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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 26 MAY 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Joshua 24:14-15

Deuteronomy 7:9

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 18 – “Come, Thou Almighty King”

RHC 26 – “Come, Thou Fount”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 9

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 9:1-4, 7-10
(to the tune of Arlington, RHC 433)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 317 – “The Solid Rock”

Scriptural Text

Mark 4:21-41

Genesis 3:1-21

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Patrick Baker

Rev Patrick Baker

Sermon Message

A Question Everyone Must Ask

When God Clothed Man

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 168 – “Who is He in Yonder Stall?”

RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Patrick Baker

Rev Patrick Baker

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.

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT **IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER**

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger Weekly, 5th May 2019

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 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. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.” (John 16:7-15)

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Salvation

Beloved, by now we should be clear that the Holy Spirit is intimately involved in our salvation and coming to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was the Holy Spirit who quickened us while we are dead in sin, while we are spiritually incapacitated to save ourselves from the curse of sin, from the ensuing judgment and wrath of God. The Holy Spirit helped us when we could do nothing for ourselves, when we were completely weakened by sin. He enabled us to know our spiritual condition and made us to realise in us there is nothing good. It was the Spirit of God who caused our hearts to cry out to God to have mercy on us, just like the publican who cried out to God in Luke 18:13, *“God be merciful to me a sinner.”* The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin and unrighteousness. He makes it possible for you and me to understand that we cannot amass righteousness through good works. The Holy Spirit did not just reveal to us our utter sinfulness and helplessness, He leads us to the Cross, to where our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified for our sin, to show us the great love of God, to show us the One who took our place, bore our sin and satisfied the righteousness of God. He confirms and assures our salvation and hope in Christ is not in vain.

You and I can mentally agree with what I just said but that is not enough. Have you, in your private and quiet moment with God, after reading a portion of Scripture, realised in your heart, that you are so sinful before our Lord Jesus Christ that you fell down on your knees and cried out *“Go away from me, O Lord, I am not worthy. I am a terrible sinner”*, have you? Well, Simon Peter in Luke 5:8 says the same thing, *“Depart from me. For I am a sinful man, O Lord.”* On the day of Pentecost, in Acts 2:37, those who heard Peter preached, were pricked in their heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, *“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”* Like the Philippian jailer in Acts 16:30, have you been so awed by the holy presence of God that it caused you to ask, *“What must I do to be saved?”* If your answer is *“Amen”* to all the earlier questions, praise the Lord! It is certainly the Holy Spirit who has quickened you to understand and know your unworthiness, before God. This gives us the certainty that we are truly God’s children and not bastards (Hebrews 12:8).

“But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.” (Hebrews 12:8)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, asked ourselves this pointed and painful question, *“Am I of the Lord or am I am a bastard who has no place in the congregation of the righteous?”*

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Sanctification

After our salvation, the Holy Spirit continues to work in the life of a believer. Beloved, you and I are purchased by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are made joint heirs with Christ. We are called out of darkness and are separated out from the world unto God, for His purpose, to do His good purpose which God has ordained for every believer. He sanctifies us by God's truth. The Holy Spirit, by the word of God, is moulding us to be more like Jesus Christ, to conform to His image. Every faculty of ours are being moulded to reflect the glory of God in Christ. Our thoughts, our hearts, our words and actions are all being daily purified, cleansed and refined such that we find it uncomfortable and unpleasant to put on the old man. Rather, we are glad to put on the new man in Christ, to walk in the newness in Christ, to walk in the Spirit rather than the flesh.

Our thoughts are renewed by the Word of God. Dear saints, do you have desire to read the word of God? Do you understand the word of God? If you have no desire to read the Bible and find it difficult to understand God's truth, pray that the Holy Spirit will grant you the desire for God's truth and pray for understanding, pray that the Word of God will come alive each time you read it. Never approach the Bible like you read other books. Always start your reading of the Bible by praying to the Holy Spirit for understanding of God's truth.

Our heart is to be governed and directed by God's word. Never trust your own heart for it is deceitful. Let the Holy Spirit by the word of God, lead and direct your heart in all things. Have you retained God's word in your heart? Have you kept your heart with all diligence? For out of it are the issues of life. Search your heart and see if it despises the reproof of the Spirit of God. Pray for a humble heart – one which willingly submits to God's teachings and commandments. Do not be like a fool who refuses the holy instructions of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a clean heart – one which will thirst after the kingdom and righteousness of God. Ask for a heart of understanding and prudence – one which fears God and seeks after knowledge. Beloved, how is your heart condition? Let the Spirit of God diagnose the spiritual condition of your heart and heal it. Do not refuse and reject the reproof and correction of the Divine Spirit.

Our words and actions are intertwined. They will reveal who we really are – whether we are truly possessed by Christ. Any contradiction in our words and actions, in our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ will show up and betray our true confession. We who are in Christ will manifest the fruit of the Spirit. A true branch of the Vine will bear the fruit of the true Vine and nothing else. Beloved, be still for a moment, stand in front of the mirror of God (which is His word), what do you see? Let the Holy Spirit reveal to you your true self. Is the robe of yours a robe of holiness?

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." (John 17:16-19)

Beloved, are you being sanctified and made holy by the Holy Spirit? Is your lack of desire for truth – the word of God – slowing and retarding your sanctification in Christ, affecting your growing in holiness? How much God's truth in you determines your progress in sanctification by the Holy Spirit. Take heed of God's commandment in Leviticus 20:7.

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 20:7)

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Service

The Holy Spirit quickens you and I unto salvation. He sanctifies and makes us holy. He gives spiritual gifts to God's people for the equipping of saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up, for the edification of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-14). We are to serve in the Church. We are to be doers, and not spectators in the arena of God. As children of God, we are to be active and not passive as disciples of Christ. The Great Commission is a Commission for gospel action. Simply put, you and I are to serve in God's kingdom in the capacity which God has called and enabled us to serve. Every member of the body of Christ, without exception, has a function, a role, a part in the whole economy of the kingdom of God. God bestows and enables His people with diverse and different spiritual gifts as He will for the Church. *"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."* (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

God is looking for saints who are full of the Holy Spirit to serve. Pray and ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit that you serve Him not in the strength of the flesh but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." (Acts 6:3)

Philip was instructed by the Holy Ghost to explain the gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:26-40. I pray that you can see the miraculous in every jot or tittle in Acts 8:26-35.

The Holy Spirit in Acts 13:2 separated Barnabas and Saul for the work which He called them to perform.

Beloved, have you heard the call of God in your life to serve God? If yes, have you responded to the call? Are you aware of the spiritual gifts given to you for the building up of the faith of the saints? Have you exercised them for God's glory? Do you know that it is the Holy Spirit who directs you to preach the gospel? Have you been prompted by the Spirit of God to bring the good news to someone?

Conclusion

I pray that you will understand the role of the Holy Spirit in your life. Without the Holy Spirit, we will not be able to accomplish all that God has purposed for each one of us. Without the Word of God, we will not be able to know and understand the will of God. The Holy Spirit illumines our hearts to know and understand the will of God. He enables and empowers us to submit to God's will for our lives. The purpose is to form Christ in us. To God be glory! Amen.

- Elder Daniel Tau

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 1 st June	No 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.
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i> <i>Afternoon Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Eld Stephen Toms Eld Stephen Toms	TODAY: 26/05/2019
<i>Message</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Chairman:</i> John
<i>Text</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		<i>Pianist:</i> Venise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of Mr Mok Chee Cheong to become our resident minister. • Pray for the forthcoming preachers: June – Mr Stephen Toms, Mr Marco Reale, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2019: 2nd-4th July 2019. The theme this year is "<i>The True Dynamism of the Local Church</i>". Please see Jonathan or John for more information. 		<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom
		<i>Lunch:</i> Sharon
		<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
		<i>PA Crew:</i> Venise / Jason
		<u>NEXT WEEK: 02/06/2019</u>
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £723.70, Lunch: £42.50 Attendance - Morning: 30 (A) 9 (C), Afternoon: 16 (A) 8 (C)		Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,910.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 66

Q: What is the reason annexed to the Fifth Commandment?

A: The reason annexed to the Fifth Commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

Comments:

The Fifth Commandment stands at the head of the second table of the law. It requires us to honour our parents, to render due respect and obedience to all who are superior to us, and, in a word, to pay heed to the claims of those who are *related* to us in any way. This commandment bids us always show a certain respect to those above us in station, and requires certain duties to be discharged to all, whether above, beneath, or equal to us. It forbids us to refuse to pay honour to whom honour is due, or to neglect to discharge any of the duties we owe to our friends or neighbours. The special reason it gives for its observance is that God has promised to lengthen the days of those who keep it.

Scriptural Reference:

Ephesians 6:2-3

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;"</i> 1 Corinthians 15:3	<i>"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."</i> John 15:13	<i>"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."</i> Colossians 3:13