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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 05 AUGUST 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

Psalm 150

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 217 – “Rejoice – the Lord Is King!”

RHC 16 – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 126

Psalm 139:1-24

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 126
(to the tune of Ballerma, RHC 130)

RHC 284 – “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 261 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Scriptural Text

John 12:37-50

Luke 19:1-10

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

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Sermon Message

Good News to Share

A Tax Collector Set Free

Dr Carl Martin

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*Closing Hymn **

RHC 107 – “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

RHC 307 – “Amazing Grace”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour

* 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 2012 – “Have a Mind to Work” – Nehemiah 4:6

GOD'S CALLING - PART 3

Last week we studied that God's calling is related to His sovereignty over electing His own people. God's calling is also given to individuals for missions related to His people and His ministries.

Third, God's calling is directed to individuals for various tasks or works. When I talk about tasks or works, they are not related to so-called full time priestly or pastoral work (in our terms). (1) God called Bezaleel to build the temple because he was skillful in dealing with gold, silver, brass, stones, and timbers. He was not of the tribe of Levi but of Judah. Exodus 31:2, "See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah" (cf. 35:20). Though there is no occurrence of "called" in the passage, Aholiab of the tribe of Dan was also called to do the building work. Exodus 31:6, "And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee." Then, we may say that God calls workmen. (2) God called different world powers to judge the sinful and rebellious nations. (a) God called a nation to judge Babylon. Isaiah 13:3, "I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness." God's anger was toward Babylon in Isaiah 13, and God called His mighty ones to punish them. God's sanctified and mighty ones were the ones called by God, and Isaiah identified them as Medes in verse 17, which says, "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it." They were sanctified and mighty ones because they served God's purposes. (b) Nations were called to judge the youths of Israel. Lamentations 1:15, "The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, *as in a winepress*." (c) God called Cyrus to fulfill His purposes. Isaiah 41:2, "Who raised up the righteous *man* from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow." Isaiah 44:28-45:1, "That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid. 45:1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut." Isaiah 45:4, "For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me." Isaiah 48:15, "I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous." God is sovereign over all mankind. (d) God called His Servant. Isaiah 42:6, "I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles." Isaiah 49:1, "Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name." (e) Paul and his team were called to preach the Gospel. Acts 16:10, "And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them."

Fourth, nature is called to fulfill God's purposes. (1) God called for famine. 2 Kings 8:1, "Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years" (cf. Psalm 105:16). Fire was called to consume[] the nations and Israel for their sins against the Lord. Amos 7:4,

“Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.” (2) God called the earth. Psalm 50:1, “The mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.”

Fifth, God’s calling is very specific. (1) We have seen the case of Cyrus. Even before he was born, God called him by his name. (2) God called His Son from Egypt. Matthew 2:15, “And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.” (3) God calls His people to be saints. Romans 1:7, “To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ” (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:2).

Sixth, God’s general calling is broad and wide. (1) Paul speaks about God’s calling in marriage. 1 Corinthians 7:17, “But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.” Whether a person marries or not, everyone follows the calling from the Lord. (2) Paul speaks about God’s calling in ethnic groups. 1 Corinthians 7:18, “Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.” The circumcised are the Jews and the uncircumcised are the Gentiles. Then, our ethnicity is also God’s calling, which refutes any idea of racism. We have not chosen our own race but are called into certain racial groups. 1 Corinthians 1:24, “But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” (3) Paul speaks about God’s calling in the equality of all men in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 7:22, “For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord’s freeman: likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ’s servant.” This teaching must have shocked the Roman world, which was a class society. However, when individuals are called by God, they are equal in Christ Jesus.

Seventh, God’s calling is fulfilled by His providential means. (1) God calls His people by Jesus Christ. Romans 1:6, “Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 5:10). (2) God calls His people by His grace. Galatians 1:15, “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called *me* by his grace.” God’s calling is not based on man’s worth but His own grace. 1 Corinthians 1:26, “For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*.” 2 Timothy 1:9, “Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.” (3) God calls His people by the Gospel. 2 Thessalonians 2:14, “Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Eighth, God’s calling to His people must be honored, and if not there are consequences. In such cases, they did not keep or follow His commandments but did evil. Isaiah 65:12, “Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not” (Isaiah 66:4). Jeremiah 7:13, “And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not.” Jeremiah 35:17, “Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.”

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
Wed 08 Aug 10:30am Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Isaac Djan Darko and Pablo Torres to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 10 Aug No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 11 Aug No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting To reconvene 18 Aug	

<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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 05/08/2012</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Joy</p> <p>Pianist: Anthony</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Joy</p> <p>Lunch: Mrs Ki</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Jonathan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 12/08/2012</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Joy</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Constance</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Joy</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>
Message	Childlike Humility	Moses' sin	
Text	Matthew 18:1-5	Numbers 20:1-3	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the study on "Anthropology" – The Doctrine of the Man. • Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Tom, Pastor Ki, Daniel & Maureen, Nina, John, Sharon & Tobias. • Pray for those on travel: Sonia, Nana, Yang Fan, Lee Wei, Constance, Jasmine, Dr Carl Martin. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Michelle.
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £2197.40; Lunch: £55.00; Hospitality: £92.01; Missions: £20.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 32 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 23 (A) 4 (C)</p>

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 29

Q: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Comments:

Having seen, in the previous questions, how salvation has been brought within our reach, we now come to learn the way in which we may become possessed of it. In this answer we are told, that while it is Christ who has purchased redemption for us, it is the Holy Spirit who puts us actually in possession of it.

Proofs:

John 16:13, Romans 8:14

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments."</i></p> <p>Psalm 119:6</p>	<p><i>"I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments."</i></p> <p>Psalm 119:7</p>	<p><i>"I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly."</i></p> <p>Psalm 119:8</p>