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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 16 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>	Psalm 16:7-11	Psalm 123:1-4
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 213 – "Welcome, Happy Morning!"	Insert – "His Robes for Mine"
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Keene Chen
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 59	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 59</i> verses 1-2, 5, 16-17 (to the tune of Ballerma, RHC 130)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Keene Chen
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 214 – "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 15:10-28	2 Corinthians 8
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Grace of Resurrection</i>	<i>The Grace of Resources</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 385 – "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"	RHC 355 – "Day by Day"
<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 HOLY SPIRIT IN TEACHING

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 2nd April 2017

Introduction

Christianity believes in the triune God which includes the ministry of the teaching and preaching the Word of God is truly the work of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity in the hearts of men. 1 John 2:20 says, 'But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.' The Greek word for the Holy Spirit, 'Paraclete' which means comforter, advocate, intercessor or helper performs the work of advising, exhorting, comforting, strengthening, interceding, encouraging and teaching the believers. The servant of God who serves in his own strength and not in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8) is greatly impoverished and weak spiritually. In an increasingly liberal and charismatic world, the doctrine of the Holy Spirit is often neglected, misunderstood or even wrongly taught (i.e. speaking in tongues, healing and prophecies etc.). We need to understand the role and ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our teaching so as to be greatly used of the Lord to instruct and teach God's holy Word. The understanding of the Holy Spirit in teaching should have a practical, devotional, scriptural and doctrinal impact for every believer today.

History of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

It is instructive that the following historic councils made certain doctrinal statements about the Holy Spirit, namely:

1. Council at Nicea 325 AD
I believe in the Holy Spirit
2. Council of Constantinople 311 AD
Established the doctrine of the Deity of the Holy Spirit
3. Synod of Toledo 589 AD
Settled the issue of Filioque which is the eternal procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son. (ie The Greek Orthodox church do not accept this)

The Personality and Attributes of the Holy Spirit

The first mention of the Holy Spirit was in Genesis 1:2 where we were told that *'the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters'* and the last mention of the Spirit of God was in Revelation 20:17. So you see that from the beginning of scriptures to the conclusion of the canon, the Holy Spirit plays a vital and pivotal part in the Holy Writ. The Holy Spirit is not a force nor an influence, He is a person (masculine) who has a will and a distinct personality and He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30). The Holy Spirit shares the attributes of the Father and the Son, He is eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient, holy and sovereign and is equal in power and glory with God the Father. In the Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 2 article III, it is stated:

"In the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son."

The Holy Spirit is presented historically, devotionally, and theologically and especially in the gospels and the epistles. The Holy Spirit is also present in the Old Testament times as much as He is in the New Testament. The times of the Judges is a good example of the active operation of the Holy Spirit indwelling in the lives of God's people as he empowered the Judges to rule and deliver the Israelites from foreign oppression (Judges 3:10).

There is no significant difference in the person and work of the Spirit in the Old Testament and New Testament except that in the former, it is latent, in the latter, it is blatant.

The Spirit of Truth (John 15:26)

The holy Spirit is associated with the truth of God in a fourfold manner.

1. He regenerates hearts with the truth (Matthew 22:43, Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 1:11)
2. He works with the truth (John 3:5, Ephesians 6:17, John 15:26)
3. He imparts and reveals the truth (John 16:13) to the believers
4. He empowers us to be witnesses of the truth for Him (Acts 1:8)

If God's truth is ever to be preached and taught, it is imperative to have the unction and illumination of the Spirit of God in us. A message or a lesson without the leading of the Spirit will be found wanting. Even the work of conversion and regeneration is wrought by the Spirit of God in the hearts of men (Titus 3:5).

Facts about the Holy Spirit in Teaching

'But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him' (1 John 2:27).

Consider the following:

1. Every true believer of Christ has the Holy Spirit indwelling in them (Romans 8:16) and to each Christian is given a gift of the Spirit (1 Peter 4:9, 10). We are to always discover, develop and exercise this gift in the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. We are to be continually filled with the Spirit of God which will result in a victorious Christian life (Ephesians 5:18-21) if we want to live an abundant and triumphant Christian life (Galatians 5:16).
3. We must constantly rely on the leading power of the Holy Spirit in our teaching, and speak and teach not in word but in the power and in the Holy Spirit with much assurance (John 16:13, 1 Thessalonians 1:5).
4. We are to develop and exhibit the fruit of the Spirit in our lives as a student or teacher of the Word. The transformed life by Christ includes the fruit of the Spirit besides others (Galatians 5:22, 23).
5. We are to pray and intercede for ourselves and our family in the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 6:18, Romans 8:26, Jude 20).
6. The Spirit will reprove the world of sin, righteousness and judgement (John 16:7, 8). May this fact be ever before us as we share the gospel and teach His Word to people peradventure someone may be saved by the sovereign grace of God.

Conclusion

The Holy Spirit has a vital role in the effectual lives of believers. Acts 4:31 says,

*'And when they had prayed,
the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,
and they spake the word of God with boldness.'*

May all believers desire to be Spirit-filled Christians by the will of God and be walking daily in the power of the Spirit and to the glory 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 19th 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 22nd Apr 4pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Pooyan Mehrshahi	Rev Pooyan Mehrshahi	TODAY: 16/04/2017
Message	Safety for the Soul	The Sword of the Spirit	Chairman: Jonathan / Keene
Text	Proverbs 18:10	Ephesians 6:17	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. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 4th-6th July 2017. The theme this year is "<i>Our Glorious Reformation Legacy - 500th Anniversary</i>" 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 23/04/2017</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Michael Ushers: Joel / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / John</p>

Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £770.10; Lunch: £41.40 Attendance - Morning: 35 (A) 12 (C), Evening: 10 (A) 3 (C)	Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,390.50
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 62

Q: What are the reasons annexed to the Fourth Commandment?

A: The reasons annexed to the Fourth Commandment are – God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments; his challenging a special propriety in the seventh; his own example; and his blessing the Sabbath-day.

Comments:

The special reasons here given for the observance of the Sabbath are: 1. Our being allowed six days for work; 2. God's claim of the seventh day as specially his own; 3. God's resting on the seventh day; 4. God's blessing it.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 31:15; Genesis 2:3

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<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	<i>"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"</i> Matthew 16:26