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"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)

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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>	Psalm 21:13	Psalm 121:1-8
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 29 – <i>"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"</i>	RHC 453 – <i>"I Love to Tell The Story"</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	Keene Chen
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Christology Creed</i>	Christology Creed	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 57	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 57 verses 1-5</i> (to the tune of Crimond, RHC 344)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	Keene Chen
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 108 – <i>"I've Found A Friend"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Jeremiah 20
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Church and the Cross</i>	<i>The Perils of Confronting Compromise</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	Insert – <i>"Church of God, Beloved and Chosen"</i>	RHC 411 – <i>"Stand Up for Jesus"</i>
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---
<i>* Congregation Stands</i>		

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.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

HOW DO I GROW SPIRITUALLY?

Adapted from Covenant BP Church Weekly, Sunday 12th March 2017

In the past few weeks, I've had many questions about spiritual growth and holiness. How can I grow? How can I be holy?

These are important questions. But there is no mystery to it. Since God commands spiritual growth, he tells us in the Word how to achieve it.

We Must Grow Spiritually

It is God's will that Christians grow in Christ (Col 2:6-7). But what specifically are we to grow in?

We are to grow in grace and knowledge. 1 Pet 3:18 says *"grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

Spiritual Growth Is Growth in Holiness

To grow in grace means to mature as a Christian - the evidence is holiness.

Tit 2:11-12 - *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."*

God's will is for the grace-filled Christian to grow in holiness. 1 Thess 4:3 says, *"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."*

Why does God want us to be holy? Aren't we already saved? Can't we live however we want to?

No! Because God has saved us, he commands us to be holy. 1 Pet 1:15 says, *"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation."*

Shall we continue to sin? Paul says - *"Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"* (Rom 6:1-2). We must grow in holiness. But to do that, we must grow in knowledge.

Spiritual Growth Is Growth in Experiential Knowledge

1 Pet 3:18 also tells us to grow in the knowledge of Christ. How do you do that?

Obviously, we must read the Bible to know more about Jesus. But more than mere information, this knowledge must impact our affections.

Col 3:1-2 says, *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."*

Saved people will desire spiritual things - things that please Christ. If we are dedicated to Christ, we will grow. Therefore we must know what pleases Christ and what displeases him.

Know What Pleases and Displeases Jesus

Eph 5:8,10-11 says, *"...walk as children of light...proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."*

Christians must live as Christians. And to do that, we must know what is acceptable to Jesus. At the same time, we must reject what is sinful - what displeases him.

But how do we know what pleases and displeases Jesus? We look into his Word. Col 3:16 commands - *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another...”*

What does the word of Christ reveal about what pleases and displeases him ? *“If ye love me, keep my commandments”* (John 14:15).

Paul himself said in Rom 13:8-10 - *“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”*

To love Christ is to keep his commandments. That pleases him.

How to Grow in Holiness

To keep Christ's commands, to grow in holiness, there are practical things we must do.

Firstly, we must walk in the Spirit (Rom 8:1,5,9). We must let the Spirit have full control over our lives.

And if we are doing that, we will not give control of our bodies and minds to our sinful nature.

Rom 6:13 tells us - *“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”*

Secondly, we will put in effort to change our lives. Eph 4:25-32 gives practical instructions:

We are not to lie, but speak the truth. When we are angry, we are not to stay angry and give opportunity to the devil. We are not to steal, but to work hard. We are not to speak corruptly, but speak edifyingly. We are not to harbour bitterness, but to forgive.

We don't change overnight. Years of sinful habits will require much effort to change - to acquire new holy habits.

This is why we are to exercise ourselves unto godliness (1 Tim 4:7). And little gains all add up.

Thirdly, when we do fail, we ask for forgiveness. 1 John 1:9 says, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Confession and repentance are disciplines that the Christian continues in. 2 Cor 7:9-10 speaks about how godly sorrow brings about repentance in Christians. And that repentance is good because it is God's will.

Jesus himself called upon the churches of Ephesus, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, and Laodicea to repent (Rev 2-3).

Conclusion

There is no short cut to spiritual growth and holiness. When we know the Word of Christ, when we love him, and when we strive to please him, we will grow in grace. And the longer we live, the more we grow and holier we become if we do these things.

- Pastor Mark Chen

The Word Made Flesh

The Ligonier Statement on Christology

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

Church of God, Beloved and Chosen

Church of God, beloved and chosen,
Church of Christ, for whom He died,
Claim thy gifts, and praise thy Giver,
Ye are washed and sanctified.
Sanctified by God the Father,
And by Jesus Christ His Son,
And by God the Holy Spirit,
Holy, holy, Three in One.

By His will He sanctifieth,
By the Spirit's pow'r within;
By the loving hand that chasteneth
Fruits of righteousness to win;
By His truth and by His promise;
By the Word, His gift unpriced;
By His blood, and by our union
With the risen life of Christ.

Holiness by faith in Jesus,
Not by effort of thine own,
Sin's dominion crushed and broken,
By the pow'r of grace alone;
God's own holiness within thee,
His own beauty on thy brow;
This shall be thy pilgrim brightness,
This thy blessed portion now.

He will sanctify thee wholly;
Body, spirit, soul shall be
Blameless till thy Saviour's coming,
In His glorious majesty!
He hath perfected for ever
Those whom He hath sanctified;
Spotless, glorious, and holy,
Is the Church, His chosen bride.

Frances R Havergal (1836-1879)

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
Weds 5th Apr 7pm Mid-Week Outreach 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.
Sat 8th Apr 4pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	TODAY: 02/04/2017
Message	Impressive Credentials	The Dread of Diagnosis	Chairman: John / Keene
Text	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	Jeremiah 21	Organist: Anthony

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>". • Study of the Book of Psalms: at 3pm, Dr Martin will lead a Bible Study on the book of Psalms, using the book "<i>The Flow of the Psalms</i>" by Palmer Robertson. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies. • Church Maintenance Fund: The Church is currently undergoing some significant repairs; a Maintenance Fund has been set up for anyone wishing to offer a love gift to assist with the costs. • Easter Camp, 14th-17th April 2017: Camp theme - "<i>God's Grace in our Daily Lives</i>". Please see Yetta for more information. • Church Cleaning 11am Next Saturday: in preparation for Easter Camp. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PA Crew: Scott / John</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK: 09/04/2017</p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Matthew</p> <p>Ushers: Jonathan / Tom</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Sharon</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott / Anthony</p>

Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £823.00; Lunch: £48.00; Church Building Fund: £50.00 Attendance - Morning: 39 (A) 12 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 5 (C)	Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,290.50
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 60

Q: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

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.

Comments:

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 *necessity* – that is, such as cannot be done on the Saturday, nor left over till the Monday; and works of *mercy* – that is, such as it would be cruel to omit.

Scriptural Reference:

Leviticus 23:3; Psalm 92:1; Matthew 12:11-12

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." Psalm 56:11	"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.." John 3:36	"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24