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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

| | <i>Morning Service – 11am</i> | <i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i> |
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| <i>Prelude</i> | <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | |
| <i>Call to Worship</i> | Psalm 145:1-3 & 13 | Psalm 146:1-2 & 10 |
| <i>Opening Prayer</i> | Pr Mok Chee Cheong | Pr Mok Chee Cheong |
| <i>Opening Hymn *</i> | RHC 65 – “ <i>And Can It Be That I Should Gain</i> ” | RHC 68 – “ <i>Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned</i> ” |
| <i>Responsive Reading</i> | Psalm 16 | --- |
| <i>Second Hymn *</i> | <i>Psalm 16 verses 1-6</i> (to the tune of RHC 35 Wiltshire) | --- |
| <i>Scriptural Text</i> | Exodus 1:10-12 | Song of Solomon 6:13 |
| <i>Pastoral Prayer</i> | Pr Mok Chee Cheong | Pr Mok Chee Cheong |
| <i>Sermon Message</i> | <i>Spiritual Growth Through Affliction</i> | <i>The Soul’s Inward Conflicts</i> |
| <i>Closing Hymn *</i> | RHC 389 – “ <i>Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord</i> ” | RHC 418 – “ <i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i> ” |
| <i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i> | Pr Mok Chee Cheong | Pr Mok Chee Cheong |
| <i>Postlude</i> | <i>The Lord Bless You</i> | --- |
| <i>* Congregation Stands</i> | | |

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.

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.

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 20

Q: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a REDEEMER.

Comments:

Man did not obey God’s law, and so he was condemned to death, both of body and of soul. But it was not the will of God that the world should perish, and so there was another covenant made, but this time with Christ, called the Covenant of Grace, by which God undertook to deliver those who should believe in his Son, and give them everlasting life. This is the Gospel, or Good News of God to men; and it is called the Covenant of Grace, because it proceeded from God’s free mercy, and not from our deservings.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 3:15, 2 Timothy 1:9

SHARING THE GOSPEL SIMPLY AND BIBLICALLY

Introduction

The sharing of the gospel is our sacred duty, and it is in the book of Romans that gives us the good news of salvation through Christ Alone.

The word 'gospel' simply means "good news, which is from God." But start not with the good news of God's love, rather, let us share the bad news. First, that man is separated from a holy, righteous God by his sinfulness. Second, God who is holy and just hates sin and must deal with it. Third, death and judgment are inevitable by a righteous God, as man is wholly incapable of doing good and saving himself. If the bad news concerning man is not clearly presented, the good news cannot be effectively communicated.

Consider the following important verses in the right order

There is none righteous, no, not one. (Romans 3:10)

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

1) First, the bad news. All of mankind are fallen depraved creature who cannot save themselves. Because of sin, we fall short of God's perfect standard and hence we deserve divine punishment by His righteous wrath.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. (Romans 5:12)

2) Sin is defiance against God and failing to meet His standards. Adam disobeyed God and through him, all man are tainted with original sin. This reality of original sin is clearly seen in a child's natural tendency towards lying, fighting, anger, malice and falsehood and our daily transgression of God's laws.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

3) The Bible that death entered into the world because of the sin of Adam and original sin is passed upon all man. We know that this is because the wages of sin is death. This death is not only the physical bodily death, but also the spiritual eternal death which is separation from God. But God has a redemption plan for man through Jesus Christ who came to die on the cross for our sins.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans 10:9)

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:10)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)

What man could not do to save himself, God accomplished on the cross. Jesus exchanged His righteous, holy nature for our sinful nature so that we can stand before God completely clean and pure, new creations with the old sin nature. God provided the perfect sacrifice for our sin, by His love and grace and mercy and we cannot do it ourselves. Only those whose natures have been transformed by grace and faith can escape the wrath of God and live in His love and mercy. Let us truly believe God and commit our lives to seeking Christ by faith and repent of our sins, we will not die but live eternally with Him.

Biblical evangelism begins with prayer for the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit in witnessing, opening doors of opportunity to share Christ, convicting us of our depravity and sin, and the wrath of God, and

realising that the good news is the only way of salvation through divine love, grace, mercy, and of our possible faith in Christ.

4) We need to believe Christ as God, and repent of our sin and receive Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour into our hearts today. Let Him be the Lord of your whole life. Jesus is God and He rose from the dead, and He has overcome sin, death and hell for us. Through Christ alone, we who believe shall have the same victory over sin and death one day.

5) Finally, consider the below basic steps of responding to the pure gospel of Christ:

Acknowledge that you are a sinner and that you cannot save yourself.

Believe that Christ is the only true God by faith and that He died for sinners and He rose from the dead.

Confess and repent of all of your sins.

Dedicate your life to follow Christ whole heartedly.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (Romans 14:17)

6) Faith is trusting God and taking God's word seriously, and without faith, we cannot please God. Will you do it now before it is too late? Something to think about seriously to act upon.

Conclusion

We have been saved by the atoning blood of Christ who died for us at calvary to give us a new regenerated life when we believe in him . There should be a changed life our dreams, goals and appetites and our desires should be those honourable to Christ. Our conduct speech and our manners should be that consistent to the word of God and Christ. These are the fruits that we should bear and that it may impact others around us. Christ said in John 15:16, "*Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.*"

Those who are truly regenerated and justified, should be sanctified that our fruits should show forth our faith and our new hope and new life. Christ said in Matthew 7:17-18, "*Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*"

How do I know that I am saved?

Acknowledge that I am a depraved fallen sinner and cannot save myself (Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10-12, Genesis 6:5)

Believe that Jesus is God and that He died on the cross and rose again on the third day for my sins (Romans 10:9-10, 1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

Confess and repent of my sins sincerely before God and seek His forgiveness (1 John 1:9, Matthew 3:8, Acts 20:21)

Devote my life fully to Christ as His disciple and read His word daily (Luke 9:23; 2 Timothy 2:15)

Endeavour to pray to Him and to come to church to worship God every Sunday to grow in my faith (Hebrews 10:24, 25, 2 Peter 3:18)

Faithful to God to the end as His responsible disciple and steward (1 Corinthians 4:2, Hebrews 12:1-2)

Godliness and growth in the knowledge and the fear of God as my goal till He comes again (Proverbs 9:10, 1 Timothy 4:7, 8)

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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:15 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time of worship with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, we are streaming our worship services online. To join our online services or for more information, please call the church manse, or email us at [admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@newlifebpc.org.uk).

Tithes & Offerings – There will be an offering box at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary for you to place your offerings in.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Worship Service Collections: Last Sunday - TBC

Church Maintenance Fund Total: £9,000.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south, blow upon my garden, that, the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.”

Song of Solomon 4:16

This Week

“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”

James 5:8

Next Week

“Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.”

Song of Solomon 6:1

Pre-cautions for Worship Services held at the church premises:

With the lifting of the legal Covid restrictions on 24th Feb 2022, we will continue observing the following precautions:

- No offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- Temperature measurements will still be taken for every worshipper and visitor for the time being. We continue to urge those who feel unwell (especially with Covid symptoms) not to come to the church services but join us at our online services.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- As per the current government advise, we suggest you use a face covering when attending the services. Please bring your own face covering.

To join our online services or for more information, please visit the church website (www.newlifebpc.org.uk) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim,
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