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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 5:1-7	Hebrews 9:11-15
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 10 – “Still, Still with Thee”	RHC 63 – “Jesus, The Glories of Thy Face”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 130	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 130</i> (to the tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 403 – “Count Your Blessings”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Joshua 1:1-9	Luke 23:38-45
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Mr Mok Chee Cheong	Mr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Faith and Obedience</i>	<i>A Dying Thief Lives Forever</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 323 – “Trust and Obey”	RHC 301 – “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Mr Mok Chee Cheong	Mr Mok Chee Cheong
<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.

ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH FOR HEAVEN?

Adapted from Life BP Church Weekly, Sunday 30th September 2018

When John the apostle was allowed by God to have a glimpse of the future, to behold the incomparable beauty of the eternal state, he began the description of his vision as follows: *“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea, And I, John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God, out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”* (Revelation 21:1,2)

In the rest of the chapter, John reveals that the city will be lit up brightly with God’s own glory, that its twelve foundations will be made of precious stones, that its streets will be made of gold, and that everything in it will be captivatingly new and fresh. In this magnificent city, death, disease and distress will be non-existent. Everyone who lives there will enjoy the pure delight of unrestricted fellowship with God forever. Endless praise and worship will be the order of the day.

This must be the very same city that Abraham, the father of the nation of Israel, had looked forward to dwell in – *“For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”* (Hebrews 11:10). We should likewise be filled with eager anticipation for the time when John’s description of the New Jerusalem will become stark reality.

Unfortunately, many will not be able to dwell in that city, as John has recorded in the same chapter – *“And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”* (Revelation 21:27)

This differs substantially from what many people imagine about heaven. They say, *“All religions are basically the same; they all teach you to do good. As long as your good deeds outweigh the bad, you can go to heaven.”* But this is based on a wrong assumption: The assumption that the passing mark is 50%. God’s passing mark is not 50%, but 100%!

Because the eternal heavenly city of God is a place of absolute perfection, anyone who has the slightest sin in his life is forbidden to enter it. Sinners are not allowed into this wonderful city at all, because they will only spoil the perfection of the New Jerusalem.

The question that comes now is, is it possible for anyone to attain the passing mark of 100% to qualify for entry into the city? The answer is No, there is absolutely no one in this world, who is good enough. God’s Word on this matter is revealing: *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23)

Some have wrongly assumed that God must be pleased if they do many good works like loving the poor, and donating to charity and making much sacrifice for others! Their reasoning is: How can God not be good and nice to someone who gives his life fully and selflessly for the sake of doing good? But many who have done wonderful works and selfless acts of charity for others will be shocked and disappointed to hear God saying, *“I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.”* (Matthew 7:22)

Without the right knowledge of God, our best efforts to be good and to do good for mankind, or even for God Himself are only filthy rags in His sight. Isaiah 64:4 tells us *“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...”*

Perhaps you may wonder why God has set such an impossible standard for us to reach. Why will He not lower the standard and make it a little easier for us to enter heaven? The reason is that God is a holy God. And because He is holy, He requires us, the creatures He made, to be pure and holy like Him. By His very holy nature, God cannot tolerate any sin in His sight. And therefore heaven is out of bounds to sinners despite all their good works.

Someone might then say, *“Well then, if I do not qualify for heaven, I can spend eternity in some other place. Perhaps I can exist as a wandering spirit roaming the vast expanse of the universe.”* That may not be such a bad prospect, if only it were true. Unfortunately in the very same chapter where John described his vision of heaven he also tells us where all sinners will eventually go to – *“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone which is the second death.”* (Revelation 21:8)

How then can anyone be good enough for heaven? Only by the way that God Himself has provided. He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the price for sins on our behalf by dying a painful death nailed to a cross. Jesus Christ was the only one who was good enough for heaven. And He alone can save anyone who comes to Him and make him good enough for heaven. Jesus therefore invites all to come to Him to receive salvation. He says, *“It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.”* (Revelation 21:6)

Dear Reader, do you know that God had provided a wonderful salvation for you through Jesus Christ? Do you realize that you need the salvation He provided in order to have a part in the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem? Do you understand that if you haven't received this salvation yet, you can never be good enough for heaven? Do you know that you will be among the many who will have to spend the rest of eternity weeping in the outer darkness, regretting that you had never received salvation when God freely offered it to them when they lived on earth?

Please do not take this matter lightly, as there is more at stake than you may think. This present life is really nothing compared to the life to come. What is 70-80 years of your present life, compared to millions of years in eternity? You must make full use of the opportunity given to you now to prepare for the welfare of your soul in eternity.

If you choose to do nothing and just carry on living for yourself, with your sins unforgiven, you will have nothing but a hopeless end. But if you will come to Jesus Christ today and sincerely give Him your heart, you will receive an endless hope from Him. There is a vast difference between these two. Which of them will it be for you: an endless hope, or a hopeless end?

- Rev Charles Seet

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **3.00 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
Sat 10th Nov, 3pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		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.
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Mr. Mok Chee Cheong	Mr. Mok Chee Cheong	TODAY: 04/11/2018
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	TBC	TBC	Organist: Matthew
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Matthew
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday School today. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of a new minister. • Pray for the forthcoming preachers: Nov-Jan – Mr Mok Chee Cheong. • Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony centenary meeting: Saturday 24th November 2018, 2:30pm at Westminster Baptist Church. Speaker: Dr John Douglas. 			Ushers: Daniel / Yetta
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: John
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 11/11/2018</u>
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £946.00, Love Gift: £200; Lunch: £45.90 Attendance - Morning: 34 (A) 5 (C), Afternoon: 12 (A) 2 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,430.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 36

Q: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A: *The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.*

Comments:

Here are five blessings enumerated for us, which, in this life, necessarily either go along with or flow from the three just described. They who are justified, adopted, and are being sanctified, enjoy for that reason: 1. Confidence that God loves them; 2. Freedom from the sense of guilt and fear of condemnation; 3. Gladness of heart in feeling that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in them; 4. A greater and greater increase of spiritual endowment; 5. The power of persevering in the enjoyment of all these graces to the end.

Scriptural Reference:

1 John 4:16, Romans 5:1-2, Romans 15:13, Philippians 1:6

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." Romans 5:18	"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:19	"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4