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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 145:1-3

Psalm 29:1-2

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 40 – “*God the Omnipotent*”

RHC 81– “*Lord of the Sabbath*”

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 130

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 130*  
(to the tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 311 – “*Does Jesus Care?*”

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*Scriptural Text*

Philippians 2:8, John 19:1-18

Revelation 21-22:5

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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*Sermon Message*

*The Death of the Cross*

*The 7 "No-mores" of Heaven*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 102 – “*O It Is Wonderful!*”

RHC 533 – “*The Sands of Time Are Sinking*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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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**

# **THE MIRROR OF GOD'S WORD**

## **(JAMES 1:22-25)**

**Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly - 13th September 2015**

The Book of James is written for Christians and it emphasizes the Christian doctrine for practice more than for belief. As the recipients of this book are assumed to be believers, James stresses on the importance of living out the doctrines of the Christian religion.

The text in 1:22-25 illustrates the imperative of being a doer of the Word and not just hearers only. A person who is a hearer only is likened to a man who looks at himself in the mirror, walks away and forgets his outside disposition. He fails to do what he was supposed to do. He needs to wash his face and to comb his unkempt hair. He needs to look clean and neat. The mirror reflects a man's outward appearance; otherwise he could not see himself. Here, James uses the mirror to show the work of the Word of God. The mirror of God's Word reveals the inner man. The Word of God exposes the thoughts and intentions of the man's heart (Hebrew 4:12). It shows his ugliness, self-centred attitude and pride. It uncovers his deception, greed and lust.

The four verses could be divided into two parts:

### **A Person who looks into the Word and Forgets (vv. 22-24)**

Jesus also talks about the man who is a hearer and not a doer of the Word. This man is "*likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand*" (Matthew 7:26). The house he builds has no foundation. It could not stand the test of thunderstorms. James gives two warnings to those who are hearers and not doers of the Word.

#### **1. They deceive themselves (v. 22)**

The man mentioned in the parable of Jesus did build a house. The house had all the features of a dwelling place. But it had no deep and foundation. A strong wind blew it down. The builder was self-deluded to think he could build a house on the sand. Christians may suffer from self-delusion. They attend church meetings regularly, give to the ministry and do some work in the church. They perceived they are spiritually well. But trials proved many to be weak in their spiritual foundation. A Christian with a solid spiritual foundation is one who hears the Word and does it. He is a wise man (Matthew 7:24).

There is a more serious self-delusion. You come to church and think you are saved. But in reality you are not saved and do not have the hope of eternal life. You hear the word preached but you did not respond in faith by accepting Jesus as your personal Saviour. Please be sincere in hearing and in believing in Christ.

## 2. They soon forget (vv. 23-24)

James is not describing a man with a poor memory, but rather a man with poor priorities. He doesn't remember what he saw in the mirror because he doesn't regard it as very important. God, heaven, eternal life, and all of the other doctrines in the Bible are interesting and nice, but he has other endearing pursuits. Remembering God's Word is not his priority. The Word of God is for him like the seed that fell on the wayside (Matthew 13:4). Because he chose to neglect ("*understandeth not*") the Word, the devil took it away from him (13:19).

The best way to prevent forgetting is do the necessary things straightaway. When looking into the mirror, you saw the need to remove dirt in the eyes and you clean your eyes immediately. In the same way, when the Word of God exposes our wrong attitude and behaviour, we need to take immediate steps to change. This is the way to building a strong spiritual foundation.

## **A Person who looks into the Word and Remembers (v. 25)**

The word "*looketh*" in the original language means to bend down and look carefully at something. It was used of John and Mary stooping and looking intently into the empty tomb after the Resurrection (John 20:5, 11). This is how Christians should study God's Word. It should not be a casual glance and we speed read. The aim is to understand the Word and to apply it in our lives. The Word is called the "*perfect law of liberty*" because it is the means to Christians' spiritual maturity and it releases them from the bondage of sin and the devil's captivity.

There are two good results:

### 1. He who hears and does God's Word is blessed (v. 25c)

Psalm 1 aptly describes a blessed man. He meditates on God's Word day and night. He does not allow forgetfulness to rob him of the spiritual blessing. This man "*is a like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*"

### 2. He is changed into the image of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 3:18)

God's will for the Christians is to be conformed to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29). The regular and consistent beholding of the Word of God transforms sinful people into a new image – the character and nature of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Let His Word work effectively in our lives, and hence, transforming us from glory to glory.

*Rev. Lim Chee Boon*

# 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 1st Oct	<b>No 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.
Sat 3rd Oct	<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
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	<b><u>TODAY: 27/09/2015</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Keene <b>Pianist:</b> Matthew <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Margaret <b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael / Hannah <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott
<b>Message</b>	The Little Maid and Naaman	The Belief of the Dying Thief	
<b>Text</b>	2 Kings 5:1-19	Luke 23:39-43	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch:</b> There will be a short video presented by Dr Scott-Pearson.</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, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene, Meredith, Ellie.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for expecting mothers:</b> Helen.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Yangfan, Josias, Dr Martin.</li> <li>• <b>Ladies Fellowship after Lunch today:</b> Sharing by Mrs Scott-Pearson.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. Also, pray for his visa application.</li> </ul>	<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 04/10/2015</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Keene <b>Pianist:</b> Matthew <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Evelyn <b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael / Hannah <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Joel / Keene

**Worship Service Collections** – Last Sunday: £627.39, Lunch: £54  
**Attendance** - Morning: 37 (A) 8 (C), Evening: 22 (A) 5 (C)

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 88

**Q: What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of Redemption?**

**A: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of Redemption, are His ordinances; especially the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.**

Comments:

In order that we may be saved, God demands of us not only faith and repentance, but the diligent use of the outward means of grace as well. These outward means are here called *ordinances*, or things which God has *ordained*. They consist mainly in: 1. The Study of the Bible; 2. The observance of the Sacraments; 3. The use of Prayer.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 2:42, 2 Timothy 3:15

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” <b>2 Corinthians 5:17</b>	“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:” <b>2 Timothy 3:16</b>	“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” <b>Ephesians 6:13</b>