



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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LORD’S DAY 18 JANUARY 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-5

Psalm 91:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 93 – *“To God Be the Glory”*

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

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 103

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 103 verses 1-2, 8-12
(to the tune of Belmont, RHC 7)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 137 – *“Thanks to God!”*

Scriptural Text

Colossians 2:11-15

John 16:8-11

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

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Sermon Message

A Spectacular Triumph

When the Holy Spirit Confronts the World

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 113 – *“It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him”*

RHC 429 – *“We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought”*

Benediction/3-Fold

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*Amen **

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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

START AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON

My Dear Reader,

18-1-2015 We have entered a new year. All the events of the previous year are in our past. Have you any regrets for the way you used the time God gave you? We can do nothing to make better use of the opportunities that God gave us in 2014 to glorify Him more thoroughly, to know Him more deeply, to live in fellowship with others more authentically, or to make Him known to others more actively. Yet we must not be paralyzed by what we did or did not do. We are in a new year and with it has come an array of responsibilities, some new, others routine, and others intimidating. How shall we go forward? My wife would say, **Start as you mean to go on!**

Let us hear the personal testimony and instruction of the Apostle Paul to the believers in Philippi: ⁸*But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for when I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,* ⁹*and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:* ¹⁰*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;* ¹¹*if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.* ¹²*Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.* ¹³*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before,* ¹⁴*I press toward the mark for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.* ¹⁵*Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded, and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you (Phil 3:8-15).*

We are given a window into the thinking of the apostle. He viewed life from the vantage point of setting priorities. Things that once compelled his attention were set aside. They no longer had any appeal for him. Why? A new pursuit had taken hold of his focus, namely that he would demonstrate that the rightness of Jesus the Christ had been imputed to him, a righteousness that he received by faith. He entered a new relationship with God through the merit of Jesus Christ. When the righteousness of Jesus is credited (imputed or applied) to the account one who accepts the payment made for his or her sins, all of his/her sins have been applied to Jesus. The believer enters into a new relationship with God through the saving merit of Jesus. That relationship carried the promise that because Jesus arose from the grave, one day Paul would be raised to life after his death.

But how did Paul live in the light of that new relationship? Was this forgiveness simply a swipe card to make sure he would be able to escape hell and enter heaven when he died? To be sure, it includes that promise, but there is so much more. He was drawn into an ever deepening pursuit to know Jesus and to have his life more accurately reflect that he belonged to Jesus. He did not consider himself to have arrived at a status where he could drift along for the rest of his life. Rather, he saw that such a relationship required an ongoing active pursuit. Just as the Apostle Paul explained, when you, dear reader, have entered into such a relationship, it will dominate your priorities, ambitions, and the use of your time as an individual and as a family.

That domination explains why he wanted to fulfil the things in life that Jesus had laid hold upon him to accomplish. He did not just want to exist in a window of time. He wanted to make a difference for Jesus Christ and the growth of His body, the church. How did he go about fulfilling that? He said he had to forget the things left behind and vigorously reach forward to the things that lay ahead of him. That is great to learn of what he did. But that was back then.

But wait, there is something more. In verse 15 he calls for those in the congregation at Philippi (and by application here) who are spiritually mature and those who aspire to mature spiritually, that they (we) would do the same thing. What a challenge for us! Are you (and your family) living in such a way as to accomplish all that the Lord has for you to be and do?

Last Lord's Day, I challenged you to embark on reading your Bible in this coming year. I told of my father having read his Bible through each year for 43 consecutive years. You can read your Bible through in a year if you read three average sized chapters per day. But I want to caution that this is not a short sprint to run, it is an ongoing race, more like a marathon. To accomplish reading your Bible through, you will need to eliminate whatever things distract you. The distractions will likely be different from one person to the other. If you are intimidated at the prospect of reading the whole Bible through, then devote ten minutes per day in consecutive reading one chapter at a time. Set a time and a place for doing this to establish a pattern. But Bible reading is only one side of the relationship. The other side is prayer. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible and we speak back to Him in prayer. Talk to Him, He is eager to hear from you.

George Mueller, a godly pastor from Bristol more than a century ago wrote: "the most important point to be attended to is this: *Above all things, see to it that your souls are happy in the Lord.* Other things may press upon you; the Lord's work even may have urgent claims upon your attention; but I deliberately repeat, it is of supreme and paramount importance that you should seek, above all other things, to have your souls truly happy in God Himself. Day by day seek to make this the most important business of your life. This has been my firm and settled conviction for the last five-and-thirty years.... The secret of all true effectual service is,—joy in God, and having experimental acquaintance and fellowship with God Himself."

Additionally, you who live as couples and/or families, commit to a time for family devotions together. This need not be a long time. Here the head of the household should take the initiative to gather the family, read a portion of Scripture, and pray together. Meal times can be good opportunities for this, particularly if you eat together as a family. My wife and I did not do a perfect job, but we took time at the end of our evening meal to read the Bible and pray together. When our children were younger, we would use devotional books in addition to reading the Bible to teach them about God and how to know Him and please Him. Many times we sang together our prayer of thanksgiving for our food. There is nothing that will bond a family like a shared growing relationship in the Lord.

If you will advance spiritually this year, **START AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON.**

Hoping to point you to Jesus,
Carl 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
Thurs 22 Jan 7:00pm Bible Study - Study on the book of Mark	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Gemma, Vema and Lorvent to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 23 Jan 7:00pm Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>"Daniel 1 - Obeying God"</i> - Mr Ivan Foster	
Sat 24 Jan 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	<u>TODAY: 18/01/2015</u> Chairman: John Organist: Sarah Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jonathan <u>NEXT WEEK: 25/01/2015</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Matthew Ushers: Tom / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott
Message	The Victory of God's Remnant	Proving God!	
Text	Judges 6:11-27, 7:1-21	1 Kings 17	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will start a new study, "Building Firm Foundations" • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & 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, Dr Tow, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Jonathan's father, Sharon. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Magdalene, Nana. • Pray for those on travel: Margaret. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Pr Mok's visa application. • Church Cleaning: There will be church cleaning after lunch today. • Ladies Fellowship will be held after lunch next Sunday. 	
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £917.50, Lunch: £47.20 Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 4 (C)	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 51

Q: What is forbidden in the Second Commandment?

A: *The Second Commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images – or any other way not appointed in his Word.*

Comments:

This command forbids us: 1. To make use of images in worship; 2. To make use of any other means than those God has appointed.

Scriptural Reference:

Deuteronomy 4:15, Matthew 15:9

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."</i></p> <p>Isaiah 55:7</p>	<p><i>"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."</i></p> <p>Joshua 24:15</p>	<p><i>"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."</i></p> <p>Matthew 6:33</p>