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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 19 AUGUST 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Psalm 51:10-14

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 35 – “Through All the Changing Scenes of Life”

RHC 561 – “Come with Contrite Hearts”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:161-176

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 119 verses 169-176
(to the tune of All Saints New, RHC 562)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 120 – “Now I Belong to Jesus”

Scriptural Text

Genesis 41:1-46

Matthew 6:19-34

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Gabriel Gan

Rev Gabriel Gan

Sermon Message

A Faith that Overcomes Pride

Conflicts of a Heavenly Citizen

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 421 – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

RHC 418 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Gabriel Gan

Rev Gabriel Gan

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.

PARENTS, ARE YOU CONCERNED FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY?

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 1st July 2018

One of the Sunday School Departments conducted a survey some years ago which revealed appalling, but not surprising results. Eight children indicated positively that they would get to heaven if they were to die today. However, none of them took the Bible seriously. They hardly read the Word. Another six indicated negatively that they are not sure of their salvation, but they were the ones who read the Word regularly. A young girl was found scribbling on her Bible these unbelievable words, "The Bible is a pile of rubbish!"

We have concerned parents who are concerned for the salvation of their children. Some of them have requested us to talk with them. Ironically, some of these parents are actively serving the Lord on the Lord's Day.

Dear parent, what has happened to our children? Children are God's gifts to us (Psalm 127:3). We have a God-given responsibility to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). You and I have made a covenant before God on the day of his or her baptism to bring them up in Christian discipline and instruction. But I am afraid that many of us have failed miserably. Take a good look at our children. Ask yourself: Am I happy with the spiritual condition of my children? Am I sure of their salvation?

I have seen many of them growing up in the church. Some of them have outgrown me in size. But what concerns me most is their spirituality. Though I do not see them everyday except on the Lord's Day, I do watch them and sometimes interact with them. Some of them share with me their inner struggles and desire to live the Christian life. But there is a sizeable group of them who do not care much about their own spirituality. What really interests them are the things of the world. I am afraid to say that they are becoming very worldly. Horatius Bonar rightly said, "I looked for the world and I found it in the church, I looked for the church and I found it in the world."

Have our children forgotten the teaching of 1 John 2:15? John commands us not to love the world and the things of the world. He said that if we love the world and the things of the world, then the love of the Father is not with us. Furthermore, James reminds us that the friendship of the world makes us to be enemies of God (James 4:4).

Dear parent, what do you see in your children? Do you see godliness in them? Can you tell whether your children are following the way of the world or the way of God? This is how I believe you can tell. When your children begin to go astray, the first visible sign is usually an increase in worldliness. In conduct, in talk, in dress and fashion, the spirit of the world begins to be found more and more in the lifestyle they have adopted. The black and white line of separation between godliness and worldliness, between the world and the church, between those who fear God and those who fear Him not, becomes increasingly gray. Instead of walking opposite directions, both begin to have more in common with each other.

Where does such lifestyle lead them to? Our children begin to go to worldly places, partake worldly forms of entertainment and become friends of worldly people (1 Corinthians 15:33). Some thoughtlessly spend hours watching television, addicting themselves quickly to its worldly mentality. Others become addicted to Internet Games or Video Games, and even view pornographic movies in the comfort of their home.

Worldly people, worldly entertainment, worldly fashions, worldly customs, worldly places – is this not what Hosea warned against when the Spirit of God directed him to write these words: *“Ephraim hath mixed himself among the people?”* (Hosea 7:8) God’s people had mixed among the people by leagues with idolaters and the adoption of their idolatrous practices. Is not the sin of increasing worldliness the first downward and tragic step in an ever-increasing spiral of backsliding?

Dear parent, are you concerned for the spiritual welfare of your children? Are you concerned about their online activities? Do you feel you should keep a closer eye on what they are doing in Cyberspace? Do you know the harm online predators can have on your children? Why spend hundreds of dollar on tuition, piano lessons, ballet classes or any other activities when your children’s spiritual development is not met or neglected? Haggai said, *“Consider your ways”* (Haggai 1:5). Let us learn to put first things first.

Paul does not want Satan to outwit us. So he warns us not to be ignorant of Satan’s schemes (2 Corinthians 2:11). As parents, it is our responsibility to warn our children and even stop them from visiting some of these harmful, undesirable websites.

The dangers that children face on the Internet are well documented, too...

often in the local newspaper. One particular concern is the thousands of paedophiles lurking on the Internet trying to win the trust of children, enticing them into a meeting or siphoning personal information from them. Is there any help out there? Some parents are crying. There is. In America, concerned parents are using Parents CyberAlert, an All-In-One PC/Internet Activity Surveillance and Monitor, to keep a watchful eye on their children and monitor their PC/Internet activities. This device will record everything your children do online and offline, including email, chat/instant messaging, websites, applications, file access, keystroke, screen snapshots, time and sequence. It also provides automatic email forwarding, email/chat/IM blocking, website blocking, games/applications blocking, automatic keyword detection and danger alert and intelligent reporting. All the functions work simultaneously, secretly saving the data to a hidden location. The device is extremely easy to use. It will help stop online predators and protect your children from harm.

I am going to suggest a couple of biblical principles for your consideration. There is nothing new with what I am going to share with you. But I plead with you to make every effort to work with your children to put these principles into practice as unto the Lord and for the sake of your children's spirituality.

Firstly, you need to pay close attention to your own spiritual life (Acts 20:24; 1 Timothy 4:16). In other words, you need to watch your own piety and mode of life. Unless you do it diligently, you can never minister to your children effectively.

Secondly, you need to spend time with your children in Bible reading and prayer. Timothy was privileged to have a godly mother and grandmother to teach him the Jewish Scriptures (2 Timothy 1:5). His early Christian education was able to make him wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15). Parents have a grave responsibility to teach the Word to their children as soon as they are able to understand it. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 commands parents to repeat "*these words*" to their children. Talk about them when you are at home or away, when you lie down or get up. Write them down and tie them around your wrist and wear them as headbands as a reminder. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

This is a divine injunction. To disobey it is to disobey God. "*These words*" must be taught to our children diligently. We must help them to...

understand them. I agree with you that this is the most difficult task on earth and it requires much patience, much prudence, much judgment and much piety in us, but this is what God requires of us to do as parents.

Now what is the blessing of God in obeying this commandment? God says in the last verse of Deuteronomy 6: *“And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.”* The blessing of God in obeying this commandment is that God will esteem us as righteous and deal with us accordingly. The same teaching is given in Deuteronomy 28:1 and 2: *“And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.”*

Thirdly, you need to bring them before the throne of grace daily. I know that at times it can be very discouraging because the more we pray, the more rebellious they become. But let me encourage you with the words of Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, to Monica concerning her wayward son Augustine who later became the Bishop of Hippo in 395, “It was impossible that the child of so many prayers could be lost.”

Last but not least, I would like to say a few words to the children. Dear children, if you are reading this article, please take heed to what I say. Your daddy and mummy are very concerned for your spiritual welfare. They desire you to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

We are living in a rebellious age. And I want to let you know that many of your parents’ hearts have been broken because of your undesirable behaviour. Just a few days ago I spoke to a father who told me how difficult it is to father two teenage, rebellious, cynical children. Sad to say but it is true. Many of our children have brought grief and sorrow to their loving, caring parents. Solomon said, *“A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him”* (Proverbs 17:25; 10:1; 17:21). May God grant you strength to obey His Word given to you in Ephesians 6:1: *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.”* Amen.

Lovingly in Christ,
- Rev Colin Wong

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 25th Aug 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	Rev Gabriel Gan	Rev Gabriel Gan	TODAY: 19/08/2018
Message	A Faith that Overcomes Bitterness	The Fatality of Disunity	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	Genesis 42:1-24; 50:19-20	Mark 3:20-30	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Matthew
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday School: Sunday School will resume in September. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Rev Gabriel Gan as he ministers to us till the end of August. Also, pray for the calling of a new minister. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch next Lord's Day. • Church Anniversary, 26th August: The church will hold the anniversary celebration on 26/8 with a carry-in lunch after the morning service. For those who would like to contribute a dish, please inform Daniel/Maureen. 			Ushers: Tom / Yetta
			Lunch: Kim family
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £290.31, Lunch: £44.20, Book Sales: £3.00			NEXT WEEK: 26/08/2018
Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 2 (C), Afternoon: 14 (A) 2 (C)			Chairman: John
			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Anthony
			Ushers: Daniel / Margaret
			Lunch: Carry-In
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott
Church Maintenance Fund			Church Maintenance Fund
			Total: £4,330.50
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 25			
Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?			
<i>A: Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself A SACRIFICE, to satisfy Divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.</i>			
<u>Comments:</u>			
The duties of a priest were to offer sacrifices and pray for the people; and this is what Christ, as our priest, does for us. When he was here on earth, he offered himself as a sacrifice, and now that he is in heaven, he intercedes for us with his Father. We are here told, likewise, that the purposes for which Christ offered himself as a sacrifice were: 1. To satisfy the justice of God on account of our sin; and 2. To bring us back to God as dear children.			
<u>Scriptural Reference:</u>			
Hebrews 4:14, Hebrews 9:28, Colossian 1:20, Hebrews 7:25			
MEMORY VERSE			
Last Week	This Week	Next Week	
<i>"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."</i>	<i>"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."</i>	<i>"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."</i>	
Romans 8:14	1 John 2:17	Revelation 3:20	