent with a commission*). His apostleship was by the will of God, reminding us that the church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Ephesians 2:20). Paul is writing to “the saints which are at Ephesus.” What are saints? Simply stated, saints are people whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ. The word “saint” literally means “holy” and has the thought of being “set apart.” When you were saved, God set you apart for his service and declared you holy because of the sacrifice of Jesus on your behalf. It is interesting that once a person is saved, the Bible no longer calls him a sinner, but always a saint. Paul also says that saints are “faithful.” True believers are faithful because we are truly saved. As Christians, we are “in Christ” reminding us that we are citizens of heaven with Christ as our king. To aid us in our identity in Christ, we have always at our disposal God’s “grace” (undeserved goodness in our lives), and “peace” (true peace comes when our sins are forgiven and we can have true peace with God).

II. We Are All Blessed (v. 3)

It is fitting that Paul begins a list of our blessings by a hymn of praise to God the Father. All of our blessings come from Him, and thus we must remember that we should always bless His Holy Name (Matthew 19:17). We are blessed because God always meets our needs. Psalm 37:25 says: “Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” We are promised every spiritual blessing in Ephesians, which are the wonderful gifts that are ours right now! We ask for love and peace and joy, but these are things we are already promised (see Romans 5:5; John 14:27, and John 15:11). Cling to the fact that right now we have the power from God to live a life of godliness, and that we are imprinted with an identity in Christ.. Ephesians 2:6 amplifies the thought of the words “in heavenly places in Christ” by saying that we are already⁶ raised up and sitting in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus—we are already fit for heaven, and are just now foreigners in a foreign land.

III. We Are All Chosen (v. 4)

God specifically chose us in Christ to be saved. This is a great comfort, yet many teach that man must choose God to be saved. Jesus did command people to repent and trust the Lord, and this was reechoed by Paul. Yet, the Bible clearly teaches that God chooses us first. Jesus said in John 6:44: *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him.*” God chose us first, and Jesus died for our sins while we were still sinners. God’s people today, the body of Christ, are elect, chosen by God. 2 Timothy 1:9 says that God has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. Paul thanked the Lord for electing us to salvation through the sanctification by the Holy Spirit and our belief in the truth. What type of holy people we should be in light of this?

IV. We Are All Adopted (vv. 5-6)

In love, God adopted us and predestined us as sons. It was the ultimate act of love that God, from the “foundation of the world” looked down through time and chose us to be his own special people. In love, He determined to adopt us into his forever family and invites us now to call him *Abba*, an affectionate term for Father (Ephesians 2:4-5). When God adopted us according to His predetermined plan, He gave us not only spiritual blessings, but His own nature as well. All this was done according to the good pleasure of His will (Eph. 1:5). We have an identity with Christ, and we are adopted to live a life pleasing to God. Is your life pleasing to God?

Dr. Ron Vandermeij

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Fri 13 August	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Joey & Audrey Lim, and Grace Addow to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 14 August	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Shorter Catechism (led by Rev Ki)	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	Today: 08/08/2010
Message	Lessons about Fasting	The Demonstrations of Faith	
Text	Matthew 6:16-18	Hebrews 11:32-40	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Next Week: 15/08/2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us every Saturday to pray and study God's Word. • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Today, Dr Ron Vandermey will be leading a study on "<i>OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST</i>" • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew and Deborah Sherwood. Also, pray for Brian upcoming radiotherapy sessions. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Constance, Evelyn & Christiana (Ghana), Dr & Mrs Ron Vandermey (US), Joey & Family (Belgium), Jonathan & Parents (Isle of Wight), Rev & Mrs Lim Chee Boon (S'pore to UK) • Thank God for Yetta who received a job offer this week. • The Church would like to announce that Margaret will be received as a member of New Life BP Church next week. • Rev Jack Sin is organising a trip to Turkey & Greece from 1-15th November 2010. Please see Rev. Ki for more information. 			Chairman: John Poh Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian
Worship Service Collections Last Sunday: £938.70, Lunch: £35.62 Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 1 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 1 (C) Prayer Meeting (07/08): 11 (A)			MEMORY VERSE
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 32			Last Week
Q: What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life? <i>A: They that are effectually called do in this life partake of JUSTIFICATION, ADOPTION, and SANCTIFICATION, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.</i> Comments: Faith in Christ insures certain blessings, some of which are enjoyed in this life, others in the world to come. Of these enjoyed in this life, justification, adoption, and sanctification are the chief, and are of such a nature as to hold within them, or bring along with them, every other blessing. Proofs: 1 Corinthians 1:30, Romans 8:30			<i>"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."</i> Romans 8:8 This Week <i>"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."</i> Romans 8:9 Next Week <i>"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."</i> Romans 8:10