



# 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 14 FEBRUARY 2016**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

#### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 33:6-9

Psalm 47:6-9

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 29 – *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

RHC 226 – *“The Lord Is King!”*

*Opening Prayer \**

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 150

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 150*  
(to the tune of Crimond, RHC 345)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

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

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*Scriptural Text*

Titus 2:1-10

John 18:5-9

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Sermon Message*

*The Modelling of Godly Leaders*

*The Bitterness of Betrayal*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 201 – *“According to Thy Gracious Word”*

RHC 212 – *“Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus!”*

*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.

# **HONOURING OUR PARENTS IN THE NEW YEAR**

*Adapted from Maranatha BP Church Singapore Weekly - 7th February 2016*

## **Introduction**

Psalm 65:11 says, *'Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.'* As Chinese Christians, we remember to celebrate some of the Chinese customs and traditions associated with this joyous season. In the Chinese tradition, honouring our father and mother means to attend the reunion dinner and to give them ang pows and oranges on the first day of the new year. This is proper but it is more than that. It is the sincere demonstration of our love for them in our words and actions as we are obedient to the Lord in respecting our parents throughout the year.

The word of God exhorts us to honour our father and mother. In the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:12) and Paul also says : *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth"* (Ephesians 6:1-3). Honouring parents is the only command in Scripture that promises long life as a reward. Those who honour their parents are blessed (Jeremiah 35:18-19). In contrast, in the last days, disobedience to parents is the order of the day among the unregenerate (Romans 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:2) and we need to guide our children that they will fear God and respect their parents.

Proverbs 1:8-9 says, *'My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.'* The Israeli King Solomon, advised us to also love and honour our parents (Proverbs 1:8; 13:1; 30:17). When we do that we are the ones that are blessed by God in return. Although we may be grown up and married (or single) and no longer directly under their authority, we do not outgrow God's command to honour our parents. Our Lord, submitted Himself to both His earthly parents, both Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:51) and His heavenly Father (Matthew 26:39). In the same manner, we should treat our parents with due reverence the way we would reverentially approach our heavenly Father (Hebrews 12:9; Malachi 1:6). It is sad when you hear of children speaking ill of their fathers or mothers. Once I heard of a child who was disappointed that his father did not have a car to send him or her to school (or murmur that his or her father earns a low salary or held a lowly position in society or work). I reminded that young person that he should thank God that he had a caring father who loves him and takes care of him and his family faithfully and who is still alive.

As Christians, we need to remind ourselves to teach our children to also honour our parents, their grandparents, in both actions and attitudes (Mark 7:6). Solomon says, *“A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke”* (Proverbs 13:1).

Honouring our parents brings glory to the name of God and it is a good testimony and example to others. That includes listening, heeding, and obeying their teachings if they do not contradict the word of God. The obedience that they learned will help us later in responding to other authorities such as government, police, and employers. Thank God for parents who often teach us the right things in life that we can live wisely. They need companionship and medical care, food, prayers and our personal attention. Giving them their monthly allowance is only one of the many acts of love besides others. Cheer them up whenever you can.

Obeying our parents does not mean blindly following them even if they are unsound or ungodly (Ezekiel 20:18-19). If a parent ever instructs a child to do something that clearly contradicts God's commands (i.e. theft or prostitution or deception), that child must obey God rather than man (even his / her own parents) if they are wrong spiritually or morally (Acts 5:29). Pray for wisdom to reach out to your parents with the gospel if they are not saved and have not entrusted their lives to Christ. Spend quality time with them (and not your HP or computer games all the time) and pay attention to their needs as well and do not neglect them or argue with them or take them for granted or provoke them to anger. If they are elderly, they need our prayers, presence and support, so let us be there for them in their evening years. It is a joy to be with our loved ones to spend quality time together and remember to show appreciation and thank God for them while they are still alive. May the new year brings greater joy and love for God and our parents and loved ones.

## **Conclusion**

Let us be good testimonies and examples for Christ in the new year and shine a light in this fallen world for Him. God will honour those who honour Him and their parents. Make this your aim or purpose in the new year in 2016. It is more than visiting them on the first day of the new year. The aim or goal of every redeemed heart is the glory of our Almighty God and that means also obeying His word in *“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord”* (Colossians 3:20).

- Rev Jack Sin

# 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
Weds 17th Feb    7pm <b>Mid-Week Outreach 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 20th Feb    4pm <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b> Galatians - A Study of Freedom and Liberty	

<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TODAY: 14/02/2016</u></b></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i>            Jonathan</p> <p><i>Organist:</i>            Anthony</p> <p><i>Pianist:</i>              Matthew</p> <p><i>Ushers:</i>                Joel / Yetta</p> <p><i>Sunday School:</i>    Rachael / Hannah / Keene</p> <p><i>Lunch:</i>                 Emily</p> <p><i>Washing Up:</i>        Volunteers</p> <p><i>PA Crew:</i>              Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 21/02/2016</u></b></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i>            Jonathan</p> <p><i>Organist:</i>            Keene</p> <p><i>Pianist:</i>              Matthew</p> <p><i>Ushers:</i>                Tom / Yetta</p> <p><i>Sunday School:</i>    Rachael / Hannah / Keene</p> <p><i>Lunch:</i>                 Nina</p> <p><i>Washing Up:</i>        Volunteers</p> <p><i>PA Crew:</i>              Josias</p>
<i>Message</i>	Attractive Leadership	By WORD or SWORD?	
<i>Text</i>	Titus 2:7-10	John 18:10-11	

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, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Meredith, John, Odelia.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana, Keene.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Margaret, Prema, Anthony</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister and as he continues his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>The Church is currently updating the Church Directory.</b> Please can all members see Joel to obtain a form to fill in and return.</li> <li>• <b>There will be Church Cleaning after lunch next Lord's Day.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £827.10</b></p> <p><b>Attendance - Morning: 28 (A) 12 (C)</b></p>

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 1

**Q: What is the chief end of man?**

*A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.*

Comments:

The *chief end* of a thing means the *chief purpose for which it is made*. For instance, the chief end of a window is to let in light. Man's chief end is *to serve* God; and if he do so faithfully on earth, he will be happy with him for ever in heaven.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 10:31, Revelation 7:15-17

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."</i></p> <p><b>Nahum 1:7</b></p>	<p><i>"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."</i></p> <p><b>Matthew 11:28</b></p>	<p><i>"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 1:1</b></p>