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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> |
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| <i>Prelude</i> | <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | |
| <i>Call to Worship</i> | Psalm 100:1-3 | Psalm 116:1-2 |
| <i>Opening Hymn *</i> | RHC 226 – <i>"The Lord Is King!"</i> | RHC 5 – <i>"Command Thy Blessing From Above"</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> | Psalm 47 | --- |
| <i>Second Hymn *</i> | <i>Psalm 47 verses 1-8</i> (to the tune of St Peter, RHC 456) | --- |
| <i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i> | John Poh | John Poh |
| <i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i> | RHC 425 – <i>"Take the World, but Give Me Jesus"</i> | --- |
| <i>Scriptural Text</i> | Malachi 3:16-18 | John 21:18-22 |
| <i>Pastoral Prayer</i> | Dr Carl Martin | Dr Carl Martin |
| <i>Sermon Message</i> | <i>Fellowship under the Fear of God</i> | <i>Life Purpose for You, Not Your Neighbour</i> |
| <i>Closing Hymn *</i> | RHC 262 – <i>"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"</i> | RHC 463 – <i>"Anywhere with 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

AN ASSESSMENT – A REFLECTION

Adapted from New Life BP Singapore Weekly, Sunday 8th January 2017

Have you done an assessment of your spiritual life? We understand the word assessment as an act of making judgment about something, or an idea or opinion about something. For those of you who are studying, you have an assessment by way of your exams to determine whether you have learned or not. We also use this word to know our health. So we go for health screening every year to know if we are healthy or not. When you want to sell your property; you want to know the current market value, so you ask for valuation. If you are working, every year your performance is assessed based on different methods and one of these methods is using KPI (Key Performance Indicators). The result will determine how much bonus you will get and for some get promoted or to others get fired for non-performance.

So when we say we want to make an assessment about our spiritual life; we mean to know whether we are progressing, or not in our Christian walk with the Lord. If indeed we are true believers of the Lord we must grow. This was clearly stated by the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 3:1-2 ***“¹And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. ²I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.”*** Paul could not speak to the believers in Corinth as having spiritual discernment or judgment in spiritual things as they were under spiritual decline rather than growing. Paul cannot even feed them meat as they cannot bear it.

In Hebrews 12:1-2 ***“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*** In these two verses the Apostle Paul liken our Christian life to a marathon race. So when we run this Christian race there is growth though some may be slow and others may be faster but all the believers (young or seniors) are progressing into maturity running towards the Celestial City; not with bodily eyes but with the eye of faith; for faith is a spiritual sight of Christ; the image of Christ fills one with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Let's then do an assessment of our Spiritual life based on the fruit of the Holy Spirit; which every one of us must manifest if we claim to be a true believer of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's look at the verses again in Galatians 5:22-23 ***“²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”***

By right each of us should be growing in manifestation of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. How do you fare if you compare last January 2016 and this January 2017? Do you notice any difference? Are you manifesting and living the fruit of the Holy Spirit?

Look at yourself and examine how you show your **love** to the unlovable even to your enemies; your **joy** in times of sorrows and griefs; your **peace** when you are heart broken or abused or rejected; your **longsuffering** in dealing with people who are very slow or to people that irritate you; your **gentleness** to the unkind and unforgiving persons; your **goodness** shown to people who make use or abuse your goodness; your **faith** in times of troubles and uncertainties; your **meekness** when you are ridiculed; and your **temperance** when you are challenged rather than revenge. Are you maturing in Christ?

The great preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon; said that **“Every Christian is either a Missionary or an Impostor.”** A friend has said in relation to this; “as a preacher, Spurgeon can be excused for using hyperboles. But Spurgeon also said; **‘Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you’re not saved yourself, be sure of that.’** ”

I quoted this from Spurgeon to let each one of us know that there are no watchers or viewers or spectators in the Christian race, all of us are participants of the race. All of us must run the race that is set before us. If you don’t run the race; you will not grow in your Christian life. You will have no interest for others to be saved, then what Spurgeon said is true that you are not truly saved.

Jesus prophesied in Matthew 7:21 **“²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”** You must take this prophecy seriously or else it will be fulfilled in your life in the last day.

May our Christian life be fruitful and growing spiritually year after year even though our progress maybe slow but there is progress and we are growing in grace; so we will not be liken to the fig tree which our Lord Jesus cursed for having leaves but with no fruits. In Mark 11:12-14 **“¹²And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: ¹³And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. ¹⁴And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.”**

- Emmanuel T Gumapon

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 |
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| Weds 25th Jan 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. |
| Fri 27th Jan 7pm Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>"The Glory of God - Studies in Ezekiel"</i> Mr David Park | |
| Sat 28th Jan 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: 22/01/2017</u> |
| Message | Mighty Help, Living Hope | Transitions | Chairman: John |
| Text | Malachi 4:1-3 | John 21:23-24 | Organist: Michael |

| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations". • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies. • 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. • Sunday Evening Video Series: After Evening Service today there will be a Video Series on "<i>Mastering Your Money</i>". • Chinese New Year Carry-in Lunch: Sunday 29th January. Please see Jonathan or John if you wish to bring in a dish for Sunday lunch. | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 29/01/2017</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Joel</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Keene</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: CNY Carry-In</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott / Anthony</p> |
| <p>Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £561.00; Lunch: £39.00</p> <p>Church Maintenance Fund: £360</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 35 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 13 (A) 3 (C)</p> | <p>Church Maintenance Fund Total: £2,010</p> |

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 50

Q: What is required in the Second Commandment?

A: The Second Commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his Word.

Comments:

This commandment bids us: 1. Adopt the way of worshipping God appointed by himself; 2. Adhere to it; 3. Not add to it; 4. Nor take from it. There must be no will-worship.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:20, Deuteronomy 12:2

| MEMORY VERSE | | |
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| <p>Last Week</p> <p><i>"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."</i></p> <p>Psalms 46:1</p> | <p>This Week</p> <p><i>"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."</i></p> <p>Proverbs 16:3</p> | <p>Next Week</p> <p><i>"He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace."</i></p> <p>Proverbs 11:12</p> |