



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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1-2

Psalm 134

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 24 – *"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"*

RHC 29 – *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 79

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 79 verses 1-6
(to the tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 74 – *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Scriptural Text

Luke 23:32-56

Psalm 101

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

The Three Dying Men

David's Vow

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 106 – *"Christ Liveth in Me"*

RHC 409 – *"Take Time to Be Holy"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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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.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER IN GOD'S WORK

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly, Sunday 30th July 2017

Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. (Proverbs 16:24)

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. (Proverbs 25:11)

One day, a small child came home from school and gave a paper to his mother. He said to her "Mom, my teacher gave this to me and told me only you are to read it. What does it say?"

His mother's eyes were tearful as she read the letter out loud to her child: Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn't have enough good teachers for training him. Please teach him yourself.

After many years, his mother had died and the child was one of the greatest inventors of the century. One day he was looking through old family stuff when he saw a folded paper in the corner of a drawer in a desk. He opened it up and read what was written: Your son is addled [mentally ill]. We won't let him come to school any more.

He cried for hours as he wrote in his diary: "Thomas Alva Edison was an addled child that, by a hero mother, became the genius of the century."

The veracity of this version of events is not totally accurate as belied by the actual account given by Thomas Edison himself in a rare interview. However, there was indeed an incident in which he was labelled "addled" by a school administrator that led his mother to remove him from school underscoring the importance of encouragement.

Power of Encouragement

Words have the power to heal as well as the power to kill. Proverbs give us many practical examples and we are exhorted to apply them wisely in our lives. This is especially so with our fellow brethren "for by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another". Encouragement is emphasized in God's word because it is absolutely necessary in our walk of faith.

We live in a time when encouragement is often lacking and criticisms are rampant. This is exacerbated by easy access social media which propagates fear and negative sentiments. Even the great prophet Elijah was not spared. In 1 Kings 19, we read that after he had defeated the false prophets at Mount Carmel, he was intimidated by Jezebel and ran for his life. God had to send an angel to encourage him.

Misunderstandings and hurt feelings can become sources of distress and hinder the work of God. There is a man in the early church by the name of Joses [Acts 4:36]. His other name, Barnabas is probably more familiar to us and is worthy of mention. It means 'son of encouragement' or 'son of consolation'. Barnabas certainly lived up to his name. We cannot read Act 15:36-41 but be moved that despite their contention, Paul and Barnabas continued to depend on God. They moved forward peacefully and must have been mutual encouragement as recorded in (1 Tim 4:11)

What does encouragement do?

Discouragement is a common human experience. It may be difficult to find meaning in the seemingly inconsequential things we do and we may want to give up. Yet He who calls us is faithful, and He gives us the power to be faithful, too (1 Corinthians 1:9).

Encouragement makes it easier to live a holy life in a fallen world. Encouragement through the word of God brings hope (Romans 15:4). Our depraved nature requires constant reminder that God is working in our lives. It helps us exhibit the fruit of the Holy Spirit by nurturing patience and kindness (Galatians 5:22-26). Encouragement makes it easier to sacrifice our own desires by seeing things from God's perspective with eternity in mind.

Let us all aspire to be a Barnabas. By God's grace each one of us can be 'a son of encouragement'. We can touch lives and be a beacon of hope and comfort to those around us especially those who are outside Christ.

- Elder Yap Chee Kian

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 6th September 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 9th September No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	<u>TODAY: 03/09/2017</u>
Message	The Great Supper	The Women Taken in Adultery	Chairman: John
Text	Luke 14:16-24	John 8:1-11	Organist: Anthony

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Charles Scott-Pearson will lead a study on "Godliness in the Church Exemplified" taken from the book of Philemon. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies. • Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared. 	Ushers: Daniel / Tom Sunday School: Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Anthony <u>NEXT WEEK: 10/09/2017</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Michael Pianist: TBC Ushers: Tom / John Sunday School: Rachael Lunch: Tan Family Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / John

Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £597.80; Lunch: £26.60; Baalah Fund: £20.00 Attendance - Morning: 28 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 14 (A) 1 (C)	Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,720.50
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 82

Q: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A: *No mere man since the Fall is able, in this life, PERFECTLY to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.*

Comments:

The Law of God being thus laid before us briefly in the Ten Commandments, the question arises – Is any person able to keep this Law. This answer declares to us that there is none. It says that every person breaks the Law daily in thought, word, and act. The only exceptions to this general rule are – Jesus Christ, Adam before the Fall, and the saints now in heaven.

Scriptural Reference:

Ecclesiastes 7:20, Psalm 14:3

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."</i> 1 John 4:7	<i>"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."</i> 1 John 4:8	<i>"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."</i> 1 John 4:9