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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 20 FEBRUARY 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 43:3-5

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 10 – *"Still, Still with Thee"*

RHC 48 – *"O Bless Our God With One Accord"*

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 59

Exodus 3:1-22

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 59 verses 1-2, 7-11, 16-17
(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

RHC 280 – *"He Is Able to Deliver Thee"*

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 108 – *"I've Found a Friend"*

Scriptural Text

Matthew 9:18-26

Exodus 6:1-9

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Sermon Message

Jesus – Master of Life

Truth from God's Revelations

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 361 – *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

RHC 40 – *"God the Omnipotent"*

*Benediction / 3-Fold Amen **

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

RHC 80 (stanzas 1 & 5)

* 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 2011 – "Continue in the Word" – 2 Timothy 3:14

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 15

I have written about the times for prayer last week, and the main thrust of all points may be epitomized by 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing." It encourages us to pray constantly. Prayer may characterize our Christian life. We have duties, responsibilities as well as activities we must get involved in. It means that incessant prayers do not mean that we have to be in prayer meetings all the time. It indicates that prayer without ceasing is a prayer coming out of our hearts without ceasing, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. All of our beings are to be characterized by prayer.

Thirty-first, there are certain attitudes, mindset, or way of life, closely related to prayer. (1) There are times when we devote ourselves to prayer by abstaining from certain activities as said in 1 Corinthians 7:5, "Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency." Though the passage talks about the intimate relationship between husband and wife, the same principle may be applied to all aspects of activities in life. We separate ourselves to pray by giving up even some daily routines and activities. Of course, we cannot practice this way or prayer. However, there are certain situations we may want to devote ourselves to pray. Or, it is possible that the Lord may move our hearts to desire to separate ourselves from the rest of the world for prayer. Some people may make a vow to take a few days for special prayers. (2) We learn to lay down every concern through prayer life. How many people are living under the burdens of life? Is there anyone who does not have burdens of life? Prayer is a means God has provided for His loved ones to lay their burdens down and live in peace. Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." It says about three things: (a) Be not anxious. It means not to be overly concerned about issues we have. Instead, we ought to lay our burdens on the altar of prayer. It implies that we recognize our limits. And also, it is a confession of faith that there is God who cares for us. He is the very help in times of troubles. (b) We must do it with thanksgiving. Anxiety and thanksgiving do not appear to be good matches, but prayer will make it possible. (c) Making our requests known to God means that we must commit all things to God by laying our burdens upon Him. It is faith. God is the One who bears our burdens daily. Psalm 68:19, "Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation." If we remove the italics from the verse, it basically means that God is the One who bears our burdens daily. (3) We ought to pray with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." In other words, we ought to pray with grateful hearts. The opposite attitude may be found in Jonah's prayer in Jonah 4:1-3, "But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. ² And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. ³ Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die than to live." We do not find any sign of gratitude in his attitude even for the deliverance God had provided for him. I also find interesting contradictions in Jonah's heart. He said in Jonah 2:9, "But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD." But, instead of raising the voice of thanksgiving, his prayer was full of complaints and bitterness. Psalm 50:14 says, "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High." Thanksgiving is a part of the believers' prayer and praises. Revelation 7:12, "Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." (4) We need to understand that prayer and consecration are interrelated. 1 Timothy 4:5 says, "For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."

Some groups forbid their followers from taking some food items for religious reasons. Paul says that every one of God's creatures is good, and nothing is to be refused. They can be sanctified or consecrated by God's Word and prayer. Only forbidden foods are mentioned in Acts 15. It also teaches us that prayer works with God's Word. It is because proper prayer must be according to the will of God. (5) We pray with sound mind. 1 Peter 4:7, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." It tells us that, when you pray, we ought to have sound mind (judgment) and sober (self-control). It may be an indication that we must not offer mindless prayers. It may also include a thought that prayer is also a reflection of the right mind. Or, prayer must be with the mind thinking, examining, and properly working with good judgment.

Thirty-second, we need to pray for preachers. I could have put this into some of the previous points. However, I purposefully wanted to make this particular point separated from them. It is because of the importance of faithful preachers for the churches of God. I have been trying to secure a pool of Bible believing and preaching preachers for our church. Often I have asked faithful preachers to recommend some more same minded preachers to me. Their responses have not been very promising. They themselves do not know many Bible believing and faithful preachers. Praying for faithful preachers is a ministry that all churches must get involved in. Paul says in Colossians 4:3 says, "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds." Paul made a special appeal to the Colossian believers. He was an apostle of Jesus Christ. He was an inspired writer of many books in the New Testament. He was also a miracle worker by the power of God. However, he wanted to ask the believers to pray for him and his preaching companions. There are so many similar references to this appeal throughout the New Testament. Ephesians 6:19, "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." 1 Thessalonians 5:25, "Brethren, pray for us." Hebrews 13:18, "Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly." 1 Corinthians 16:9, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries." There are a few things we need to remember concerning our duty to pray for preachers. (1) Let us remember that it is the duty of God's churches to pray for their preachers. In a way, the effectiveness of their ministry depends on prayer support. (2) Churches need to pray for honest living of their preachers. Paul mentions about his good conscience for honest living. And also based on such conviction, Paul pleads to the brethren to pray for him and his fellow workers. Having seen so many scandals amongst preachers, this point cannot be over-emphasized. (3) Churches need to pray that words may be given to the preachers to be able to preach. The Lord's messages are more than well developed speeches. Preaching is not the same as orating. Preaching is a delivery of God's messages that is more than passing one's knowledge to another. The preachers of God should be able to diligently study the Word of God and find the words that He wants them to deliver to His people. They must depend on God for His guidance, which requires prayer support. (4) Churches need to pray that their preachers preach the mystery of Christ boldly. We may think about it from two perspectives: (a) Preachers should be able to present the Gospel boldly to the unbelieving world. (b) Preachers also must not be afraid of telling the truth to their own people simply because they fear man for whatever reasons. They must tell the truth regardless of persons in churches. Many churches suffer because of the lack of faithful preachers. Let us pray for preachers. Brethren, please pray for me!

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 25 February	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony The Memorisation of the Bible - Mr David McMillan	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.		
Sat 26 February	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on Shorter Catechism			
Next Lord's Day			LORD'S DAY DUTIES		
	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	<u>TODAY: 20/02/2011</u>		
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	Chairman: Jonathan		
Message	Jesus the Restorer	The Rule by God	Organist: Anthony		
Text	Matthew 9:27-34	Exodus 19:1-24, 24:1-18	Pianist: Joy		
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Ushers: John / Yetta		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Today, Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "<i>The Doctrine of Church.</i>" • Basic Bible Knowledge: Pastor Ki will lead the BBK course after lunch at the manse. • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Samuel, May (Lee Wei's mum) • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, Eld George & May Chew, Joey & Family • Ladies Fellowship: Next Sunday, Ladies Fellowship will take place after lunch. Please see Mrs Ki for more information. • Easter Camp 2011 (22/4 to 25/4): Please take note of the dates for the camp. More information will be provided later. 			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy		
			Lunch: Constance		
			Washing Up: Volunteers		
			PA Crew: Brian		
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 27/02/2011</u>		
			Chairman: Jonathan		
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £695.20, Lunch: £81.20			MEMORY VERSE		
Attendance - Morning: 38 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 2 (C)			Last Week		
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 60			<i>"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"</i>		
Q: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?			2 Timothy 3:14		
<i>A: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy RESTING all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of NECESSITY and MERCY.</i>			This Week		
<u>Comments:</u>			<i>"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"</i>		
This answer teaches us that the proper way of observing the Sabbath is by: 1. Resting from all secular work; 2. Ceasing from amusement; 3. Engaging in public worship; 4. Engaging in private worship. The only kinds of work allowable on the Sabbath are works of <i>necessity</i> – that is, such as cannot be done on the Saturday, nor left over till the Monday; and works of <i>mercy</i> – that is, such as it would be cruel to omit.			Romans 8:35		
<u>Scriptural Reference:</u>			Next Week		
Leviticus 23:3; Psalm 92:1; Matthew 12:11-12			<i>"As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."</i>		
			Romans 8:36		