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LORD’S DAY 29 JUNE 2014

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>	Revelations 19:11-16	Psalm 117
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 34 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”	RHC 42 – “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 76	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 76 verses 1-11</i> (to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 309 – “Thank You, Lord”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 6:12
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>From Slaves of Sin to Servants of Righteousness</i>	<i>The Fifth Petition - “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 315 – “Walk in the Light”	Insert – “Remember Christ, Our Saviour”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18

WILL YOU MAKE IT TO HEAVEN?

My Dear Reader,

29-06-2014 When you take your final breath in this life, where will you spend eternity? Formerly the response of most people in areas of Christian influence has been, "I hope to go to heaven." In our day an increasing number who have been educated under atheism, many respond by claiming there is no life beyond the grave. For thousands who have been raised under Islam, they have been taught that the decision is made by the deity alone. One must do his or her best to please the divine, hoping that he may choose favorably for him or her. Still others who have grown up in a religion of merit anticipate going to heaven if she or he has performed sufficient good deeds to merit eternal life in heaven. Should they fall short of that standard, they believe they will spend some time (years?) in an intermediate place to suffer and be purged of any remaining unremitted sin(s). If she or he has committed any cardinal or mortal sin she or he will spend eternity in hell. Where we will spend eternity is a serious matter. Eternity is forever.

In this series of articles, we have looked to the Bible for answers to questions about salvation and eternity. We have considered the two major positions within Christian circles that differ on God's role in salvation and human effort in becoming saved and/or remaining saved.

We come to the fifth of the five points in our continuing series of studies giving an overview of the **Five Points of Calvinism**: "Perseverance of the Saints" or "The Preservation of the Saints." Again, remember that this is the response given to the third of "***the five points***" of **Arminianism**. Below I have posted the summary of the two positions on **the endurance of saving faith**.

Falling From Grace

Those who believe and are truly saved can lose their salvation by failing to keep up their faith. Therefore they fall from or lose their standing in grace. All Arminians, have not been agreed on this point; some have held that believers are eternally secure in Christ — that once a sinner is regenerated. He can never be lost.

Perseverance of the Saints

All who are chosen by God, redeemed by Christ, and given faith by the Spirit are eternally saved. They are kept in faith by the power of Almighty God and thus persevere to the end.

Source: Graceonlinelibrary.org

If a person has come to saving faith in Jesus Christ, how long will his or her salvation endure? From the Arminian side the answer is that a person can be saved, truly know it, and remain saved **IF** she or he continues to believe and hold to Jesus Christ until the very end. One of the Scripture passages cited by them is Colossians 1:21-23: *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel....* Such endurance will secure salvation for that person. She or he will go to heaven. **But if** she or he falls into sin and/or stops holding on to Jesus Christ until the end of life, she or he will lose the salvation they had and be lost, spending eternity in hell forever (Hebrews 6:4-6: *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted of the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance...*).

Others who hold to a modified Arminian position contend that the person who chooses to believe in Jesus, once he or she has chosen Christ, is saved forever and can never be lost regardless of what he or she does after making a profession of faith. That is termed **Eternal Security** based on John 10:28, *And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.* Just this week I heard a preacher on a radio broadcast in Clearwater, Florida relate how a man had explained the gospel to a group. One of them asked, “Do you mean that if I say I will receive Jesus as my Savior but then go out to live a life of sin and never live for him or do anything to please him, that I am saved and can never lose my salvation?” The teacher responded, “Well that is a rather crass way of saying it, but yes that is true. Jesus loves you so much that once you have confessed him, regardless of what you do after that, He will take you to heaven when you die.” The man hit that table and said, “That’s for me.”

The Calvinist position differs from the Arminian positions. The Calvinist contends that because God initiates our salvation, He is the one who sustains the relationship for all eternity. Philippians 1:6 declares: *Being confident of this very thing that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.* The believer is assured that he or she will never perish (John 10:28), but that is demonstrated by his or her response in obedience to the voice of Jesus: *My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me...* (John 10:27). The Holy Spirit is given to us as a seal to accompany us and assure us that we will safely get to heaven (Ephesians 4:30). How do we know that a person is truly saved? The Calvinist does not deny what is said in Hebrews 6:4-6 but continues in the passage to see the larger context. The verses that follow illustrate the teaching with the example of a field that is planted with seed. The only way you can tell how the crop will turn out is not determined on the day the planting has been done. You must wait to see what grows in response to the rain God provides, whether useful herbs or condemned thorns and briars. In verses 9-11 the writer explains that he is persuaded that his readers are saved by what he sees in their lives. He calls them to continue in active obedience, showing the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end. While the believer is fully forgiven for eternity because of the work of Christ, he or she is not yet perfected in present life experience. We still sin (1 John 1:8-10) and dare not claim to live free from sin. Yet our life pattern should be marked by a growing relationship with our Lord (1 John 3:5-9). A person does not produce good works in order to become saved, rather the good works are an expression of his life because he is saved (Ephesians 2:8-10). Last week, Preacher Mok reminded us of the Apostle Paul’s dual emphasis from Philippians 2:12-13 that we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, but with the full assurance that God is at work in us to accomplish His will and good pleasure. **The believer in experience perseveres in his relationship with the Lord and at the same time is preserved by God.**

One preacher explained assurance in these terms: “The Calvinist does not believe, ‘once saved, always saved, no matter what you do,’ rather he believes, ‘once saved, always saved, and what you do will demonstrate that you are saved.’” When a person makes a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, we should rejoice, but at the same time realize as another preacher has said, “Time and the devil will show whether the person is genuinely saved or not.”

So, when you take your final breath, do you know where you will spend eternity? If you have never been saved, call upon Jesus. He will save you forever. If you know Him, share the good news of salvation with someone the Lord brings across your path.

Hoping to point you to Jesus, CTM

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
Tues 01 July	No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Fri 04 July	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 05 July	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 29/06/2014</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Tom / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Tom Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott <u>NEXT WEEK: 06/07/2014</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott
Message	For Whom Do We Gather?	But What Will It Cost Me to Follow Jesus?	
Text	Amos 5:21-27	John 12:42-50	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week's study will be a video presentation. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor Ki, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Scott, Patricia, Hannah, Sarah, Shirley, Jonathan. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travels: Daniel & Maureen, John, Sharon, Tobias & Elliora, Mok & Carol, Dr Carl Martin. • Ladies Fellowship after Lunch today: Please see Sis Elizabeth or Sis Helen for more info. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology - 1st to 3rd July 2014: Theme for 2014 is "<i>Rightly Dividing the Word</i>". 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £745.00, Lunch: £34.00 Attendance - Morning: 20 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 12 (A) 2 (C)			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 22

Q: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

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 Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Comments:

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.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 1:35, Galatians 4:4. Hebrew 7:26

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" Titus 2:13	"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:13	"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31