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Grace to you and Peace from God

Our Mission:

“Passion for Christ, Heart for the Lost”

(Phil. 1 : 21; Matt. 28 : 18—20)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pre-Worship Hymns	138		Sis Lim Sue San & Dn Jeremy Hor
Prelude			
Silent Meditation			
Call to Worship			Dn Daniel Tan
Opening Hymn	1	<i>“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”</i>	
<i>*Gloria Patri</i>			
Hymn	177	<i>“Our Great Savior”</i>	
Responsive Reading		Ecclesiastes 3:16-22	
Offerings			
<i>** Doxology</i>			
Scripture Reading		Romans 7:1-25	
Hymn		<i>“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”</i>	
Pastoral Prayer			Rev Lee Fatt Ping
Message		“WHERE DOES GOD’S LAW FIT INTO THE PICTURE?”	BRO LIM CHIEN CHONG
Closing Hymn	391	<i>“I Am Resolved”</i>	
Benediction			Rev Lee Fatt Ping
Threefold Amen			
Welcome & Announcements			

* 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

** 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

Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures (Part 2)

*“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were **moved** by the Holy Spirit.” 2 Peter 1:20 – 21 (NKJV)*

In last week’s article, from 2 Timothy 3:16 I discussed what the inspiration of the Bible means and its implication for our lives. The verse tells us that the Bible comes from God, as it is “breathed out by God.” But this verse does not tell us *how* God inspired it. This is where 2 Peter 1:20 – 21 gives us an insight on how God breathed the written Scriptures to us.

God used men chosen by Him to speak His words, using their own personalities, knowledge, background, vocabulary, and style. The word “moved,” literally means to pick up or carry. This implies that the inspiration of Scripture was invisibly directed by the Holy Spirit, without overriding the personalities of the human authors. Thus Scripture is the Word of God recorded in the words of man.

Based on some of this information, various theories have been developed to explain the nature and process of the inspiration of Scriptures. One of these theories is the **Dictation Theory** which states that God simply dictated the words of Scripture and the biblical writers faithfully wrote them down. However this theory is flawed as it leaves no room for the different styles and personalities of the biblical writers that are clearly evident.

Another of these theories, the **Intuition Theory** regards inspiration as nothing more than a high degree of insight (good ideas). This theory presents the Bible as merely a book full of great religious ideas and no different from other major religious works. Again it is flawed as it does not accommodate for divine revelation through the books of the Bible.

The **Illumination Theory** suggests inspiration came about by the heightening of the biblical writers’ sensitivity and perception to discover truth by the Holy Spirit. However, this theory holds that there is no special communication or guidance from the Spirit in the truth written. This alludes to the idea that the Holy Spirit is not directly involved in the writing of Scripture.

Then there is the **Dynamic Theory** that views the Holy Spirit as influencing the biblical writers’ thoughts while giving them the freedom to express those thoughts in their own choice of words and expression, but in their expression the biblical writers can have errors when it comes to historical and physical (scientific) details but not on matters of salvation. The problem with this theory is that salvation and history are often closely knitted in the Bible. To say the Bible can be in error in the historical or even scientific details would also throw into question whether events like the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ really did happen.

Finally, the viewpoint that I subscribe to, is the **Verbal Plenary Inspiration Theory**. “Plenary” means “full” or “complete”, referring to the entire Bible, while “verbal” refers to the words of Scripture. This view suggests that every word in the Bible is inspired by God and at the same time it ac-

knowledges that God gave some freedom to the authors for expressing their distinct styles and personalities.

This theory best supports the Bible's claims of being inspired by the Holy Spirit, while at the same time recognising the human element in the writing of the Scriptures. Since this view recognises that the Holy Spirit is involved in the very words used by the writers, then even the historical and scientific details of the Bible is reliable and trustworthy. This theory is also the official position of the B-P Church in regards to the doctrine of inspiration of the Scriptures.

~ Preacher *Wun-Long*

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PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◇ **Pray for Eld Victor Goh** our speaker for next week.
- ◇ **Church camp 2018:** Pray for a blessed and fruitful camp. Pray for safety for all campers. Pray for Sis Ling Ling and Sis Sue San as they prepare for the Children's Camp Program.
- ◇ **Good News Club** on Wed, 20 Jun & Thu, 21 Jun. Pray for the distribution of invites on 17 Jun from 2.45 to 3.45 pm. Pray that God will bring in the children to hear His word and for teachers to share the good news.
- ◇ **Pray for AF Meeting** on Sat 30 Jun at 5.30 pm. Rev Lee Fatt Ping is our speaker. He will speak on ***"Is the Traditional Chinese Concept of Filial Piety Biblical?"***

Where does God's law fit into the picture?

Rom 7:1-25

1. God's law and us (7:1-6)
 - a. We died to the law;
Jesus is now our life
2. God's law and sin (7:7-25)
 - a. God's law is good;
what's bad is our sin (v.7-13)
 - b. Our sin wars against
God's law;
Jesus is our only hope
(v.14-25)

Question for consideration:

How do I deal with my personal struggle with what's right and wrong?

Lim Chien Chong

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WED	Prayer Meeting	8.00 p.m.
SAT	Adult Fellowship (Last Saturday of every month)	5.30 p.m.
SUN	Worship Service	9.30 a.m.
	Junior Worship	9.30 a.m.
	Bible Class	11.30 a.m.

Last Week's Collections

Offerings	\$ 2,147.15
Tithes	\$ 6,156.00
Building Fund	\$ 807.50

APPOINTMENTS

Prayer Meeting — Wednesday

Attendance on 6 Jun: 8

No PM - Church Camp on 13 Jun.

Worship Service Next Sunday-17 Jun:

Speaker:	Eld Victor Goh
Chairman:	Bro David Leong
Pianist:	Sis Jasmine Blundell
Organist:	Sis Mildred Chan

Ushers

This Week: Bro Lee Kee Min/Bro Richard Tan
Sis Naomi Neoh

Next Week: Dr Tan Teck Shi/Dn Daniel Tan
Sis Evonne Tee

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This Week : Sis Evonne Tee/Bro Chea Ruei-E

Next Week: Sis Janice Lee/Sis Carol Lee

Junior Worship (7-10 years old)

This Week: Sis Goh Jee Eng

Next Week: Bro Lee Min Sen

Pre-Primary Worship (3-6 years old)

This Week: Sis Hannah Yeo

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Flowers and Refreshment

This Week: Chea Family

Next Week: Hor Siow Shia (floral),
John Chia (refreshment)

Refreshment Duty

This Week: Lim Ai Lin/Lim Sue San

Next Week: M/M Richard Tan & Gim Choon

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly turn off your mobile phones or put them on silent mode!

***“The Lord is in His holy temple:
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”***

Congratulations to Dn John Chen & Hui-Li on the occasion of their holy matrimony on Sat, 9 Jun 2018.

No PM on Wed, 13 Jun 2018. Church Camp from 13 to 16 Jun 2018.

If you need **pastoral assistance** during pastor's absence, please contact Rev Lee Fatt Ping, Eld Seah &/or Eld Victor.

Eld Victor Goh will be speaking at the worship service on Sun, 17 Jun 9.30 am.

Good News Club on Wed, 20 Jun & Thu, 21 Jun. Invites will be distributed on 17 Jun 2:45-3:45 pm. Please contact Sis Gim Choon or Hannah Yeo for any enquiries.

AF Meeting on Sat, 30 Jun at 5.30 pm. Speaker: Rev Lee Fatt Ping. Topic: ***“Is the Traditional Chinese Concept of Filial Piety Biblical?”***

Floral/refreshment slots available for July - 1, 8, 15 & 29.

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