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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

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:5-11

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 187 – *“It Is A Thing Most Wonderful”*

Opening Prayer

Joey Seow

Responsive Reading

Psalm 33

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 33:1-5

(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

Scriptural Text

Job 3 (Matthew 27:45-56, Job 3)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Wes Bredenhof

Sermon Message

Wishing you’d never been born is never justified

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 209 – *“Because He Lives”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Wes Bredenhof

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.

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.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 92

Q: What is a sacrament?

A: A Sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by CHRIST, wherein, – by sensible signs – Christ, and the benefits of the New Covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Comments:

We are here taught that the marks of a sacrament are: 1. That it is appointed by Christ; 2. That it is a way of teaching the gospel by outward signs. Its uses are three in number: 1. To represent the gospel to us, or teach it plainly; 2. To seal the gospel to us, or confirm our faith in it; 3. To apply the gospel to us, or bring it home to our hearts. The word sacrament is derived from a Latin word, which signified the sacred oath of fidelity to his commander, which the soldier took on entering the army for the service of his country. In a Christian sense, it means the vow of fidelity and obedience to Christ which is taken when we enter the Church. This vow was taken for us in Baptism, when we were infants. In the Lord’s Supper, we take it upon ourselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 17:10, Romans 4:11

Dear brethren, this week bulletin article is written by Rev Okman Ki, Pastor Emeritus of Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church in Australia. This was published in their church weekly, Lively Hope, on 7th December 2025 and it has been reproduced for our edification.

A Word to the Churches – Part 1

Revelation 3:22 reads, *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*

We belong to a local church. However, it really does not matter what church we belong to (of course, Bible believing faithful churches). The Lord speaks to seven churches in Asia Minor, representing all churches on earth, *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”* This verse is repeated seven times in Revelation 2-3. Yes, seven times. If the Lord says something, He does not say it for nothing or by chance. In all His dealings, we may trace design, purpose, and plan. There was design in the size and orbit of the planets. There was design in the shape and structure of the least fly’s wing. There was design in every verse of the Bible. There was design in every repetition of a verse, wherever it took place. There was design in the sevenfold repetition of the verse before us. This verse calls the special attention of all true Christians to the seven epistles to the churches. What does it preach to us?

Firstly, all the seven epistles speak of matters of doctrine, practice (good and bad), warning, and promise. The Lord rebukes those who preach false doctrines and do ungodly practices. He praises and bestows high commendation on those who faithfully practice patience, work, labour, and perseverance. Interestingly, what is missing from these epistles is any reference to church government, ceremonies, liturgies, or forms. There are episcopalian, brethren, congregational, and Presbyterian types of church government. All of them are examples of church government. While church government is important, it is not included in the Lord’s epistles to churches. The Lord does not talk about the observance of ceremonies and forms. For example, He does not make reference to baptism by immersion, pouring, or sprinkling. This does not mean the various views regarding different modes of baptism is not important. All I am saying is that they are not included in the Lord’s dealings in the epistles to the churches. Although the Lord is the Head of His church He does not say anything about this. I do not mean that they do not have any value. We do value them and are thankful for them. At the same time, we believe that repentance toward God, faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, and a holy manner of life, are subjects of far more importance to our souls. Without these no man can be saved. These are the first and most weighty matters, and therefore on these we dwell. In addition to that, our relationship with the Lord must be primarily personal and then corporate. There must be personal dealings between us and God, and personal deep communion between our own heart and the Holy Ghost.

Second, all seven epistles speak of the Lord's knowledge of our works. To one church the Lord says, "I know thy labour" and "patience," to another, the "tribulation" and "poverty," and to another, thy "charity," "service," and "faith." But to all He uses the words, "***I know thy works.***" It is not, I know thy profession, thy desires, thy resolutions, thy wishes, but thy works.

The works of a professing Christian are of great importance. However, they cannot save their souls, justify them, wipe out their sins, or deliver them from the wrath of God. They are however still important. Take heed and beware of such a notion. We often think that we could willingly die for the doctrine of justification by faith without the deeds of the law. But we must earnestly contend, as a general principle, that a man's works ARE the evidence of his faith. If we call ourselves Christians, we must show it in our daily ways and daily behaviours.

We ought to remember that the faith of Abraham and of Rahab was proved by their works James 2:21-26, "*Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*"

To profess that we know God does not mean anything, if in works we deny Him

Titus 1:16, "*They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate*".

Jesus says, "*Every tree is known by its own fruit*" (Luke 16:44).

Whatever the works of a professing Christian, Jesus says, "**I know them!**" His eyes are surely in every place, beholding the evil and the good. We never did an action, however private, that Jesus did not see. We never spoke, not even in a whisper, that Jesus did not hear. We never wrote a word, even to our dearest friend, that was hid from Jesus. We never had a thought, that Jesus did not know. His eyes are as a flaming fire. The darkness is not darkness with Him. All things are open and manifest before Him. He says to everyone, "I know thy works."

The Lord Jesus knows the works of all impenitent and unbelieving souls and will one day punish them. They are not forgotten in heaven, though they may be upon earth. When the great white throne is set, and the books are opened, the wicked will be judged "according to their works."

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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. 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 worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Rev Wes Bredenhof to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Rev Bredenhof will be ministering to us until end January.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service.

Just for this Sunday, lunch will be provided.

Afternoon Bible Study – Rev Bredenhof will conduct the study on “For a blessed new year, trust in the LORD and acknowledge him” taken from Proverbs 3:5-6.

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

*“And Job spake, and said,
Let the day perish wherein I was born,
and the night in which it was said, There
is a man child conceived.”*

Job 3:2-3

Last Week

*“This is my commandment, That ye love
one another, as I have loved you.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a
man lay down his life for his friends.”*

John 15:12-13

The Lord Jesus knows the works of His own people and warns them. *“By Him actions are weighed”* (1 Samuel 2:3).

He knows the why and the wherefore of the deeds of all believers. He sees their nature in every step they take. He discerns their motives. He discerns how much is done for His sake, and how much is done for the sake of praise. He will one day reward them. He never overlooks a kind word, a kind deed done in His name. He will own the least fruit of faith and declare it before the world in the day of His appearing. If we love the Lord Jesus and follow Him, we may be sure our work and labour shall not be in vain in the Lord. The works of those that die in the Lord shall follow them. They shall not go before them, nor yet by their side, but they shall follow them and be owned in the day of Christ's appearing. The world may not know us, because it does not know our Master. But Jesus sees and knows all. “I know thy works.”