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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 09 APRIL 2017

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>	Zechariah 9:9	Psalms 34:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 176 – <i>"Ride on, Ride on in Majesty"</i>	RHC 28 – <i>"The God of Abraham Praise"</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Apostle's Creed	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalms 58	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalms 58 verses 1-6, 10-11</i> (to the tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 405 – <i>"Have I Done My Best for Jesus?"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	Jeremiah 21
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Impressive Credentials</i>	<i>The Dread of Diagnosis</i>
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Dr Carl Martin	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 200 – <i>"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"</i>	RHC 429 – <i>"We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought"</i>
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<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.

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

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly, Sunday 2nd April 2017

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” Galatians 6:14

Introduction:

We are approaching the Holy week, and will be commemorating our Lord’s suffering and sacrifice on the cross within two weeks’ time. At this juncture, *what do we think and feel about the cross of Christ?* What does it mean to us? The Apostle Paul bans and would not want to boast his outward carnal privileges, and indeed he chose not to glory in anything. He meant to declare strongly, that he trusted in nothing but “Jesus Christ crucified” for the pardon of his sins and the salvation of his soul. Let others, if they would, look elsewhere for salvation; let others, if they were so disposed, trust in other things for pardon and peace—for his part the apostle was determined to rest on nothing, lean on nothing, build his hope on nothing, place confidence in nothing, boast in nothing, “except in the cross of Jesus Christ.”

Thus, we are called to understand that the Cross of Christ is place where we must boast and trust in on this earthly life. There are three basic things that made him to boast on the Cross of Christ. Let us see them below one by one. Let us listen to St Paul in Galatians 6:14, what does he have to say about *the Cross of Christ?*

1. The Cross of Christ – The Plan of God (Gen 3:15; Isaiah 53):

First of all, the cross of Christ is the Plan of God for the redemption of mankind from eternity. The historical event of Christ’s death by crucifixion has eternal significance because of the identity of the one who was crucified. Jesus Christ, God’s Son, had become incarnated as a man, and “came to give His life a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45; I Tim. 2:6). This plan of God was made before the fall of mankind by all-knowing God. (*Gen 3:15; Isaiah 53:6, 10*). At the cross, God achieved three things: 1) The salvation of sinners; 2) The revelation of himself and 3) The conquest of evil. Hence, the Cross of Christ reveals to me and gives me that great assurance that God loved me from the eternity. I am in the centre of God’s plan.

2. The Cross of Christ – The Purpose of God (1 Cor. 15:3-4; Acts 17:2-3):

Secondly, the Cross of Christ and His death as a part of God’s divine purpose is the centrepiece of the gospel. In His death on the cross, Jesus was taking the death consequence of sin for all mankind. This He could do in that He was the sinless Saviour ratifying a consequential spiritual solidarity with the whole human race. The first man Adam, when he sinned all men died spiritually (Rom. 5:12), were constituted “sinners” spiritually (Roman. 5:19), and were condemned (Rom. 5:18) to everlasting death. God had originally told Adam in the garden, “In the day that you eat thereof” from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, “dying you shall die” (Genesis 2:17). “The consequence of sin was death in its various spiritual, psychological and physical forms” (James A. Fowler, *The Cross of Christ*)¹. Therefore, God had a redemptive plan for the purpose to redeem the fallen mankind from the eternal damnation. Thus, the Cross of Christ reveals to me that it is the purpose of God to reconcile me to Him by forgiving my sins and giving me the hope of resurrection. We must cling to the old rugged cross. We must see the centrality of the cross in the life of Christian to boast.

3. The Cross of Christ – The Power of God (1 Cor. 1:18-26):

It is the power of God – This may either mean that the gospel is called “the power of God,” because it is the medium through which God applies his power in the salvation of sinners; or, the gospel changed the condition of fallen man, and is effectual in renewing him and sanctifying him and yet, that its reception by the human mind depends on the promised presence of the Holy Spirit (Albert Barnes’ Notes on the Bible). Thus, “the death of Jesus comprises the divine dynamic of the life of Christ in the Christian. Christians who are “being saved” from the dysfunction of fallen humanity receive that divine dynamic power in order to function as God intended” (James A. Fowler, The Cross of Christ). So, it is mere power of crucified Christ alone. Consequently, the Cross of Christ reveals me that on this earth fruitfully.

Conclusion:

Therefore, the Cross of Christ is the central theme of the whole Bible in short. If there is no cross, there is no Christianity. The Cross of Christ is the unique and important teaching and faith which differentiates us from others. The Cross of Christ is the symbol of love and sacrifice to all the born-again believers. God demonstrated His love for the mankind on the cross by sending His Son Jesus Christ to die, on behalf of us. The atoning death of Christ on the Cross provides redemption to sinners like us and makes us children of God, gives the promise of the eternal life in Christ. That’s why for Paul stresses that “For me it is not to glory, except in the cross of Christ.” as we are commemorating Holy Week, shall we follow St Paul and boast ourselves in nothing but the cross of Christ in our life.

[[1] James A. Fowler, the Cross of Christ. <http://www.christinyou.net/pages/crosschrst.html>]

- Pastor SV Nathan

Apostle’s Creed

*I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost.
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting.
Amen.*

**meaning the universal Christian church--
all believers in Jesus Christ*

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 12th 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 15th 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	<u>TODAY: 09/04/2017</u>
Message	The Grace of Resurrection	The Grace of Resources	
Text	1 Corinthians 15:10-28	2 Corinthians 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. • Good Friday Service, 14th April 2017, 11am. "<i>The Grace of Redemption</i>" - Romans 3:24. • Easter Camp, 14th-17th April 2017: Camp theme - "<i>God's Grace in our Daily Lives</i>". Please see Yetta for more information. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 16/04/2017</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan / Keene Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joel Ushers: Tom / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Easter Camp Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Joel</p>

Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1362.50; Lunch: £40.00; Church Building Fund: £100.00 Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 14 (C), Evening: 12 (A) 3 (C)	Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,390.50
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 61

Q: What is forbidden in the Fourth Commandment?

A: *The Fourth Commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.*

Comments:

This commandment forbids: 1. The omission of Sabbath duties; 2. The careless discharge of them; 3. Being idle; 4. Committing sin; 5. Being engaged, without proper reason, in worldly matters.

Scriptural Reference:

Isaiah 58:13, 14; Malachi 1:13

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"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."</i> John 3:36	<i>"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."</i> Matthew 16:24	<i>"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."</i> Matthew 16:25