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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 25 MAY 2014**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### *Morning Service – 11am*

### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 34:1-3

Psalm 100

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 20 – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

RHC 93 – “To God Be the Glory”

*Opening Prayer \**

Mok Chee Cheong

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 71

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*Second Hymn \**

Psalm 71 verses 1-5, 16-19, 22-23  
(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

RHC 349 – “Surely Goodness and Mercy”

*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Mok Chee Cheong

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 390 – “Something for Thee”

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*Scriptural Text*

Jeremiah 13:7

Colossians 1:12-14

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Brian Green

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*Sermon Message*

*The Marred Girdle*

*Things Christ has done for us*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 201 – “According to Thy Gracious Word”

RHC 352 – “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”

*Lord’s Supper*

Dr Brian Green

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*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Brian Green

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*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

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\* 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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18**

*FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....*

## **WAITING ON GOD - PART 1**

The Lord has blessed New Life BPC in so many ways since its birth. The Lord touched and moved churches and individuals to pray and to make contributions for this church. I had an opportunity to have a meeting with Dr. Tow, our two Singaporean trustees (Elders Cheng and Lim), three pastors from New Life Singapore (Rev. Lim, Gan, and Nathan), two elders also from New Life Singapore, and Elder Cheng who was a treasurer for New Life London in early years. It was good to hear from them about the history of our church. And also it was a blessing to know that they were interested in the ministry of London church. To establish a church with a designated property in London is not an easy task. However, under the leadership of Dr. S. H. Tow and also Dr. Patrick Tan, the current property was purchased and given to London congregation, for which we all must be thankful. New Life Singapore has been kind and gracious to London ministry over the years, for which we also need to give thanks to the Lord. Now, the Lord gives New Life London a privilege to invite a full time resident preacher. I pray that the Lord will flourish His work under his leadership through solid preaching from the Scriptures, godly examples, humility, and love. I congratulate all of you as you celebrate church anniversary. Though we are far away from you physically, our hearts are united with you. Someone in the US who has been praying for us over the years sent us a small booklet, written by Andrew Murray, titled "Waiting on God." It is a really tiny small book but its contents are quite stunning and inspirational. Many parts of my writings will be direct quotations from this booklet.

He says that we need to wait on God because He is the God of our salvation. Psalm 62:1 says, "*Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.*" It is worth noting that the Hebrew word for "wait" literally means to silence, while the Septuagint employs a word, which means "to subject" or "to subordinate." In waiting upon God, there is no human activity but complete silence in total subjection to God. It tells us an attitude of the people waiting on Him. There is even an emphasis on this point by beginning the verse with "truly," which also literally means "surely" or "indeed." Interestingly, when the Septuagint translates the verse, though there is no Hebrew word for "for," it employs a Greek word meaning "for," which introduces a reason why we need to wait upon God. Contextually, the reason for our waiting upon God is that salvation comes from Him. There are many testimonies of God as the only source of salvation. Jonah 2:9, "*But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.*" As God is the sole Creator of all things, He is the sole Savior of His people. Therefore, the highest duty and honor of man is to honor and glorify God.

If a man does not know God, he cannot attain salvation. Jesus utters His high priestly prayer in John 17. He says in verse 3, "*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*" The knowledge of God is directly related to our salvation. It is significant to understand God whom we ought to wait for. It is not a feeling, religious imagination or even zeal but a solid knowledge of God that will lead us to salvation. We also need to recognize that any defected knowledge of God will lead us to unbiblical god(s) and wrong religions. Any level of defected knowledge of the biblical God has produced a great deal of miseries not only on a spiritual level but also in physical and political arenas. In the spiritual realm, we know that the first few centuries after the birth of the Christian church the whole Christendom suffered because of defected knowledge of God. For example, the doctrine of Trinity was not well understood.

Though Tertullian was the first one to use the term “trinity,” his understanding of the doctrine was deficient. A famous church father, Origen, could not fully comprehend of the relationship between the Father and the Son. He was the one who had put stepping stones for the Arians to develop their false doctrines against the doctrine of Trinity. The Arians are ancestors of modern day Jehovah’s Witnesses and all sects denying the deity of Jesus Christ. Defected knowledge of God is as dangerous as false religions.

For example, *World Magazine* reports an article about Uganda, which was its cover story, on its February 8 issue in 2014. At least 15 percent of Ugandans claim their allegiance to Islam. “From 1971 to 1979 Major General Idi Amin, a Muslim, ruled Uganda: A corrupt dictator, he murdered between 100,000 and 500,000 Ugandans, according to international observers and human-rights groups.” The rest of the countrymen claim their faith in Jesus Christ. Interestingly, “Anglican leader Onesimus Asiimwe notes that two out of three Sunday worshippers are under 25 years of age, and nominal Christians far outnumber mature ones.” Then, we cannot miss his self-assessment of his people, as he stated, “our Christianity lacks depth.” What did he mean by it? While the British ruled this country, they brought missionaries but unfortunately materialism, too. Professing Christians are not well grounded on the Scriptures. In the meanwhile, Muslims equipped with zeal and enthusiasm based on their works-based religion oppressed others from different faiths including Christians. “Islamists offer dollars and a promised land of dolls to young men willing to give their lives to kill Christians and Jews. Other Muslims purchase wives from nominally Christian Ugandan fathers who are willing – if there’s enough money in it-to have their daughters become Muslims. Some Ugandans would rather be employed by Muslims than unemployed Christians. A variety of quasi-Christian ministries have fought back by offering their own rewards through a prosperity gospel. Faith healers have found a market: When Benny Hinn came to Kampala, some Ugandans arrived six hours early to get a place. . . . The Transforming Nations Alliance contends that ‘[Ugandan] Christians are still very shallow in their understanding of Scripture and still have a mindset locked in the animistic worldview that is fatalistic . . . hence the poverty, social instability, domestic violence, and other social problems that bedevil the nation. The level of corruption is so high that the stability of the nation is seriously threatened.’”

The article continues to say, “South of the Sahara, the number of Muslim adherents has gone from 11 million in 1900 to 234 million in 2010, and the number of those professing Christ during the time period soared from 7 million to 470 million. Yet, TNA reports that ‘while many Sub-Saharan African countries boast of large Christian populations, their impact or influence is hardly seen or noticed in the real world. The Church in these nations has largely lost credibility and is accused of being totally irrelevant in society.’ If those 470 million Christians are educated and energized, they can avoid falling under Muslim enslavement.” I quote from this article not primarily to talk about my concerns over Christians in African continent against Muslim advancement, but to illustrate the overall effect of shallow Christian teachings within Christian communities.

Andrew Murray aptly says, “All that the church and its members need for the manifestation of the mighty power of God in the world is the return to our true place, the place that belongs to us, both in creation and redemption, the place of absolute dependence upon God.” However, a real question we must raise is on how we can do it without having proper knowledge of God of the Bible. Not knowing God means that there is no knowledge of man, either. If we do not know who we are and who God is, then how can we wait for God?

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

# 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
Tues 27 May	No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Siew Ting, Yen, Angelina, Len, Nigel and Judy to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 30 May	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 31 May	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<b><u>TODAY: 25/05/2014</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	The Promise Realised Through Faith	The First Petition - "Hallowed Be Thy Name"	<b>Chairman:</b> Mok Chee Cheong
<b>Text</b>	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 6:9	<b>Organist:</b> Sarah
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> Dr Martin will lead a study on "<i>The Doctrine of the Church</i>".</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> 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, Scott, Patricia, Hannah, Sarah, Shirley.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Patricia.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels:</b> Anthony &amp; Helen, Dr Martin</li> <li>• <b>Pray for the students for their upcoming exams.</b></li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology - 1st to 3rd July 2014:</b> Theme for 2014 is "<i>Rightly Dividing the Word</i>".</li> <li>• <b>Ladies Fellowship after lunch:</b> Please see Sis Elizabeth for more info.</li> <li>• <b>ECM Report:</b> The calling of Pr Mok has been accepted by the Church members. Please pray for the visa application.</li> </ul>			
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £563.20, Lunch: £38 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 25 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 26 (A) 5 (C)			
<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 01/06/2014</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Sarah <b>Pianist:</b> Matthew <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Evelyn <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Jonathan			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 17

**Q: Into what estate did the Fall bring mankind?**

*A: The Fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.*

Comments:

Adam's first sin is commonly called the Fall. And we are here told that, in consequence of this Fall, all men are now born in a sinful and unhappy condition.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 5:12

## MEMORY VERSE

### Last Week

*"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."*

**Philippians 2:12**

### This Week

*"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."*

**Philippians 2:13**

### Next Week

*"Do all things without murmurings and disputings:  
That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;"*

**Philippians 2:14-15**