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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 29 AUGUST 2010

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>	Isaiah 12	Philippians 3:13–14
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 17 – “Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme”	RHC 116 – “Higher Ground”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 34	Romans 12
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 34 verses 1-9</i> (to the tune of St Agnes, RHC 57)	RHC 427 – “All for Jesus”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 326 – “Like a River Glorious”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-20	James 1:19-27
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Same Heart and Mind</i>	<i>Spiritual Maturity – Part 2</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 377 – “More Like the Master”	RHC 378 – “More About Jesus”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon
<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”

A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD – PART 2

A right view of God gives us a right view of ourselves. Fallen men either have too high and too low opinion of themselves because they do not have the right view of God. An improper view of God and oneself affects our relationship with God and others.

In Isaiah chapter 6 God revealed Himself to Isaiah in a vision. Allen Ross wrote in his commentary on Isaiah 6:1-13, “How the Sovereign LORD God Prepares His Servants,”

“The setting of Isaiah 6 is the year 742 B.C., if our chronology of the death of Uzziah is accurate (and seems to be, given a year or so variance). Uzziah had been a good king (and there were so few of them). But in his latter years he became proud and usurped the role of priest, and God struck him down. (**2 Chronicles 26**, *emphasis mine*) With his death the hopes of many probably seemed dashed. Good King Uzziah was dead—and his wicked son would now take over! But on that occasion God broke through and revealed Himself to Isaiah. The young prophet may have been closing down things in the temple, and as the shadows crept across the temple precincts the flash of glory broke through and the prophet entered into the vision of the heavenlies—he could look past the curtain, past the holy of holies and into the sanctuary in heaven. The king was dead; but Isaiah saw the King! Kings come and go; but in a theocracy the LORD reigns eternally from heaven. He is the One whom we must please. He is the One who cleanses from sin, or strikes with judicial blindness those who persist in rebellion. He is the Holy One of Israel, and those who believe in Him will be the remnant, the holy seed, the future of the promise. The impact of this vision was overwhelming! In seeing the LORD of glory, the prophet saw himself, and the nation. As with Moses on Mount Sinai, Job hearing God from the whirlwind, Paul on the road to Damascus, or John on the Isle of Patmos, the young seer was changed forever with this vision.”

I) IN THE VISION ISAIAH SAW WHO GOD IS (6:1-4)

Fallen men have another problem; besides having the problem of a wrong view of oneself, we also have a wrong view of God. If we are left to ourselves to figure out who God is, we will have all sorts of weird ideas of God. Furthermore Paul says, “when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” (Romans 1:21) God reveals Himself to men. He gave the prophet Isaiah a vision of Himself. Today He reveals Himself to us through the written word – the Bible.

Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. The word “saw” in Hebrew is the ordinary word “to see” or “to look at something.” Isaiah was not in a trance, a dream, or illusion. The word suggests Isaiah was very much awake and physically observing this scene. He saw God in all His glory. The word “train” refers to the robe wore by the high priest.

Firstly, Isaiah saw the Glory of God. He is both King and Priest (verse 1).

A correct view of God is He is sovereign. He has power over all affairs of our life. The word "Lord" is from the Hebrew word "Adonay" meaning Lord or Master. It is sad that many called Him Lord and Master but will not do what He says.

Secondly, Isaiah saw the Holiness of God (verses 2-3).

The term "seraphims" comes from the Hebrew word "seraph" meaning "to burn." Seraphims are ministering angels. In the text, they are cleansing agents. In verse 6 and 7 it says, "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

While the seraphims were moving around, they cried to one another, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." The word "holy" means "distinct, unique, set apart." In what way is God distinct from us, from angels, from pagan gods? He is Holy because there is no one like Him. The trisagion, "Holy, Holy, Holy" emphasises on the supreme nature of God rather than on the trinity of the Godhead.

Man must know God as Holy. If this knowledge or truth is not upheld, all other view of God will not hold water. He is the one and only God. God says to Israelites, "I am the LORD thy which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:2-3)

Thirdly, Isaiah saw the effect of the glory and holiness of God (v. 4)

Believing in God's glory and holiness has a powerful effect. It brings changes to our life and conduct. Many people believe in a God who can do miracles but they do not experience change in their lives.

Dear brethren, let our lives, our homes and our church be imbued with the glory and holiness of God. A holy vessel is a mighty instrument in the hand of God. Robert Murray McCheyne said to a young ministerial student, "I know you will apply hard to German, but do not forget the culture of the inner man-I mean of the heart. How diligently the cavalry officer keeps his sabre clean and sharp; every stain he rubs off with the greatest care. Remember you are God's sword, His instrument-I trust, a chosen vessel unto Him to bear His name. In great measure, according to the purity and perfection of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talents God blesses so much as likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God."

(To be continued)

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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 03 September	7:30pm	No Young Adults Fellowship	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 04 September	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: (led by Rev Lim)	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Today: 29/08/2010
Message	To Walk Pleasing to God	Behold He Cometh	Chairman: Jonathan Kim
Text	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-28	Organist: Joy
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Anthony
<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, Rev Lim will be leading a study based on "Infant Baptism". Next week, Rev Lim will cover "The Lord's Supper". • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Sonia and Deborah Sherwood. Thank God for Brian completing his radiotherapy sessions. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & family (Nigeria), Nick (Belgium), Lydia (Paris), Constance, Evelyn & Christiana (Ghana), Pastor & Mrs Ki (Australia), Brian (M'sia), John & Sharon (Peterborough). 			Ushers: Daniel / Yetta
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Brian
			Next Week: 05/09/2010
			Chairman: John Poh
			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Joy
			Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Jonathan
Worship Service Collections Last Sunday: £525.20, Lunch: £33.00, Hospitality: £300 Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 13 (A) 2 (C) Prayer Meeting (28/08): 8 (A)			MEMORY VERSE
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 35			Last Week
Q: What is sanctification? <i>A: Sanctification is <u>the work of God's free grace</u>, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the IMAGE OF GOD, and are enabled more and more to <u>die unto sin</u>, and <u>live unto righteousness</u>.</i> <u>Comments:</u> Sanctification means making a person holy. It is here said to be a <i>work</i> , because it is done, not at once, but gradually, and a work of <i>grace</i> because it proceeds from God's undeserved goodness, and is wrought in us from first to last by his own Spirit. It consists in our being made <i>like to God</i> – that is, in gradually learning to hate and cease from sin, and to love and practise holiness; and this is called a <i>renewing</i> , because it is restoring us to the state in which we were at first. Justification, adoption and sanctification are thus seen to be all necessary to salvation. In justification, the sinner is pardoned; in adoption, he is brought into the family, in sanctification, his is cleansed from all sin. <u>Proofs:</u> Titus 3:5, Ephesians 4:24, Philippians 3:13-14, Proverbs 4:18			<i>"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."</i> Romans 8:11 This Week <i>"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh."</i> Romans 8:12 Next Week <i>"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live"</i> Romans 8:13