



# 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*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 9:7-11

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 20 – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*Opening Prayer \**

Jonathan Kim

*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 19

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 19 verses 7-10*  
(to the tune of Manoah, RHC 201)

*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 434 – “Savior, More Than Life to Me”

*Scriptural Text*

Song of Solomon 5:2-8

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Timothy Poh

*Sermon Message*

*Broken Communion*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 240 – “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Timothy Poh

*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.

# **RESOLVED**

**By Dr. Steven J. Lawson**

For the last four years, I have spoken at a conference on the West Coast called “Resolved.” The name is drawn from the *Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards* and is aimed at college students and “twenty-somethings” in the next generation. As an eighteen and nineteen year old, young Edwards wrote seventy resolutions, which became his personal mission statement to guide his life. To launch the first conference, I spoke from Edward’s first resolution, what Edwards determined would be the single most important pursuit in his life — the glory of God.

Edwards began his *Resolutions* with what he desired to be the driving force of his life — an all-absorbing passion to pursue the glory of God. “Resolved: that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God’s glory and to my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time, whether now or never so many myriads of ages hence. Resolved: to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general. Resolved: to do this whatever difficulties I meet with, how ever so many and how ever so great.”

With this before his eyes weekly, this first resolution set the tone for his entire life. In every arena, he resolved to honor God supremely. Everything else in his life would be subsidiary to this one driving pursuit.

What is the glory of God? The Bible speaks of it in two ways. First, there is His intrinsic glory, the revelation of all that God is. It is the sum total of all His divine perfections and holy attributes. There is nothing that man can do to add to His intrinsic glory. Second, there is God’s ascribed glory, which is the praise and honor due His name. This is the glory that man must give to God.

For Edwards, to be resolved to live for God’s glory means to exalt His most glorious name. It means to live consistently with His holy character. It means to proclaim and promote His supreme greatness. This is the highest purpose for which God created us.

Why did Edwards place this resolution first? He understood that Scripture places the glory of God first in all things. Edwards was gripped with a transcendent, high view of God. As a result, in writing his “resolutions,” he knew he must live wholeheartedly for this awesome, sovereign God.

Thus, Edwards intentionally chose to “do whatsoever I think is most to God’s glory.” Here is the interpretive principle for everything in life. You want to know what God’s will is? You want to know whom to marry? You want to know what job to take? You want to know what ministry to pursue? You want to know how to invest your resources? You want to know how to spend your time?

There it is! Everything in life fits under this master theme. Anything out of alignment with this principle pursuit is in dangerous territory. Sometimes our decisions are not between right and wrong. Sometimes they are between good, better, and best. These are sometimes the hardest decisions. Edwards said that he would not live for what is merely good. Nor for what is better. He purposed to live only for what is best. Whatever is most to the glory of God — that is what is best!

Edwards believed that God's glory was inseparably connected with his "own good, profit, and pleasure." Whenever he sought God's glory, he was confident that it would inevitably yield God's greatest good for his life. The glory of God produced his greatest "pleasure." So it is with us. Would you know unspeakable joy? Abundant peace? True contentment? Then pursue God's glory.

With unwavering determination, young Edwards chose this first resolution to mark "the whole of my duration." As long as he was alive, this was to be the driving thrust of his life. He must always live for God's glory. He would never outgrow this central theme. He must never exchange it for a lesser glory.

Also, Edwards' believed that his commitment to God's glory would bring the greatest "good of mankind." By seeking God's honor, the greatest advantage would accrue to others. Thus, living for the glory of God would lead to the greatest influence of the Gospel upon the world. Souls would be converted. Saints would be edified. Needs would be met.

Would you have maximum impact upon this world? Would you lead others to Christ? Would you live for eternity? There it is! Live for God's glory.

No matter what, Edwards resolved to live for God's glory despite "whatever difficulties I meet with, how ever so many and ever so great." Regardless the cost, despite the pain, he would pursue God's honor. Even if it meant persecution or poverty, his mind was made up, his will resolved. He would pay any price to uphold the glory of God, regardless of the hardship that awaited him.

This is my challenge to the next generation: Would you seek the highest goal? Would you know the deepest joy? Would you realize the greatest good? Would you cast the widest influence? Would you overcome the greatest difficulties?

Then make this first resolution of Jonathan Edwards your chief aim. Be resolved to live for God's glory.

*(Source: <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/resolved>. First published in *Tabletalk Magazine*, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008)*

# 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
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>No Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</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.
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i> <i>Afternoon Service</i>	<b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>
<i>Preacher</i>	Mr Marco Reale                      Mr Marco Reale	<b><u>TODAY: 04/08/2019</u></b>
<i>Message</i>	TBC    TBC	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan
<i>Text</i>	TBC    TBC	<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		<i>Pianist:</i> -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday School:</b> Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend.</li> <li>• <b>Church Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of Mr Mok Chee Cheong to become our resident minister.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for the forthcoming preachers in August.</b></li> <li>• <b>Ligonier Ministries, London Conference:</b> 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The theme is "<i>The Light of the World</i>". Please see Jonathan or John for more information.</li> </ul>		<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom
		<i>Lunch:</i> Jonathan
		<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
		<i>PA Crew:</i> Venise / Jason
		<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 11/08/2019</u></b>
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £1072.20, Lunch: £36.50, Maintenance Fund: £500.00		<i>Chairman:</i> John
<b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 28 (A) 10 (C), Afternoon: 17 (A) 8 (C)		<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
		<i>Pianist:</i> Matthew
		<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom
		<i>Lunch:</i> Maureen
		<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
		<i>PA Crew:</i> Venise / Jason
<b>Church Maintenance Fund</b>		<b>Total: £5,610.50</b>
<b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 76</b>		
<b>Q: Which is the Ninth Commandment?</b>		
<i>A: The Ninth Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOUR.</i>		
<u>Scriptural Reference:</u>		
Exodus 20:16		
<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>		
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<i>"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."</i>	<i>"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."</i>	<i>"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."</i>
<b>Psalm 86:5</b>	<b>John 13:34</b>	<b>Proverbs 9:10</b>