



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 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Luke 1:26-33

Psalm 145:17-21

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 216 – *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

RHC 312 – *"We Bless the Name of Christ, the Lord"*

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 80

*Second Hymn **

RHC 289 – *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 268 – *"Lord, I'm Coming Home"*

Scriptural Text

Luke 14:16-24

John 8:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

The Great Supper

The Woman Taken in Adultery

The Lord's Supper

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 196 – *"Blessed Redeemer"*

RHC 292 – *"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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

REJOICING AND BEING THANKFUL IN THE LORD

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 20th August 2017

Philippians 4:1-7

The Apostle Paul, having explained his life ambition and purpose in the Lord Jesus Christ, now challenges the Philippians to show forth from their lives a commitment worthy of their calling. In difficult situations in life, Paul trusted in the Lord and was steadfast in his faith in Him. Therefore, he could say with confidence in the Lord, *'Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus'* (Philippians 4:6-7).

1. Be Steadfast (v 1)

This is a call to stand fast in the Lord. This refers to what Paul has just taught in 3:20-21. The way to stand firm is to keep our eyes on Christ, to remember that this world is not our home, and to focus on the fact that Christ will bring everything under His control.

It is a call to be sincere and earnest in their devotion to God, to be triumph over the world, the flesh, and the devil. For Paul, his own life was characterized by steadfastness. Even when he was in prison, he was steadfast for the Lord.

The idea of steadfastness is embodied in the Lord, who was Himself a supreme example of unfaltering obedience and love. Steadfastness is a test of genuine devotedness. Those who endure will finally conquer.

2. Be Reconciled (vv 2-3)

These two women, Euodias and Syntyche, were prominent in the church who helped Paul during his ministry in Philippi. Their broken relationship was a matter of concern for Paul. He wanted them to be reconciled.

Discord and disunion will often affect the testimony of the church. Therefore it is important that the members of the church are united for the cause of the gospel, with one mind and heart.

It is of great importance, when we think that in heaven we have to live together as our names are in the book of life (v 3).

3. Be Rejoicing (vv 4-5)

Paul, though imprisoned in a Roman prison, is able to challenge the Philippians to rejoice in the Lord. Paul's attitude teaches us an important lesson: our inner attitudes do not have to reflect our outward circumstances. Paul was full of joy because he knew that no matter what happened to him, the Lord was with him.

Believers should rejoice in the Lord because:

- Joy is commanded as a duty
- It is mentioned as a fruit of the Spirit
- It is a feature of the Christian, portrayed in the Scriptures (Acts 2:46, 47)
- Joy is the natural result of peace with God.

We should rejoice ever more because the Lord is at hand, i.e. near (v 5). This means two things:

(1) His imminent return; (2) He is near spiritually; His presence is with us.

4. Be Thankful (vv 6-7)

The exhortation is not to be anxious about anything. This is because of the imminent return and nearness of Christ.

We all have worries and concerns. But Paul's advice is to turn our worries into prayers. The solution to undue anxiety is prayer in everything. We should cast our care on God because He is our Father in Heaven.

When we pray with thanksgiving, God blesses us with peace of heart. The peace of God in the heart will effectually banish all care. God's peace is different from the world's peace (John 14:27). True peace is not found in positive thinking, in absence of conflict, or in good feelings. It comes from knowing that God is in control. Our citizenship in Christ's kingdom is sure, our destiny is set, and we can have victory over sin. Let God's peace guard our hearts against anxiety.

Conclusion

This practical advices from Paul is essential for us to have a life rested in God.

- *Rev Dr George Skariah*
Covenant BP Church, Bangalore, India

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 13th 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 16th September	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 10/09/2017</u>
Message	Matters of Conscience - Part 1	Hope for the Faithful	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	1 Corinthians 8	Jeremiah 30	Organist: Michael
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Venise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Pre-lunch Bible Study. • Sunday School: This afternoon at 2:45pm the church will be starting a new Sunday School for young children and toddlers, led by Elizabeth, Nina and Barbara. • Church Maintenance Day: Saturday 16th September, 11am. All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building. • Church Pulpit Ministry: We thank God for the provision of Dr Carl Martin to serve as our Interim Minister. As his tenure will conclude on 30th September, please pray for God's leading and guidance as he progresses with his PhD study at Greenwich School of Theology. Also, pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for Rev Lim Chee Boon who will be ministering to us from 8th October. 			Ushers: Tom / John
			Lunch: Tan Family
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott / John
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 17/09/2017</u>
			Chairman: John
			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Matthew
			Ushers: Jonathan / Yetta
			Lunch: Volunteers
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott / Jonathan
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £807.10; Lunch: £44.10			Church Maintenance Fund Total:
Attendance - Morning: 30 (A) 13 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 11 (C)			£3,720.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 83

Q: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A: Some sins, in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are MORE HEINOUS in the sight of God than others.

Comments:

This answer tells us that some sins are worse than others. It says that some sins are worse by reason of their own nature, as it is worse to sin against God than against man; and some are worse by reason of certain circumstances, as it is worse to sin deliberately than when hurried by passion.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 12:47-48

MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	Next Week
Last Week "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:8	"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." 1 John 4:9	"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10