



# NEW LIFE

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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 71:1-3

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 46 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

RHC 67 – “Praise the Savior”

*Opening Prayer \**

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 141

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 141 verses 1-5*  
(to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 141 – “That Beautiful Name”

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*Scriptural Text*

1 Samuel 9:1-27

James 1:22-27

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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*Sermon Message*

*Israel Found a King*

*Be Doers of the Word*

*The Lord's Supper*

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 193 – “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?”

RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

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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 2015 – “Build a God-Honouring Family” – Joshua 24:15b**

## **CONFLICTS - PART 2**

Last week, we discussed why we cannot eradicate conflicts from our experiences, though we desire a “conflict-free” life. I should continue on this particular question. Conflicts are inevitable not only because our nature is sinful, but also because we as individuals are different. We are different by character, personality, interest, hobby, values, perspectives, taste, temperament, sensitivity, sex, feelings, emotions, ideology, and more externally and environmentally culture, climate, history, language, family, education, race, religion, experiences, etc. In other words, we are inherently different by so many factors. It is not strange that we are different. We are different people with the same dignity. When God created human beings, He created them as male and female. They are equally dignified beings made with different features by which they are to complement each other. Thus, positively, their differences do enhance and complete their life experiences. In the meanwhile, their differences could potentially be primary causes of troubles and conflicts between them. If we expand the kinds of differences into other areas, we will soon find that they can either enrich human experiences and life, or become sources of unhappiness, sorrows, and sadness. Henceforth, we should understand that being different is not a main issue in the subject of conflicts. Being different is normal. What matters with such a reality is that differences must be properly managed and used, so that we can achieve and enjoy harmonious living. Of course, it requires lots of inner and external factors such as love, understanding, compassion, tolerance, patience, and so on. The level of harmonious life or conflicts also depends on individuals’ maturity. Of course, their spiritual life is critical to reach the needed and desired maturity. However, we cannot stop there, because individuals’ spirituality can also be a primary factor for even more violent conflicts. It is possible that we do not keep harmony and peace in the name of God within the same religion. It requires us to consider even more things to achieve harmony and overcome conflicts. As to such matters, I would not go into right now.

Nonetheless, we may begin our talk by making a small conclusion from the thoughts in the above paragraph. God created us differently, and our differences are not abnormal. Sometimes we need to accept each other's differences. God designed these differences for our completion and happiness. At the same time, if we do not have proper use and perspectives of such differences, they can be dangerous sources of conflicts, fights and heartbreaking miseries. It leads us again to say that we must learn to manage and use our differences properly, which will help us to manage conflicts without sinning against God and fellow human beings. Not in theory but in reality, we may face situations in which we cannot but raise such questions as following (just a few examples): “If we marry, when, where, and how?” “Should we have children? Then how many and when should we have them?” “Should we buy this or that? If we should, what should be the budget, color, shapes, or brand?” “How far should we allow our parents meddle with our family life?” “Should we or should we not stand up for our spouse to our parents?” “Should we discipline our children? If we should, then, who, when, and how to do it?” Individuals’ freedom could be infringed and violated, and individuals’ creativity could be suppressed, and individuals could be offended and upset, whenever individuals’ differences are not properly used and managed. As a result, conflicts are flared up. We must not forget that conflicts do exist even between God and man. Now let us consider how we manage potential conflicts in the real world.

First, we must begin with a proper understanding of our God. God is the God of peace. Our Savior, who will come again for the same time, is named “the prince of peace.” Despite huge conflicts between the holy God and the sinful mankind, God desired and planned to bring peace between Him and His creatures. Romans 5:1, “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” He provides us with peace in spite of our anxiety and cares. Philippians 4:6-7, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Our God is a peace making God.

Second, biblically guided holy desires may be the cause for stirring up certain conflicts within us. For example, a Spirit-filled man will experience constant conflicts with his evil propensities. Through these conflicts, he will experience more and more victories over the lusts of his flesh and be able to mortify them more and more. A Spirit-filled man is convicted of his sins, which will cause him to experience inner conflicts, which will lead him to experience spiritual poverty. It leads us to consider that our spiritual desire for holiness and godliness will make us experience conflicts between our duties and our inclinations. Paul made this point quite clearly in Ephesians 4:24-32, “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” Putting the off old man and putting on the new man are showing both what our duties are and how our inclinations work within us. If I cautiously add one warning to this lesson, I cannot but talk about dangers of perfectionism and idealism. Some individuals’ holy desire to be fully conformed to the image of Christ and to reach the level of perfection in which he will not sin any more often brings even more inner conflicts and bitterness against themselves. On the surface, it appears to be super-spiritual but it is another misguided spirituality that denies the finished work of the Lord. They ought to remember that God demonstrated His love toward them through Christ’s atoning death, while they were yet sinners. It is good to mourn over sin, but it could be destructive to condemn ourselves over our weaknesses and sinfulness in the light of perfectionism. The mourning over our sin and infirmities must lead us to Christ even more by faith not to our own judgment against ourselves, as if our religion after salvation is a self-relying and work-based religion.

Third, we ought to know that many a times peace and war (conflicts) can co-exist in our lives. It may sound strange. It simply means that peace is more than the absence of conflicts or strife. It could mean a positive presence of harmony, acceptance of each other, forgiveness, reconciliation both with God and man. Stephen was caught and interrogated by the council, and accused of so-called blasphemies. However, when people saw his face, he looked like he had the face of an angel. How could he have perfect peace in such a situation that eventually led him to be stoned to death? Quoting just one verse from a well known hymn, “When Peace Like a River,” would suffice to make this point: “When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.” It was written by a man who lost his wife and children by a shipwreck. I’ll continue on this next time.

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

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# 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
Thurs 17th Dec	<b>No Mid-Week Out-reach Bible Study</b>		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.
Sat 19th Dec	4pm	<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b> Galatians - A Study of Freedom and Liberty	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon	<b><u>TODAY: 13/12/2015</u></b>
<i>Message</i>	TBC	TBC	
<i>Text</i>	TBC	TBC	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 20/12/2015</u></b></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> John  <i>Organist:</i> Anthony  <i>Pianist:</i> Matthew  <i>Ushers:</i> Joel / Yetta  <i>Sunday School:</i> Rachael / Hannah  <i>Lunch:</i> Volunteers  <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers  <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Pre-lunch Bible Study.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene, Meredith, Anthony, John, Toby, Maureen, Bethany.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana, Keene, Joel.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Sharon, Elliora, Odelia, Dr Martin, Keene, Josias, Matthew, Michael.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. Thank God that his visa application has been approved.</li> <li>• <b>Christmas &amp; Baptism Service: 11am Christmas Day.</b> Odelia, Meredith and Bethany will be baptised during the Christmas service. There will be a Christmas Carry-in lunch after service. Please speak to John or Jonathan for more information.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £784.89  <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 29 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 3 (C)</p>			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 99

**Q: What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?**

*A: The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called THE LORD'S PRAYER.*

Comments:

We are here taught that in praying to God we have the whole Bible as a guide. But specially we have a pattern or example set us in the prayer which Christ taught his disciples. This is usually called the Lord's Prayer – that is, the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scriptural Reference:

1 John 5:14. Matthew 6:9

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”</i></p> <p><b>Romans 8:31</b></p>	<p><i>“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”</i></p> <p><b>Philippians 2:8</b></p>	<p><i>“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:”</i></p> <p><b>Philippians 2:9</b></p>