



NEW LIFE

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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

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:7-10

Hebrews 1:8-10

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 23 – *"O Splendour of God's
Glory Bright"*

RHC 229 – *"Thy Kingdom
Come, O God"*

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 86

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 86 verses 1-5
(to the tune of Arlington, RHC 433)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 134 – *"Why Do I Sing About
Jesus?"*

Scriptural Text

Job 15:1-21

Deuteronomy 6:1-15

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Sermon Message

Is it all about Health and Wealth?

Teaching Children our Faith

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 50 – *"Jesus, My Lord, My
God, My All"*

RHC 259 – *"Lamp of Our
Feet"*

*Benediction/3-Fold
Amen **

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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

MARKS OF TRUE CHURCH AND CHRISTIANS - PART 2

Adapted from Hope BPC Weekly, Sunday 17th September 2017

This message was preached at the 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of Providence BPC on 13 Aug 2017.

Marks to notice

In last week's article, we have seen the challenges we may face as we try to discern the dangers coming from such challenges. Now we need to know how we can build our church to be God-pleasing and honoring body of believers, and to also discern the marks of true churches. I think that there are a few outstanding marks we must be able to find from a true church of Christ.

First, the true church honors Christ, Him only. I hope that this lesson is not too hard for you to understand. Think about Christianity, or Christian. If you and I remove Christ from them, then there is no religion of Christianity, and there is no Christian.

- 1) It is Christ who builds His church. Jesus says in Matthew 16:18, *"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* The church is His church, and He builds His church. Therefore, Christ must come first above all things in His church. Our devotion must be given to Christ, not anything else, even the church. Even if we have done our very best to work for our churches, if we have not been right with Christ, then our devotion is not for the glory of our Saviour.
- 2) It is Christ who is the foundation of the church. 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, *"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*
- 3) It is Christ who is honoured. John 5:23, *"That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him."* Therefore, the name of Christ must be praised and honoured in our hearts and worship.
- 4) It is Christ whom the Holy Spirit glorifies. John 16:13-14, *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you."* Thus, the Spirit filled churches and Christians will glory the name of Christ.
- 5) It is Christ who bought the church with His blood. Acts 20:28, *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."* By now, we must know that the ownership of the church belongs to Jesus. Thus, He is the master of His church. If a group or an individual called the church or Christian does not honour the name of Christ, then it is not church, and he is not a Christian. A true church is marked by the name of Christ.

Second, the Bible is the revelation of Jesus Christ. It is a natural extension of the first lesson we just studied. If Christ should be honored in our midst, we need to know Him. How can we know of Christ? Where can we find any information of Him? Is it dream or vision that teaches us about Christ? The answer is, in fact, provided by the Lord Himself.

1) Jesus says in John 5:39, *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."* This verse has dual purposes of the Bible, and encourages us to have a right attitude.

a. Two purposes are:

(i) For our salvation: the Scripture reveals us the way to go to heaven, or to have eternal life. We cannot think of salvation apart from the Scriptures or the Bible. 1 Peter 1:23-25, *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."*

(ii) For the testimony of Jesus: Jesus said that the Scripture from which we may find eternal life testifies of Him. Therefore, if we want to know about Jesus Christ, we need to go to the Bible. In fact, the more we know the Scriptures, the clearer picture we may have about Him. It is absurd that we know Christ, though we do not know the Bible. We shall know of Him, as much as we know of the Scriptures.

b. A commendable attitude toward the Scripture is to search it diligently. We ought to search the Bible, not just casual reading but careful studies. If you and I are really serious about our faith and religion, we ought to study the Bible. If we do not know the Bible, then we may have wrong images of Jesus Christ, which will mislead us to untruth. Therefore, a faithful church is a studying church.

2) The Bible is full of Christ. Even the disciples of Jesus did not know Him well enough. When Christ was crucified and buried, all of them were sad and discouraged. Jesus appeared to two disciples after His resurrection, but they did not recognize Him. Jesus said to them in Luke 24:25, *"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken."*

a. They could not understand the death and resurrection of Jesus because they did not believe all the prophets have spoken, which refers to the Old Testament.

b. Jesus continued to say in verse 26, *"Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."* Jesus is again referring to the whole Old Testament as a testimony of Himself. When we do not know, understand, and believe the Bible, we cannot know and understand Jesus properly. Therefore, a true church is a Bible-centred church. She is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15b).

So far, in summary, I have explained just two marks of true churches and Christians, and there are many more, of which I will comment in coming weeks. True believers of Jesus Christ are the ones who honor Him by knowing and believing in Him according to the Scriptures. If we put them together with all unmentioned marks of true church and Christians, we may summarize them in one statement. A true church or a true Christian is conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. In other words, a true church will be like Jesus Christ. A true believer will be like Jesus Christ. Thus, he lives according to the scriptures. A true church obeys the Word of God.

- Rev Timothy Ki

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 25th October	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 October	7pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>The Glory of God - Studies in Ezekiel</i>	
Sat 28th October	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon	<u>TODAY: 22/10/2017</u>
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	TBC	TBC	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Rev Lim will continue with the study on "<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>". • Sunday School: This afternoon at 2:45pm the church will be holding Sunday School for young children and toddlers, led by Elizabeth, Nina and Barbara. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for Rev Lim Chee Boon who will be ministering to us until the 26th November. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch next Lord's Day. • Please note the clock goes back 1 hour next Lord's Day. 			Ushers: Tom / Margaret
			Lunch: Jonathan
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott / Anthony
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 29/10/2017</u>
			Chairman: John
Organist: Anthony			
Pianist: Matthew			
Ushers: Daniel / Jonathan			
Lunch: Rev Lim			
Washing Up: Volunteers			
PA Crew: Scott / Jonathan			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £965.80; Lunch: £55.50; Baalah Fund: £500.00; Maintenance Fund: £60.00 Attendance - Morning: 41 (A) 9 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 3 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,880.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 89

Q: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A: *The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.*

Comments:

In order that the Bible may make us wise unto salvation, two things are necessary: the Holy Spirit's influence on God's part, and a diligent study of it on ours. When these two things go together, men are convinced of their sin and brought to Christ. They are made holier in their lives, and happier in their hearts.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 19:7, 2 Timothy 3:16

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

*"Have not I commanded thee?
Be strong and of a good
courage; be not afraid, neither
be thou dismayed: for the Lord
thy God is with thee
whithersoever thou goest."*

Joshua 1:9

This Week

*"So then faith cometh by
hearing, and hearing by the
word of God."*

Romans 10:17

Next Week

*"As newborn babes, desire the
sincere milk of the word, that ye
may grow thereby:"*

1 Peter 2:2