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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 30 MAY 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 36:7–10	Psalm 47
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 26 – “Come, Thou Fount”	RHC 43 – “God is Still on the Throne”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 21	Judges 4 & Judges 7
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 21 verses 1, 5–7, 13</i> (to the tune of Beatitudo, RHC 388)	RHC 400 – “Every Moment of Every Day”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 558 – “We Plough the Fields”	---
<i>Scriptural Reading</i>	Matthew 6:1-4	Hebrews 11:32
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Teachings about Charity</i> “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (to the tune of RHC 240)	<i>Faith of Barak and Gideon</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>		RHC 451 – “Ready”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<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”

WORSHIP PART 20

The eleventh reason for believers' corporate worship is that it is the will of God. One day a week is designated for worship. The Lord's fourth commandment is about the day of worship. However, the Christian churches have lost their faithfulness in upholding the Day of the Lord. Such spiritual degradation has not gone by without its damages. The church of God has been derided by infidels. One of many examples is found in the works of Karl Marx in 1855 (written on June 25, 1855, and published in *Neue Oder-Zeitung* on June 28 1855). He wrote about the anti-Church movement demonstration in Hyde Park. He wrote the following: "It is an old and historically established maxim that obsolete social forces, nominally still in possession of all the attributes of power and continuing to vegetate long after the basis of their existence has rotted away, inasmuch as the heirs are quarrelling among themselves over the inheritance even before the obituary notice has been printed and the testament read -- that these forces once more summon all their strength before their agony of death, pass from the defensive to the offensive, challenge instead of giving way, and seek to draw the most extreme conclusions from premises which have not only been put in question but already condemned. Such is today the English oligarchy. Such is the *Church*, its twin sister. Countless attempts at reorganization have been made within the Established Church, both the High and the Low, attempts to come to an understanding with the Dissenters and thus to set up a compact force to oppose the profane mass of the nation. There has been a rapid succession of measures of religious coercion." Though we do recognize Karl Marx as an unfriendly figure to Christian faith, we cannot deny that society overall in 19th century England was becoming ungodly. Many people had already departed not only from the Church, but also from Christianity altogether. It seems there was an effort to curb the trend by imposing certain rules upon the public in order to ensure they would keep the day of the Lord tight. Karl Marx mentioned the Beer Bill as the first measure of religious coercion. This bill effectively shut down all places of public entertainment on Sundays, except between 6 and 10 p. m. He said, "this bill was smuggled through the House at the end of a sparsely attended sitting, after the pietists had bought the support of the big public-house owners of London by guaranteeing them that the license system would continue, that is, that big capital would retain its monopoly. Then came the Sunday Trading Bill, which has now passed its third reading in the Commons and separate clauses of which have just been discussed by commissions in both Houses. This new coercive measure top was ensured the vote of big capital, because only small shopkeepers keep open on Sunday and the proprietors of the big shops are quite willing to do away with the Sunday competition of the small fry by parliamentary means. In both cases there is a conspiracy of the Church with monopoly capital, but in both cases there are religious penal laws against the lower classes to set the consciences of the privileged classes at rest." He further says, "The classical saint of Christianity mortified his body for the salvation of the souls of the masses; the modern, educated saint mortifies *the bodies of the masses* for the salvation of his own soul." The following are complaints by critics of the 19th century Christian church and Christianity: "Six days a week . . . we are treated like slaves and now Parliament wants to rob us of the bit of freedom we still have on the seventh. These oligarchs and capitalists allied with sanctimonious parsons wish to do *penance* by mortifying us instead of themselves for the unconscionable murder in the Crimea of the sons of the people." Though such words came from the lips of an unbeliever, it is not uncommon to hear the same sort of expression from many church goers today. Sanctifying the day of the Lord and keeping the day of the Lord holy is almost unknown to most Christians today. They think that such teachings are taking their freedom away. Keeping the day of the Lord holy has become a tedious practice of old religions, they say. Godly and sincere Christian worship on Sundays have been done away with by society in general.

The Sunday Trading Act 1994 was passed through parliament in the United Kingdom, and the shops were allowed to open on Sundays with some conditions (6 hours of opening time). Christians have lost their desire to keep the day of the Lord holy. It has become a shopping day, holiday, play day, or whatever day to please themselves. The Lord's Day as the day of worship has lost its attraction amongst the believers of Jesus Christ. Worship on the day of the Lord must be upheld and honoured because it is a creation ordinance, a command of God, a celebration of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a day of rest and worship for the glory of God and the benefit of man as the Lord's Day Observance Society has insisted up until now. Believers must be gathered to worship God together on His day. Let us remember that worshipping God is a privilege. Revelation 14:7 says, "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

The eighth principle of biblical worship is that worship comes with the right attitude from the worshippers. In other words, worship is not casual, but solemn and majestic. I am not talking about form of worship, but all manners and attitudes of the worshippers in general. Psalm 5:7, "But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple." Psalm 96:9, "O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth." Psalm 132:7, "We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool." Philippians 3:3, "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." A. W. Tozer said, "Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshippers meeting together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship. Social religion is perfected when private religion is purified." J. C. Ryle said, "A little child is easily quieted and amused with gaudy toys and dolls and rattles, so long as it is not hungry; but once let it feel the cravings of nature within, and we know that nothing will satisfy it but food. So it is with man in the matter of his soul. Music and flowers and candles and incense and banners and processions and beautiful vestments and confessionals and man-made ceremonies of a semi-Romish character may do well enough for him under certain conditions. But once let him 'awake and arise from the dead,' and he will not rest content with these things. They will seem to him mere solemn triflings and a waste of time. Once let him see his sin, and he must see his Saviour."

At this point, we may talk about humility. *Noah Webster's English Dictionary* defines humility as (1) In ethics, freedom from pride and arrogance; humbleness of mind; and (2) act of submission. Thus, Proverbs 15:33 says, "The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility." When Paul described his attitude in serving the Lord, he said in Acts 20:19a, "serving the Lord with all humility of mind." The most frequent word in both the Old and New Testaments is one which means to make obeisance, to bow down, to prostrate. Both Hebrew and Greek words for worship denote the act of bowing or prostrating oneself in submissiveness and reverence. The outward posture reflected an inner attitude of humility and respect. Through humility, the worshippers of God show their high view of God and a low opinion of themselves. Humility in worship enables the worshippers to see the beauty of God in His perfection and themselves in their imperfection.

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

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 04 June	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.	
Sat 05 June	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	<u>Today: 30/05/2010</u>	
Message	Lessons about Prayer	Faith of Samson and Jephtha	Chairman:	Jonathan Kim
Text	Matthew 6:5-8	Hebrews 11:32	Organist:	Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist:	Joy
<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, Pastor Ki will continue on the series of studies based on "<i>The Doctrine of Church.</i>" • Pray for the students: For their exams (including preparations). • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Constance and Sharon. Also, pray for Brian's recovery, Margaret's recovery post operation on 28/5 and Deborah Sherwood's recovery. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & Family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Daniel & Maureen (HK & M'sia), Peter & Hazel (S'pore), Prema (Sri Lanka), Eld Chew (Gillingham), Joey & family (Land's End) 			Ushers:	John / Yetta
			Sunday School:	Jonathan / Joy / Grace
			Lunch:	Joy
			Washing Up:	Volunteers
			PA Crew:	Lee Wei
			<u>Next Week: 06/06/2010</u>	
			Chairman:	Joey Seow
			Organist:	Anthony
			Pianist:	Joy
			Ushers:	John / Evelyn
			Sunday School:	Jonathan / Joy / Grace
			Lunch:	Melissa
			Washing Up:	Volunteers
			PA Crew:	Joshua
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £509.27, Lunch: £40.50			MEMORY VERSE	
Attendance - Morning: 23 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 2 (C) Prayer Meeting (29/05): 9 (A)			Last Week	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 22			<i>"And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ."</i>	
<p>Q: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? <i>A: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the <u>Holy Ghost</u>, in the womb of the <u>Virgin Mary</u>, and born of her, yet without sin..</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> The last answer told us the fact that the Son of God became man; this answer tells us how he did so. He did so by assuming a human body and soul. And this was assumed in a miraculous manner, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The purpose for which Christ became man was that he might stand in our place and work out our redemption.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u> Luke 1:35, Galatians 4:4. Hebrew 7:26</p>			2 Thessalonians 3:5	
			This Week	
			<i>"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."</i>	
			2 Thessalonians 3:6	
			Next Week	
<i>"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing."</i>				
2 Thessalonians 3:13				