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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 33:18-22	Hebrews 9:11-15
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 8 – “Holy, Holy, Holy”	RHC 105 – “I Will Praise Him!”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 30	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 30 verses 1-4</i> (to the tune of Bradford, RHC 214)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 113 – “It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him” verses 1-2	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Hebrews 10:24	Psalm 119:17-19
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Colin Wong	Rev Colin Wong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Stir Up One Another</i>	<i>Appreciation of the Word - Part 1</i>
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Rev Colin Wong	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 189 – “I Know a Fount”	RHC 251 – “Thy Word is Like a Garden, Lord”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Colin Wong	Rev Colin Wong
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---
* 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.

Church Theme 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24

My Dear Reader,

PERSONAL REVIVAL

Is Christianity boring? To be honest, Christianity is very boring to many mediocre and non-active Christians. There is very little joy or no joy in their Christian life. Everything is a spiritless routine – Bible reading is uninteresting and dull, prayer is lifeless and impersonal, Christian fellowship is nothing than a means of socialization, and Sunday worship is a kind of soul therapy.

My dear New Lifer, how are you spiritually? It doesn't matter how long you have been a Christian, what matters most is the state of your spirituality now. That is why you and I need to check our spiritual thermometer every moment of the day. I have no doubt that all of us desire to live victoriously and triumphantly for the Lord. We desire personal renewal but deep within us there are many struggles. The worries about this life, the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things crowd in, put a stop to the growth of the Word, and it becomes unfruitful (Mark 4:19).

Personal renewal ought to be a daily prayer to the Lord. The Psalmist cried to the Lord, *“Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?”* (Psalm 85:6) Here lies the answer to a sleeping Christian! A sleeping Christian does not have the joy of salvation (Psalm 51:12). He needs the Holy Spirit of God to wake him up by his mighty breath.

My dear New Lifer, I am sure you would agree with me that some of us are in need of a fresh breath of the Holy Spirit to descend on us. How we long for our spiritual drought to be over and a lifestyle of holiness and love and power for God renewed! O Spirit of the living God, come and fall afresh on us!

There is no shortcut to spiritual renewal. There is a price to pay. Paul said to young Timothy to discipline himself for the purpose of godly living (1 Timothy 4:7b). Are we willing to pay any price for spiritual renewal? Spiritual renewal requires spiritual surgery. This delicate act is done by the Holy Spirit of God. The operation may be painful and at times embarrassing, but it is necessary to restore our spiritual vitality.

Confession of Sin

Personal renewal comes when a Christian faces his sin honestly. King David was an excellent example. When he was confronted with his double deadly sins – sin of adultery and sin of murder – he did not justify himself but admitted them immediately (2 Samuel 12; Psalm 32; 51).

Confession is not wholesale. The process of confession is tedious and thorough. Notice how the Psalmist confessed his sin. He said, *“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting”* (Psalm 139:23, 24). That is why confession must be done unhurriedly and not precipitately.

Resolved: I will not go to bed tonight until I confess all my known sins to God unhurriedly (Psalm 19:12, 13). Amen.

Repentance from Every unholy Activity

Confession and repentance go hand in hand. There is no such thing as confession of sin without repentance from sin (Luke 3:8; Acts 19:18, 19). Jesus, speaking to the church of Ephesus, said, *“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent”* (Revelation 2:5a). When it comes to confession, reflection is necessary. We need the Spirit of God to search and show us where we have gone astray. When he reveals our unholy activities, we must confess them one by one without any justification (Psalm 51:4). We must not confess them wholesale but particularize them one by one.

Dr John Sung said, *“... if a preacher could not identify his own sins and empty himself, he would lack the power to penetrate the strong citadels in other people’s hearts”* (The Journal Once Lost, p. 120). He also said elsewhere in his Journal, *“The church must first empty itself of sin before it can shine for the Lord”* (ibid, p. 71). This is one of the key reasons why so many Christians today are so powerless to shine for the Lord. Confession and repentance is the key to spiritual renewal (Acts 3:19). There is no other way.

Resolved: I will not go to bed tonight until I have reflected on my day’s activities, make confession to God and determine to turn away from all my unholy activities (1 Corinthians 10:31). Amen.

Make Right Any Wrongs between Yourself and Others

Jesus said that if you are presenting an offering to the Lord and suddenly you remember that your brother has something against you, you are to leave your offering before the altar and go and be reconciled to him, and then come back to present it to the Lord (Matthew 5:23, 24).

Where does the power of prayer lie? James said that the secret to the power of prayer lies here: Confess your wrongdoings one to another. Pray one for another. When the above is done, there will be spiritual healing. That is why he concluded that the prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much (James 5:16). Mutual confession and prayer is the key to spiritual healing, and also to the many unanswered prayers.

Resolved: I will not go to bed tonight until I make right any wrongs between myself and others (Matthew 6:14, 15; 18:15-35; Colossians 3:13). Amen.

Quiet Moments with God and be Ministered by His Word

The Psalmist said, *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10). We have lost the art of stillness. We do not know what stillness is all about. We do not know how to be still anymore. This is detrimental to our spirituality!

Jesus was a busy man (Acts 10:38) and yet he did not neglect the importance of spending quiet moments with his Father in heaven (Mark 1:29-35). One day he said to his disciples to go to a lonely place where they could be alone and find some rest because of the busyness of the ministry (Mark 6:31, 32).

We are living in a crazy world. Everybody seems to be rushing to somewhere. Some of them work ten to fifteen hours a day. Some of them even bring back their work home to do. No wonder they hardly find time to socialize or involve in church programmes. No wonder their personal relationship with God and people are so shallow. No wonder God is a stranger to them.

My dear New Lifer, have we forgotten the wise words of King Solomon? He said, *“What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?”* (Ecclesiastes 1:3) He was not saying that you don’t work or work hard, but why do we spend our lives working and labouring, and what do we have to show for it? As far as he was concerned, life was more than work. That is why his conclusion of the pursuit of life was *“Vanity of vanities; all is vanity”* (Ecclesiastes 1:2).

Resolved: I will not go to bed tonight until I spend my quiet moments with God in prayer and be instructed by His Word (Psalm 119:107b). Amen.

Expect God to bring Spiritual Renewal in Others

Dr John Sung said, *“Henceforth, I have to examine my sins everyday. I also plead with God to show me my sins and to forgive me. Leading the whole of China to the Lord would then not be difficult. Seek your own spiritual revival and revival will come upon everyone else. Know your own shortcomings and let the Truth live in you”* (ibid, p. 107).

My dear New Lifer, as a church, we can bring blessing to others. As Dr Sung said in his Journal, *“Seek your own spiritual revival and revival will come upon everyone else.”* To do that, we need to help one another. We need to be one another’s keeper.

The words of James are apt here. He said, *“Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins”* (James 5:19, 20). All of us stray from the truth at times. We need godly brethren to bring us back to the fold. Sometimes it is very painful and it can be very embarrassing. But it is necessary to spiritual renewal. The Holy Spirit of God can use you as his special designed instrument to bring spiritual renewal to others.

Resolved: I will not go to bed tonight until I plead with God to use me as an effective tool of revival in someone’s life. Amen.

My dear New Lifer, here are five resolves to spiritual renewal for your prayerful consideration. Since I came to New Life, London, I have been extremely encouraged by the prayers of the saints who have been coming regularly to the prayer meeting on Saturday at 4 pm. I notice that there is one item these prayer warriors always mentioned before the throne of grace – A spiritual awakening of the church. This is one prayer that I believe wholeheartedly is well-pleasing to the Lord as he sees his children pleading with him to do something for the people of God. Why don’t you come and join heart with them to pray fervently for personal revival and revival of the church?

“Revival is not an evangelistic campaign. It is the restoring to life of believers and churches that have previously experienced the life of God in being born again of the Spirit, but who have become cold, worldly and ineffective. It is the greatest need of the Church of Jesus Christ. Revival will later affect the unbelievers. Revival cannot be organized, for it is given by our sovereign God when He sees fit and in answer to prayer” (Operation World, 1978). Amen.

Lovingly in the Lord,

Pastor Colin

SPUR ONE ANOTHER (Outline)

Hebrews 10:24, 25

- I. Introduction
 - A. A lesson from the grasshopper story (Proverbs 30:27).
 - B. Application.
- II. Word Study
 - A. The meaning of the word (Acts 15:39).
 - B. The word does not mean to “*provoke*” one another to anger or “*stir up*” one another to trouble.
- III. Spur One Another on in the Christian Faith
 - A. Are you thinking of abandoning your Faith?
 - B. How would you spur them on in the Christian Faith? (Hebrews 10:25)
 - C. Who is a Christian? (Hebrews 10:25a)
- IV. Spur One Another on to Overcome Weariness
 - A. Paul’s exhortation (Galatians 6:9, 10; Acts 10:38).
 - B. Is there a way to overcome weariness? (Hebrews 10:24; 2 Corinthians 4:8, 9)
 - C. The church is like a family (Romans 12:5).
- V. Spur One Another on is our Christian Duty
 - A. Paul’s analogy of the human body (1 Corinthians 12).
 - B. Some questions to help you to spur one another on unto love and good works.
- VI. Conclusion

Christians should provoke one another to love and good works. That is why the writer of Hebrews exhorts us not to miss any Christian meeting because it provides a means and an opportunity to help us to reach full spiritual maturity (Hebrews 10:25).

Now the Holy Spirit of God has enlightened you and has caused you to understand what it means to spur one another on to love and good works. Will you do what you have been instructed by the Word?

May God help us! Amen.

Discussion Questions

1. How can you best “*spur*” someone toward love and good deeds? (24)
2. What do you like to do to encourage others? What forms of encouragement do you appreciate?
3. The writer of Hebrews emphasizes the importance of “*meeting together*,” what kind of meetings come to mind? What kind of priority do you put on these meetings? (25)
4. What are the dangers of not meeting together on a regular basis?
5. What are the benefits of meeting together on a regular basis?

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 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
Wed 14 Aug	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	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.
Fri 16 Aug	7:00pm	Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 17 Aug	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Colin Wong	Rev Colin Wong	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 11/08/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Constance</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah</p> <p>Lunch: Mrs Wong</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 18/08/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Yetta</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Jonathan</p>
Message	Devoted to One Another	Appreciation of the Word (Part 2)	
Text	Romans 12:10a	Psalm 119:20-24	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Rev. Wong will lead a discussion on this mornings' sermon "<i>Stir Up One Another</i>". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor Ki, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. • Pray for those on travel: Pastor & Mrs Ki, Sarah, Yangfan, Evelyn & Christiana, Tom, Elizabeth, Scott, Venise. • Church Cleaning next Sunday after lunch. 			
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £936.00, Lunch: £57.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 29 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 2 (C)</p>			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 83

Q: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A: Some sins, in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are MORE HEINOUS in the sight of God than others.

Comments:

This answer tells us that some sins are worse than others. It says that some sins are worse by reason of their own nature, as it is worse to sin against God than against man; and some are worse by reason of certain circumstances, as it is worse to sin deliberately than when hurried by passion.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 12:47-48

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."

1 Chronicles 29:11

This Week

"Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all."

1 Chronicles 29:12

Next Week

"Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

1 Chronicles 29:13