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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*

### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 95:3-6

Psalm 99:1-3

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 6 – *“The Spacious Firmament on High”*

RHC 42 – *“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”*

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 88

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 88 verses 1-7*  
(to the tune of Beatitudo, RHC 63)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 347 – *“Under the Care of My God, The Almighty”*

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*Scriptural Text*

Colossians 1:3-8

John 14:16-27

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Sermon Message*

*Heaven Shaped Hope*

*What Is a Paraklete?*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 317 – *“The Solid Rock”*

RHC 239 – *“Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Carl Martin

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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**

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

My Dear Reader,

28-09-2014 Increasingly we hear the drumbeat of danger and the potential of an escalating threat from splinter groups related to ISIS (the Islamic State). The developments have come about rather quickly, though they have been in the making for a long time. Listening to the rhetoric, one quickly hears of the depths of resentment that has been held and are now being unleashed on Christians, Jews, and the "West." Reaction to the beheading of American journalists and a British aid worker have heightened the attention of many. Though for many of the people in Iraq and Syria, these situations are a common occurrence. Arrests in this city this week of alleged terrorists, raises our awareness of the potential nearness of these dangers. But the reaction is not just about beheadings, it is an assault on multiple levels of power, wealth, and privilege. According to one newspaper report this week, in Saudi Arabia there have been 59 beheadings this year. Yet they are taking part in the military coalition against the Islamic State. Jesus reminded us that we would hear of wars and rumors of wars on massive scales. Yet He admonished His disciples not to be alarmed in those settings. Rather they were called to press forward with Gospel ministry through the whole world, as a witness to all nations (Matthew 24:3-14).

This week a missionary who returned recently from Turkey where he had been training people in the use of media for communicating a Gospel message in context where Christians are in a severe minority status wrote the following reminder to us about the pressing matters before Christians there and in the "West:"

"The most critical issue facing Christians is not abortion, pornography disintegration, the of the family, moral absolutes, MTV, drugs, racism, sexuality, or school prayer. The critical issue is dullness. We have lost our astonishment. The Good News is no longer the good news, it is okay news. Christianity is no longer life changing, it is life enhancing. Jesus doesn't change people into wild-eyed radicals anymore; He changes them into 'nice people.' If Christianity is simply about being nice, I'm not interested." *The late Mike Yaconelli*

How do we respond to this opinion? True, we face an array of serious problems, and the matter of war and the threat of terroristic action is all around us. Yet for many there is a minimal interest in pursuing a vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Yaconelli and his followers argued that the real answer was in promoting an exciting Christianity. Yet after the charge and the excitement has stirred people, what is left? A newer, more exciting, more enchanting experience? In such competition we can try to duplicate an exciting environment but that will not endure. What endures? What lasts for eternity?

The prophet, Jeremiah lived and served in a culture that faced enormous moral and political corruption and deep threats from invading powers. He gave the message from the LORD to those of his day (Jeremiah 6:16-17):

<sup>16</sup> Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

<sup>17</sup> Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

Notice the offer that was extended with real promise of help and benefit, but the response was one of united personal and national rejection.

We do face real dangers, but we do so in the midst of a world that still needs to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. They need to be brought to a knowledge of Him. Jesus called for His followers to be salt and light in the world. Salt works quietly and invisibly, but its presence is surely not ignored. Light breaks through silently and dispels darkness without making a shout or a noise. But we are very aware of its presence or absence. The Apostle Peter challenged his readers to live in such a way that even the most vigorous unbelievers will glorify God on the day of judgment because of the things they observed in the lives of Christians in their contact with them (1 Peter 2:11-14). So too, we should be careful to live in such a manner that the unbelieving world will have an unmistakable awareness that we are fully committed to Christ, by the things we say and do not say, by the things we do and do not do, and by the priorities of our life – what we really live for.

*Only one life 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.*

Hoping to point you to Jesus,

Carl T. Martin

# 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
<p>Fri 03 Oct                    <b>No Young Adults Fellowship</b></p> <p>Sat 04 Oct                    <b>No Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b></p>	<p>We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Eugene, Magdalene and Keen to our worship services last Lord's Day.</p>

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TODAY: 28/09/2014</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b>            John</p> <p><b>Organist:</b>            Anthony</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b>                Jasmine</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b>                Tom / Yetta</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b>    No Sunday School</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b>                 Jasmine</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b>        Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b>              Jonathan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 05/10/2014</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b>            John</p> <p><b>Organist:</b>            Anthony</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b>                Jasmine</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b>                Daniel / Evelyn</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b>    Hannah / Rachael</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b>                 Maureen</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b>        Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b>              Jonathan</p>
<b>Message</b>	Shaping Fruitful Christians	Where is the Holy Spirit?	
<b>Text</b>	Colossians 1:9-12	John 14:15-26	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> Dr Martin will lead this week's study.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Brian Green.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Magdalene.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Margaret, Constance.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Please pray for the church's sponsorship application and Pr Mok Chee Cheong's visa.</li> <li>• <b>Ladies Fellowship</b> will be held after lunch today.</li> <li>• <b>Retirement Service for Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson:</b> Sat 4th October, 3pm at Westminster Baptist Church, 100 Horseferry Rd, London.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £607.20, Lunch: £36.22</p> <p><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 24 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 2 (C)</p>

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 35

**Q: What is sanctification?**

**A: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the IMAGE OF GOD, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.**

Comments:

*Sanctification* means making a person holy. It is here said to be a *work*, because it is done, not at once, but gradually, and a work of *grace* because it proceeds from God's undeserved goodness, and is wrought in us from first to last by his own Spirit. It consists in our being made *like to God* – that is, in gradually learning to hate and cease from sin, and to love and practise holiness; and this is called a *renewing*, because it is restoring us to the state in which we were at first.

Justification, adoption and sanctification are thus seen to be all necessary to salvation. In justification, the sinner is pardoned; in adoption, he is brought into the family, in sanctification, his is cleansed from all sin.

Scriptural Reference:

Titus 3:5, Ephesians 4:24, Philippians 3:13-14, Proverbs 4:18

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,”</i></p> <p><b>Ephesians 2:4</b></p>	<p><i>“Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”</i></p> <p><b>Ephesians 2:5</b></p>	<p><i>“Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;”</i></p> <p><b>Deuteronomy 7:9</b></p>