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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

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 145:1-3	Psalm 62:1-2
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 32 – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	RHC 19 – “Come, We That Love the Lord”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 101	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 101 verses 1-4</i> (to the tune of St Peter, RHC 456)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 390 – “Something for Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Judges 2	Matthew 18
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>		Mr Marco Reale
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Why Have You Done This?</i>	<i>The Unforgiving Servant</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 47 – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”	RHC 358 – “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Mr Marco Reale	Mr Marco Reale
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---

* 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.

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Newline, Sunday 14th January 2018

Ephesians 4: 7-16

The opening words of v. 7, '**But to each one of us**', which begin a new paragraph on the overall theme of unity, introduce the motif of diversity in Christ's distribution of grace to each individual believer. Paul moves from the stress on unity (vv. 4–6) to diversity in vv. 7–10, and back again to unity in vv. 11–16.

Every Christian shares in Christ's bounty. No one is unimportant; thus no one can feel useless and negligible in the life of the church – read 1 Cor. 12: 14-23.

I. Christ's Gifts to His Church (4:7–11)

A. When these gifts were given (4:7–10)

It was after His Ascension. Borrowing an illustration from Psalm 68:18, Paul described the gifts given to the church. God is both sovereign and generous in His distribution of the various gifts.

B. Who these gifts were (4:11)

- (1) Apostles (4:11a)
- (2) Prophets (4:11b)
- (3) Evangelists (4:11c)
- (4) Pastors and teachers (4:11d)

In a strict sense **apostles** were witnesses of Christ's resurrection and were commissioned by Him to preach. **Prophets**, under the direct inspiration of God, carried out a preaching ministry that included both foretelling and forth-telling.

Evangelists ministered in a manner itinerant and external from the church. They were missionaries to the unconverted empowered with special insight into the gospel's meaning. **Pastors and teachers** most likely constituted two sides of one ministry. This ministry was indigenous and internal to the church. Persons with this gift shepherd the flock and instruct them in divine truth.

C. What's the Purpose of these gifts (4:12)

- (1) God's plan is for gifted leaders to equip gifted people (4:11, 12).
- (2) His plan is for equipped and gifted people to do the work of the ministry 4:12).

This is important for the church today to understand, because many Christians assume that "ministry" belongs only to professional ministers, or clergy. But ministry belongs to everyone in the body of Christ. All believers are "ministers" or servants of Christ. All have been gifted to carry out the work of God (Rom. 12:4–8; 1 Cor. 12).

What, then, is the role of the clergy? The apostle Paul says, "to equip God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." The term "**equip**" means to cause something to be ready for its assigned purpose. When believers are equipped and people accept the adventure of ministering to others, then the whole body is built up, matured, strengthened, and flourishes.

II. Christ's Goals for His Church (4:12–16)

The final goal is maturity, truth, and love.

A. That we be equipped (4:12)

This equipping is primarily their grounding in the Word of God. This involves helping believers overcome the problems that hinder them, giving them a vision for reaching out to others with the love of Christ, and helping them develop and utilize the practical skills required to carry out their God-given tasks. D. L. Moody said, "It is better to put ten men to work than to do the work of ten men." The church is not a spiritual rest home, but a barracks for training soldiers of the cross. It is essential for the pastor to teach the whole counsel of God's Word, so that:-

- (1) We will be united in doctrine (4:13)
- (2) We will have a deeper relationship with Christ (4:13)
- (3) We will be mature spiritually (4:13).

B. That we be settled (i.e. stable in the faith) (4:14)

Children are gullible, vulnerable, and easily victimized. The church needs to work diligently at moving babes in Christ on to maturity (see 1 Pet. 2:2).

C. That we speak the truth in love (4:15)

Speaking the truth in love suggests that all that believers say or do should be honest and true, and said or done in a loving manner. Immature people often fall into one of two opposite errors. They speak the truth, but without love, or they love without speaking the truth. When we do the first, we often brutalize others, pounding them with truth but doing it in an unloving way. When we do the second, we don't tell others the truth, thinking that by shielding them from the truth we are sparing them from pain. We are not, however. All we are doing is delaying their maturation.

D. That we experience true unity - as we each do our part (4:16)

We must recognize that we belong to one another, we need one another, no matter how insignificant we think our contribution is. There are no little people in the kingdom of God, as Francis Shaeffer used to say, and there are no little jobs. We all can contribute, and when we do, we all grow to maturity in Christ.

Implications for NLBPC

1. It means that **every believer is a minister**. Ministry is the calling, privilege, and responsibility of every member of the body of Christ.
2. It means that the success of NLBPC & its various ministries depend on **FAT people** (FAT = faithful, available, totally committed; not double-minded).
3. It means that the ministries of NLBPC are to be born out of the heart and contributions (time, talents & treasures) of the people (members & friends) who make up the church.

This passage, probably more than any other single passage, sets out the direction God has designed for the church. No plan for church growth that violates the principle of Ephesians 4:11–16 can really be effective and blessed by God. - John MacArthur

- Rev Gabriel Gan

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 3.00 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 7th February	No 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 10th February	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Mr Gavin Fernandes	Mr Gavin Fernandes	TODAY: 04/02/2018
Message	A Better Way to Deal with Conflict	Deserted by God?	Chairman: John
Text	Romans 12:17-21	John 11	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: This afternoon at 1:45pm the church will be holding Sunday School for young children and toddlers, led by Sisters Elizabeth, Nina and Barbara. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of a new minister. • Changes to Church Activities from January 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Evening worship will be brought forward to 3pm.</i> ➤ <i>No Pre-lunch Bible Study.</i> • Chinese New Year Carry-in Lunch, 18th February 2018: Please see Sister Maureen if you wish to contribute a dish. 			Ushers: Jonathan / Daniel
			Lunch: Luisa
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott / Jonathan
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 11/02/2018</u>
			Chairman: Jonathan
			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Michael
			Ushers: John / Tom
			Lunch: Tom
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott / John
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £468.00; Lunch: £38.00; Baalah Fund: £20.00 Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 10 (A) 3 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,960.50
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 104			
Q: What do we pray for in the Fourth Petition? <i>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 <u>competent portion</u> of the good things of this life, and enjoy <u>his blessing</u> with them.</i>			
<u>Comments:</u> We now come to the petitions concerning ourselves – the <i>order</i> of the prayer being God <i>first</i> , and <i>ourselves afterwards</i> . 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.			
<u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Proverbs 30:8, Psalm 90:17			
MEMORY VERSE			
Last Week <i>"Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked."</i> Psalm 97:10	This Week <i>"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love."</i> John 15:9	Next Week <i>"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."</i> 1 Corinthians 15:58	