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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 30 APRIL 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:8-10

Psalm 31:1-3

Opening Hymn *

RHC 22 – *"When All Thy Mercies, O My God"*

RHC 465 – *"I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"*

Opening Prayer *

Jonathan Kim

John Poh

Gloria Patri *

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 61

Second Hymn *

Psalm 61

(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

John Poh

Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *

RHC 392 – *"More Love to Thee"*

Scriptural Text

1 Corinthians 2

Jeremiah 22:1-12

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

The Christian Mind vs the Christless Mind

When a Leader refuses to Listen to God

Closing Hymn *

RHC 376 – *"O To Be Like Thee"*

RHC 246 – *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

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

TO FAIL OR NOT TO FAIL

Adapted from New Life BPC Singapore Weekly, Sunday 23rd April 2017

All of us have failed in many ways in one way or another.

Failure comes in many forms. When failures are not being addressed as they come along, this may lead to many unsettled issues in our lives and for those who may not be able to take it all, it's the end of the road. Whatever they do, it's bound to fail and it seems there is no more hope or solution.

You hear of some faithful workers or pastors who stopped serving later in their ministry and are now insurance or real estate agents. What happened? What went wrong in their ministry?

I remember one person in particular, who was a close friend (being my roommate before I got married) and was at that time A New Testament Professor in a Theological Seminary after he completed his advance Theological Training in the USA. However, later in his life, we found out that he left his teaching job and went on his own personal ministry. What went wrong? We found out later that, he fell into the trap of Satan by succumbing into the temptation with his office secretary. We were supposed to push him to be our very own Theologian, but he failed and left.

When we do not know how to handle failures, it may have repercussions in our lives. Some of our failures may be due to our own wilful disobedience to God's command which led us to sin against Him. If we are not careful and we do not let the Holy Spirit do His work of convicting us of our own personal sin, this will lead to the hardening of our hearts. Once the heart becomes hard one will not be sensitive to sin anymore. Instead the tendency is to justify all the sins and worse, one will no longer serve God and will be a very good pretender.

Failure can then cause people to stop serving God because they cannot accept their failures. Others can.

One example was Judas, he betrayed Jesus and failed; he realized his mistake but he did not go to the right person, instead he went back to the high priest. He was remorseful but in the end he hung himself.

The other example was Peter; he denied Jesus and was in tears. He even decided to go back to his old profession, but Jesus went to him while he was doing his normal work. Peter realized how sinful he was and confessed and Jesus assured him and accepted him back. He served until the end of his life and died as a martyr.

The Christian life is portrayed as a marathon race in Hebrews 12:1 “**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,**”. We are exhorted to run the race with endurance. Paul can say in his letter to young Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:7 “**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.**” Paul rejoiced that he finished the race well. But Paul in Galatians 5:7 asked the Galatians, “**Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?**” Sometimes someone hinders us from continuing the race and we get off the track. In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 “**Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.**” In some cases as shown in these verses we can disqualify ourselves from the race.

We too will fail many times. How do we view and accept our failures? Do we follow the Judas way (the world) or Peter’s way (confess and repent)?

One writer says, “Each one of us is a battleship load of failures. But the question before all of us is this: can you survive your failures? Those who know the depths and heights of the Lord’s kingdom have received the mercies of God to survive every obstacle, including failure.”

Let’s all be like Peter...

- Emmanuel T Gumapon

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 3rd 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 6th 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: 30/04/2017</u> Chairman: Jonathan / John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joel Ushers: Tom / Margaret Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Rachael Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Anthony
Message	Delayed Spiritual Growth	Like a Good Neighbour	
Text	1 Corinthians 3:1-8	Jeremiah 22:13-23	

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. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch today. • 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>" 	<u>NEXT WEEK: 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

Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £445.50; Lunch: £32.00; Baalah: £100.00; Addendum 16/04 Baalah: £50.00 Attendance - Morning: 35 (A) 12 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 6 (C)	Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,390.50
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 64

Q: What is required in the Fifth Commandment?

A: The Fifth Commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Scriptural Reference:

Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 5:21

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<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	<i>"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."</i> Matthew 16:27	<i>"In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God."</i> Psalm 62:7