



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 17 JANUARY 2016

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Psalm 62:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 19 – “Come, We That Love the Lord”

RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 146 verses 1-6
(to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 320 – “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Scriptural Text

Titus 1:1-9

John 17:26

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

A Portrait of Godly Leaders

What’s in a Name?

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 445 – “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

RHC 31 – “Blessed Be the Name”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

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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.

5 VITAL AREAS OF CHRISTIAN FOCUS IN 2016

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger - 10th January 2016

Introduction

Devotion to God and His Glory

Matthew 22:37 says, *'Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.'* Our first and foremost commitment is the glory of God and our consecration to Christ. It can be manifested in the priorities we set for ourselves in our work, family or personal lives for 2016. Resolve in our hearts that the new year will be one that will seek to honour God in our lives in faithful daily QT, Sabbath worship and personal evangelism and not be too engrossed in our secular work, studies or leisure and family that it overwhelms us and we forget our eternal goals and our primary aim in life.

Diligence in Studying and Applying the Word of God

2 Timothy 2:15 says, *'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'* The entire Christian life is governed by a book and it is the very inspired word of God, the very bedrock of our faith and the manual of our Christian living. Imagine that you are a manager of a corporate firm and they have a corporate philosophy and it is written in the corporate manual or guide book but you are not aware of it. When you err in your work one day, you were corrected by someone of your ignorance. It would be embarrassing. But yet, is it not true that we are often unaware of the many commandments and teachings of God. Is it in the area of systematic study of the word, prayer or service that we need to be diligent? Join the ERBL and be grounded in the word. Something to think about it.

Discipline with Ourselves

Proverbs 12:24 says, *'The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.'* A disciple is a very discipline follower of his master to that extent that he obeys and keep all his rules and instruction dutifully, like soldiers in the Lord's army. We need to cultivate a personal stringent regime when we make a conscious effort to improve ourselves. For example, it could be discipline in Sabbath worship and coming on time, and discipline in missions or outreach or personal and corporate prayer. We are fighting a war and that requires a minimum level of alertness, physical fitness and spiritual discipline as well. Less sleep, more effective use of time and less entertainment of world, distractions and seductions and more intercession and meditation of the word.

Determination in Responsible Stewardship and Service

1 Peter 4:10-11 says, *'As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.'* We are saved to serve and as stewards of the manifold grace of God, we have sacred duties to fulfill. Be willing to be involved in at least one area of service in the church (Sunday School, missions, Neighbourhood Bible Classes, fellowships, Chinese service, Maranatha Resource Ministry or missions etc.) in 2016. That requires gumption and hard work to fulfil our duties and serve Him with our God given gifts and talents. We need to consciously develop and deploy our God given abilities and use it to advance God's kingdom this year and be fervent and faithful in this commitment to fulfill the will of God concerning us. Be committed to Christ thru the local church.

Deterrence against Sin (and Distractions)

Psalm 1:1-3 says, *'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. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be 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.'* We are in a battle field daily, fighting against the temptation of the flesh and spirit that wars against the soul. Salvation will try to draw us away from holiness and sanctification but we must fight back and persevere on for 1 Thessalonians 4:3 says, *'For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.'* We need to set up a strong and reliable deterrence against sinful habits and practices in our lives (i.e. anger, covetousness, immorality, laziness, pride, hatred, jealousy etc.). Colossians 3:5-6 says, *'Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.'* If there any habitual or besetting sin or distractions, we need to beware of in the new year? Do I need to cut down on the use of HP games or texting or internet or leisure or sleep or even food ? Is there anything to confess and repent of as we entered into the year right with God? 2 Timothy 2:20-22 says, *'But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.'*

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.' Let us be alert and vigilant against the wiles of the evil one and stand up to it without failing, relying on the strength of the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God.

Conclusion

Hebrews 12:1-2 say, *'Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.'* A good beginning is half done. As we have began 2016 with the Lord, we want to have the right priorities or resolutions and the proper focus and that is pleasing before the Lord. Ephesians 4:1 says, *'I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,'* Let us prayerfully seek the Lord's holy will and strength to persevere with this God honouring goals. Do it as a family or with someone who can check on us if necessary to guide and counsel us along life's pilgrim way.

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 20th Jan	7pm	Mid-Week Outreach Bible Study	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 23rd Jan	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Galatians - A Study of Freedom and Liberty			
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES		
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 17/01/2016</u>		
Message	The Task of Godly Leaders	Leadership by Example	Chairman: John		
Text	Titus 1:9-16	John 18:1-4	Organist: Anthony		
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Keene		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & 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. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana, Keene. • Pray for those on travels this week: Bryan. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister and as he continues his PhD studies. • The Church is currently updating the Church Directory. Please can all members see Joel to obtain a form to fill in and return. • There will be Church Cleaning after lunch today. • Ladies Fellowship will be held after lunch next Lord's Day. 			Ushers: Tom / Yetta		
			Sunday School: Rachael / Hannah / Keene		
			Lunch: Nina		
			Washing Up: Volunteers		
			PA Crew: Josias		
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 24/01/2016</u>		
			Chairman: Jonathan		
Organist: Anthony					
Pianist: Michael					
Ushers: Tom / Margaret					
Sunday School: Rachael / Hannah / Keene					
Lunch: Anthony					
Washing Up: Volunteers					
PA Crew: Scott					
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1343.34 Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 15 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 5 (C)					

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 104

Q: What do we pray for in the Fourth Petition?

A: In the Fourth Petition – (which is, GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD) – we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

Comments:

We now come to the petitions concerning ourselves – the *order* of the prayer being God *first*, and *ourselves afterwards*. In this petition we pray for the supply of our bodily wants. We ask for two things – a sufficient portion for the day, and God's blessing with it.

Scriptural Reference:

Proverbs 30:8, Psalm 90:17

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Titus 3:5

This Week

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

Romans 3:23

Next Week

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:10