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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 07 MAY 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

Psalm 124:1-8

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 24 – *"Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty"*

RHC 47 – *"Great is Thy
Faithfulness"*

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

Keene Chen

*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Christology Creed

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 62

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 62 verses 1-8
(to the tune of St. Theodulph, RHC 197)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

John Poh

Keene Chen

*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 311 – *"Does Jesus Care?"*

Scriptural Text

1 Corinthians 3:1-8

Jeremiah 22:13-23

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Delayed Spiritual Growth

Like a Good Neighbour

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 379 – *"O For a Faith That
Will Not Shrink"*

RHC 534 – *"Meet Me There"*

*Benediction/3-Fold
Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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.

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

THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 30th April 2017

Introduction

Luke 6:38 says, *'Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.'*

Christian stewardship is a needful part of our testimony and duty to God. It is a joy to give to the Lord as His children out of love and gratitude and in obedience to His Word. It was Henry Martyn who said, "The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. The nearer we get to Him, the more intense a missionary we become." Drawing closer to the Lord means loving Him and keeping His commandments. If the people of the church are committed and engaged with Christ and His work, they will reach out to the lost world with the gospel message. Our first priority in the church should be Christ's last commission given to the church before His ascension to evangelise and make disciples of different ethnic groups. Such missionary endeavors require practical financial backing and support from the covenant people of God. Our churches should have evangelistic outreach programmes fired with passion and the right perspective when it comes to reaching out to the world. A biblical vision for missions should be supported and financed by God's people. This is where faith and faithful stewardship merge together in reality. God allows us the privilege to share in His salvation plan for the world and He challenges us to give cheerfully to His cause. Consider the following five reasons why we should honour the Lord with our substance:

1. The Element of Worship of God

Deuteronomy 16:16-17 says, *'Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.'* We are both encouraged and required to give cheerfully and willingly to God. Abel gave acceptable offerings unto the Lord (Genesis 4). Abraham tithed to Melchisedec in gratitude to God (Hebrews 7:7-9). The law required Israel to bring the first fruits of their labour. The early church brought their gifts to the storehouse on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Some contend that tithing is an Old Testament practice that has become obsolete under the New Testament administration of grace. Someone has rightly said, "If an Old Testament Jew was expected to give a tenth under the law of Moses (Leviticus 27:30-32); how much more should we who have been freely saved by the grace of God give as an act of worship?" While we are not required by law technically, the principle of tithing practiced in the Old Testament even before the moral law came into being is not irrelevant but a good pattern for the Christian in the New Testament period to emulate and follow.

God gives us the privilege to give as in 2 Corinthians 9:7 which says, *'Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.'* If His primary purpose of the church is to worship and praise God and to propagate the gospel, should not every believer be spiritually and financially involved in such a godly endeavor for His name's sake? What an honour it is to serve the King of kings.

2. The Element of Commitment and Blessings

Our motivation for giving should not be selfish in nature but one noted from studying the promises of God that it is not without any blessing or benefit. Abraham gave his son, Isaac, willingly and God blessed and gave Abraham an entire nation as his descendants. Hannah gave her son, Samuel to the Lord, and the Lord rewarded her much more in return for her faith. The widow of Zarephath, gave Elijah her barrel of food, and God kept the barrel full for her whole family. The little boy gave his 5 loaves and 2 fishes, and God used them to feed the multitude a meal and had an excess of 12 baskets full of food remaining. It is a privilege to serve God and bless others. If you honour God's Kingdom, He will also take care of yours by His grace and mercy as we trust in Him. Proverbs 3:9-10 says, *'Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.'*

3. The Element of Soul Winning

Giving to the Lord in church missions is consistent with the burden of spreading the gospel around the world to the saving of souls (Mark 16:15) At the end of the day, this is the ultimate goal of the church besides the worship of God. Church meetings and fellowships are relevant in their proper place. But Christ died on the cross for the elect that He had called (Matthew 1:21). He died for souls he predestinated that would be saved. As we go to missions in different nations or ethnic groups with the gospel of Jesus Christ, we can pray and give to support this glorious cause practically as well.

4. The Element of Ministry

It is a joyful service and ministry that we can be ministering to many souls in Christ. What we are doing to reach out to them is our sacred duty and prerogative. The thought of eternity for souls should be a grave concern in our giving to God and the wise management of financial stewardship. It is having an eternal concern in view. Romans 12:11-12 says, *'Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;'* *Let us do it joyfully and fervently so that God's work may advance, in promoting His kingdom to the saving of souls as a form of our spiritual service.*

5. The Element of the Glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:31 says, *'Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'* Above and beyond all other reasons mentioned, we should support and give cheerfully to missions for the chief end of man is to honour and glorify God. Whatever we do, may we do it for His exaltation and glory. When Christ is lifted up, He will draw all men unto Himself. May we give of ourselves, the surrendering of our bodies, our time, talent and substance to the honour of God. God will bless our witness, along with our time, talents and substance, for His divine glory and sovereign purpose. Paul exhorted us in Romans 12:1-2, *'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.'*

- Rev Jack Sin

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 10th May	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 13th May	4pm	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: 07/05/2017</u> Chairman: John / Keene Organist: Anthony Pianist: Matthew Ushers: Tom / Evelyn Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Hannah Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Jonathan <u>NEXT WEEK: 14/05/2017</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Keene Ushers: Jonathan / Daniel Sunday School: Hannah Lunch: Sharon/Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Anthony
Message	Life and Labour	The Devil's Destructive Plot	
Text	1 Corinthians 3:8-15	Jeremiah 22:24-23:8	
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. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 4th-6th July 2017. The theme this year is "<i>Our Glorious Reformation Legacy - 500th Anniversary</i>" • Church Maintenance Day: Saturday 13th May, 11am. All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building. • Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared. 			
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £950.00; Lunch: £41.50; Bible College of East Africa: £858.00; Baalah: £585.00 Attendance - Morning: 36 (A) 11 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 4 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,390.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 65

Q: What is forbidden in the Fifth Commandment?

A: *The Fifth Commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honour and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations.*

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 13:7; Romans 12:10

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

Matthew 16:27

This Week

"In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God."

Psalm 62:7

Next Week

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

John 15:5