



# 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 19 JULY 2015**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

#### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 22:25-28

Psalm 57:9-11

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 552 – “*God of Our Fathers*”

RHC 122 – “*Glory to His Name*”

*Opening Prayer \**

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 119:153-176

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 119 verses 169-176*  
(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 553 – “*Love Found a Way*”

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*Scriptural Text*

Colossians 4:5-6

John 17:6-8

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Sermon Message*

*The Risk for Christians in Society*

*The Stewardship of Truth*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 438 – “*The Son of God Goes Forth*”

RHC 259 – “*Lamp of Our Feet*”

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

# **WOMEN AND THE NURTURE OF CHILDREN - PART 1**

**Adapted from Maranatha Messenger - 29 March 2015 - Mrs Angelina Sin**

The word *nurture* originated from the Latin word meaning “act of nursing, to suckle or nourish.” In our English language, its broader meaning includes “to further the development of, to train.” Nurturing is essential for everyone’s well-being. It follows then that if a woman’s gentle nurturing touch is missing, society will surely degenerate. You do not have to look far for evidence that this is happening all around us. The world’s children are crying out for a womanly nurturing touch. But to submit to God’s plan for the maternal essence of our being takes discipline.

God’s Word teaches that nurturing a physical life is uniquely a female privilege. We are all daughters of Eve, whose name, we are told in Genesis 3:20, means “mother of all living.” Each of us, like Eve, has been given a body designed to nurture life. The creation of our physical bodies is the evidence of this purpose. For women who have or will not give birth, this nurturing nature will necessarily extend to those who are not her children. It is not just the natural process of pregnancy and childbirth that makes a daughter of Eve a nurturer.

A complex passage of Scripture emphasizes the importance of nurturing. In 1 Timothy 2:15 Paul advises, *Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.*

Paul does not mean that Christian women will be “saved” from death in childbirth. Countless godly women have died while giving life to a child. The context clearly indicates that Paul is speaking of being “saved” in a spiritual sense. We also know that women who have never given birth are heirs of salvation. So then what does the apostle mean?

In the immediate context of this passage, Paul is instructing us about the behaviour of godly women as distinct from that of godly men, especially in reference to how we should behave at home and in the church. Paul directs our attention back to Creation and the ordained differences between Adam and Eve from the very beginning. He uses childbearing as a universal example of the God-given difference between the roles of men and women. Men do not give birth. Therefore, when Paul says, “women will be saved through childbearing,” he means that by *living out their God-given roles and not seeking a man’s role, they will more likely remain in the heart attitude that invites salvation and its attendant blessings.* The essential attitude here is one of submission. Of course, godliness for both men and women always begins with submission to God’s will. But in this text, we women are encouraged to submit to the God-given nurturing realm for which we were designed, willingly abiding in the four virtues of “faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.” Certainly mothering and nurturing will not save us physically or spiritually. But the cultivation of a mother’s heart and a nurturing role under God will place our submissive souls in the way of salvation and this the greatest blessing in the kingdom of God

## **Nurturing Children at Home**

In the Old Testament, God intended that His people should teach their own children. They were to be taught the law of God (Deuteronomy 6:7-9) when the parents are responsible to nurture them under all possible circumstances.

Covenant theology informs us of the importance of family worship led by the head of the home which is the husband (Ephesians 5:22-25). When the head of the home is not available, the wife or mother has to assume the responsibility by the strength of God. A biblical example can be found in the home of Timothy who was taught by his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5, 3:15). Monica raised up Augustine who became a great church father and Suzanna, the Wesley brothers who later served the Lord as revivalists.

In the Christian home, the general upbringing and instruction should be distinctive. It should be “of the Lord”. This is something which non-Christians cannot do. It is something which believing parents are called to do. The thought that the children are to be brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, should be dominant in the minds of Christian parents.

This should be their desire and ambition for their children and a sacred task as well. This great responsibility must be carried out by the godly parents and not passed on to anyone else, be their pastor, Sunday school teacher, relative or day school teacher. It is quite clear from the Bible that the task of teaching children the Word of God and leading them to the knowledge of Christ is primarily the responsibility of parents and this can be carried out in the following ways:

### **By Setting an Example**

One of the greatest influences in a child's life will be the example of godly parents. Children need to see the lives of their parents what a true Christian is. Parents should show their children that being a Christian and having communion with God is the most wonderful thing in the world. When they see this, they may long to have that privilege too. It is important that Christian values permeate every aspect of home life: your relationships with those inside and outside the family, your attitude to work, money and leisure, and so on. Children will soon see that there is a great difference between their homes and that of their non-Christian friends. Children who see this difference will ask questions. This will provide opportunities to explain more of the Christian message. Parents whose lifestyle is inconsistent with their profession of faith can be a stumbling block to their children when they see such contradiction, they often resolved to have nothing to do with the Christian faith.

### **By Answering their Questions**

Children will ask questions like these: "What is God like?" "What happens when you die?" "Why are you praying?" "When will I die?" "Is the Lord Jesus here now?" They ask questions like these and many less profound ones. It is important to answer these questions, when they are asked, if possible. Answer truthfully, and at their level. Make sure you know the answers and, in a natural way, without preaching at the children, give the information they have asked for. The Jews were instructed to keep the feast of the Passover and to explain it to their children when asked what it meant (Exodus 12:26-27). Similarly, today's children often have many questions to ask about Christian worship and practices, for example, the communion service, if they are present. It is good that they see these things and answers to their questions can provide opportunities to explain more Gospel truth.

### **By Careful Instruction of the Word**

A godly example and honest answers to children's questions must be coupled with careful instruction in the Gospel. Christian parents, like Old Testament Jewish parents, must teach their children diligently. Such instruction should be planned for in the family's normal day.

It is good that at some time during the day, there should be family worship. A short passage of Scripture is read, a short explanation is given, and a family member prays. During this time, the parents will make sure that various Gospel truths are read, explained and applied to their children. Also, many parents find it valuable to spend time with each individual child before they go to bed. This too will be a time for teaching. The parent and child may look together at a passage of Scripture, or work together on the child's Bible reading notes. It is vital that there should be this daily time of teaching in every Christian home, in order that the parents can carry out their God-given responsibility to evangelise their own children. They should also bring their children with them to a sound local church where they can hear the Gospel preached and be saved (Romans 10:9-10).

### **By Being Available to them**

When the Holy Spirit is working in the life of a child, that child may well come to his father or mother saying that he wants to be saved. The parent should explain clearly how he can be saved. If the child understands, and is in earnest about trusting the Saviour, the parent can point his own child to Christ. This is a wonderful joy and privilege for any parent to have. But it is good for parents from time to time to let their children know that they should always feel free to come and speak with them concerning any questions or problems they might have. They should also tell the children that if they are not saved and would like to be, but are not sure how, they would always be ready to speak with them personally about this – but at their request only. Parents should never exert pressure on their children to make a profession of faith. This will do untold damage and lead to disillusionment in later years. Children should sense that their parents' longing for their salvation, but they must never feel this is something they must do in order to please their parents or to get their love and acceptance. Christian parents should surround their children with prayer, the word and worship that God would work in their lives and bring them to know, love and obey the Lord Jesus Christ by example.

*To be continued.....*

# 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 23rd July	7pm	<b>Mid-Week 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.
Fri 24th July	7pm	<b>Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony</b> <i>Daniel 8 - The Ram and the He Goat</i>	
Sat 25th July	4pm	<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b> <i>Study on the Life of Joseph</i>	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<b><u>TODAY: 19/07/2015</u></b> <b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Anthony <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott  <b><u>NEXT WEEK: 26/07/2015</u></b> <b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Keene <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Margaret <b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Jonathan
<b>Message</b>	Accountability	Jesus, Prayer and the World	
<b>Text</b>	Colossians 4:7-9	John 17:9	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations".</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, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Jonathan's father, Sarah, Matthew, Sharon.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for expecting mothers:</b> Magdalene, Helen.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Matthew, Yangfan, Michael, Mrs Martin, Heidi.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister.</li> <li>• <b>Church cleaning after lunch today.</b></li> <li>• <b>Ladies Fellowship after lunch next Lord's Day.</b></li> </ul>			
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £524.02, Lunch: £33.00 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 22 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 4 (C)			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 78

**Q: What is forbidden in the Ninth Commandment?**

**A:** *The Ninth Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbour's good name.*

Comment:

This commandment refers to our *words*. It commands us to be careful to speak *the truth* at all times, to stand up for it when it is assailed, and to seek to advance it by all means in our power. And it forbids us to do anything which might make others believe what is not true – which is *lying*; and especially where anyone's character is concerned – which is *slander*. In ordinary intercourse the rule is, Speak the truth in love. In witness-bearing the rule is, Speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Scriptural Reference:

Ephesians 4:31, Psalm 15:3

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:" <b>John 11:25</b>	"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." <b>John 10:9</b>	"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." <b>John 15:1-2</b>