



# 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 22ND MAY 2016**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

#### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 138:1-2

Psalm 134

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 16 – *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

RHC 19 – *"Come, We That Love the Lord"*

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Apostle's Creed \**

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 13

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 13*

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(to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 377 – *"More Like the Master"*

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*Scriptural Text*

Titus 3:8-11

John 19:1-3

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*Sermon Message*

*Godly Church Discipline*

*A Royal Insult*

*Closing Hymn \**

Insert – *"Called Unto Holiness"*

RHC 188 – *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

*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.

*"Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" - 2 Peter 3:18*

# **THE BIBLICAL PRACTICE OF TRUE REPENTANCE**

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 1st May 2016

## **Introduction**

An authentic spiritual revival will inevitably be preceded by penitent hearts. Repentance is the hallmark of a true revival. Without it, there is a question of its authenticity. What is repentance? Repentance in its original meaning has the sense of changing one's mind and direction in life. It is a total change in our orientation towards God from self, worldliness or idols (1 Thessalonians 7:9).

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Q87 says this, 'Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.'

Evangelical repentance is an evangelical grace of God's spirit whereby a sinner is inwardly humbled and visibly transformed, It is a special grace given by God for which the puritan, Thomas Watson in his famous book, *The Doctrine of Repentance proposed* 5 ingredients:

- 1) sorrow of sin
- 2) confession of sin
- 3) shame of sin
- 4) hatred for sin
- 5) turning away from sin

## **1. Sorrow of Sin (Psalm 38:18)**

The prodigal son came to himself (Luke 15:17). He realized his sin and he resolved to do something about it. The psalmist in Psalm 51 and Psalm 32 grieved for his sin and there was the embittering of the soul. Penitent souls should shed tears of repentance as in the woman in Luke 7:38, who stood weeping at Jesus' feet. The sorrow is not superficial but a holy agony. It is called in scripture a breaking of the heart. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit and a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17, Joel 2:17). The putting on of a sackcloth (Isaiah 22:12) and the plucking of the hair (Ezra 9:3) are all outward signs of inward sorrow. The sorrow for our sins is a mark of evangelical repentance and a necessary element in a true revival. The passover is to be eaten with bitter herbs. This is to remind the Israelites of the trials of their forebears. It is a special season to renew our repentance in an extraordinary manner and as a family before God. We need these reminders all the time. Cultivate a sane and sensible sorrow that will drive us to God for mercy and grace and transform us so that we will cease from our wicked and sinful inclinations.

## **2. Confession of Sin**

The sorrow of the heart must find its expression in sincere confession and admission of one's sins before the Lord. During Nehemiah's revival, the people stood and confessed their sins before the Lord (Nehemiah 9:2). In Ezra's time, they gave up their strange wives willingly (Ezra 10:11, 12). Confession was followed by action. Confession is to acknowledge one's sin and do it no more. It is a salve for the wounded soul. In confession, Paul said that if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged (1 Corinthians 11:31). It is like the prodigal son coming to his father to ask for forgiveness and he is received back as a son. In true confession, Thomas Watson said that a penitent man would particularize his sin. We must be specific in our confession and acknowledge each sin one by one. We must confess our sins with a resolution not to repeat them. Pharaoh appeared to confess that he had sinned (Exodus 9:27) but when the thunder ceased, he fell to his sin again and sinned yet more and hardened his heart (Exodus 9:34). "*He that covereth his sin shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy*" (Proverbs 28:13). Do not give excuses in confession, like Adam blaming Eve and Eve blaming it on the serpent. Sincere confession purges out sin. Augustine called it the expeller of vice. Genuine confession of sin makes the way for divine pardon. It opens the way for reconciliation and peace and the joy of fellowship with God. It brings healing to a relationship when we say sorry and mean it and will not do it again.

### **3. Shame of Sin**

The third ingredient of repentance is shame which may cause them to be ashamed of their iniquity and blush to lift up their faces (Ezra 9:6). It is holy bashfulness. It is humiliation before the Lord when we err. There must be a humility and a lowliness because we have sinned against the most high God. In every sin, there is always the ungratefulness to God and rebellion against His will which we must admit and be sorry for.

### **4. Hatred for Sin**

True evangelical repentance will be characterized by a loathing of sins. The repentance will result in an antipathy for the things that offend God. A sin-hater will yet endure in his family. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house (Psalm 101:7). Sin is accursed of God and the sinner who is seeking pardon, should have a disgust for that which offends God. God hates sin so much that He has to deal with it through the atonement of Christ for us.

### **5. Turning from Sin**

Finally, the last ingredient of repentance is turning away from sin altogether. As Ezekiel 14:6 said, *'Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.'* It is a putting away of sin as in Job 11:14. It is like Zacchaeus who restored 4 fold to those he had extorted (Luke 19:10) and do it no more. It is a change of heart, of our mind, away from sin and towards God. It is a forsaking of our old sinful ways and a return to God with a sincerely penitent heart. Peter was a good example of one who repented and did not deny the Lord again. Saul was not truly repentant because he sinned yet again and consulted the witch at Endor. Some repentance needs to be repented of as in 2 Corinthians 7:10, *'For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.'* Repentance is not regret, nor remorse but a sincere renunciation of sin and a resolution never to do it again.

### **Conclusion**

Genuine revivals are characterized by the true evangelical repentance of its people. God commands all men everywhere to repent (Act 17:30). Repentance is necessary for conversion and it accompanies regeneration. It is needful that the Christian continues sanctification and to seek the Lord in holiness and faith. We must repent when there is yet time, for Esau sought for it with all his tears and found none (Hebrews 12:7). Achan was caught and it was too late. He was exposed and severely punished (Joshua 7:21). Revival in church history, like the 18th century Great Awakening in England, was accompanied by weeping coal miners in Bristol under George Whitefield's preaching and in Northampton by penitent converts under Jonathan Edwards' powerful preaching. Converted fallen men repented of their wicked ways. True repentance is the distinguishing hallmark of all revivals. The reward of repentance is reconciliation and restoration of fellowship with God.

May this ever be our response today as we hear and respond to the word of God. Let us repent and forsake our sins and come to the cross for cleansing with the Blood of Christ that takes away the sins of His people. Let us seek the Lord while He may still be found before it is too late (Isaiah 55:6-7).

- Jack Sin

(NB. For deeper studies, read Thomas Watson, *The Doctrine of Repentance*, Banner of Truth Trust, 1988)

## ***Apostle's Creed***

*I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost.  
the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.*

*\*meaning the universal Christian church--all believers in Jesus Christ*

# Called Unto Holiness

Leila N. Morris, 1862-1929

Joan J. Pinkston, b. 1947

Called un - to ho - li - ness, church of our God, Pur - chase of Je - sus, re -  
Called un - to ho - li - ness; praise His dear Name! This bless - ed se - cret to  
Called un - to ho - li - ness, chil - dren of light, Walk - ing with Je - sus in  
Called un - to ho - li - ness, Bride of the Lamb, Wait - ing the Bride-groom's re -

- deemed by His blood, Called from the world and its i - dols to flee,  
faith now made plain: Not our own right - eous-ness, but Christ with - in,  
gar - ments of white; Rai - ment un - sul - lied, nor tar - nished with sin,  
- turn - ing a - gain; Lift up your heads, for the day draw - eth near

Called from the bond - age of sin to be free.  
Liv - ing and reign - ing and sav - ing from sin.  
God's Ho - ly Spir - it a - bid - ing with - in.  
When in His beau - ty the King shall ap - pear.

# 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 25th May 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.
Fri 27th May 7pm <b>Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony</b> Foreshadowings of the Antichrist - Haman	
Sat 28th May 4pm <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b> Study of Calvin's Institutes	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Jack Sin	Rev Jack Sin	<b><u>TODAY: 22/05/2016</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Keene <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Keene / Hannah  <b>Lunch:</b> Emily <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Josias
<b>Message</b>	Elements in Building the House of God	Biblical Admonitions for the Christian	
<b>Text</b>	Nehemiah 4:1-9	Hebrews 13:1-13	

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>Basic Bible Knowledge Class, 3pm today:</b> Dr Martin will be leading a series of studies for those wishing to become members of the Church.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Ps Pooyan Mershahi, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene, Douglas Jr, Nana, Grace Lin.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Jonathan, Magdalene &amp; Meredith, Beth Martin, Rev &amp; Mrs Sin.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and as he seeks guidance for his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>Registry of Members &amp; Gift Aid Forms:</b> Please can all members of the congregation complete and return the forms to John as soon as possible.</li> <li>• <b>There will be Ladies Fellowship after lunch next Lord's Day.</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 29/05/2016</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan  <b>Organist:</b> Anthony  <b>Pianist:</b> Keene  <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Margaret  <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Keene / Hannah  <b>Lunch:</b> Rachael  <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers  <b>PA Crew:</b> Joel</p>
<b>Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1517.60, Lunch: £56.00</b> <b>Attendance - Morning: 41 (A) 12 (C), Evening: 12 (A) 2 (C)</b>	

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 15

**Q: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?**

*A: The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.*

Comments:

The particular sin which Adam and Eve committed, and which constituted their fall, consisted in their eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of which God had said they should not eat.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 3:6

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."</i></p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 9:8</b></p>	<p><i>"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:"</i></p> <p><b>Job 19:25</b></p>	<p><i>"Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:"</i></p> <p><b>Isaiah 26:4</b></p>