



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 15 MARCH 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:1-5

Psalm 85:1-8

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 5 – *"Command Thy Blessing From Above"*

RHC 375 – *"Speak, Lord, in the Stillness"*

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 51

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 51

(to the tune of tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 326 – *"Like a River Glorious"*

Scriptural Text

Colossians 4:2-6

Romans 12:3-8

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Sermon Message

Pray, Watch, Walk

Serving God with Sobriety and Diligence

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 445 – *"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"*

RHC 426 – *"All for Jesus"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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.

FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS

Introduction

John writes, “*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another*” (1 John 1:3). Fellowship with other believers is a rich privilege and an important responsibility. Without it, our life would no doubt be very lonely and oppressive. Our fall into sin has cut us off from fellowship with God and godly fellowship with others; before God’s work of grace in our hearts, we instead have “*fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness*” (Eph. 5:11). But if in sovereign mercy God has engrafted you into His son, you have begun to enjoy fellowship with Him and, through Him, with others.

The Bible frequently encourages and directs believers to fellowship. From this we can learn that God highly prizes the exercise of this grace for the comfort and growth of faith. Reflect on the following practical ways in which the Bible instructs believers to enjoy fellowship with each other:

1. *By assembling with one another.* This is the chief way Christians can enjoy fellowship. It’s humbling to think that God has to warn us not to forsake such assemblies (Heb. 10:25). If Christians are providentially hindered from participating in corporate worship for a long time, it can be a great burden. Think of how sadness filled David’s heart when he was remembering the day when he could go to the house of the Lord (Ps. 42:4).
2. *By cultivating and displaying a gracious spirit towards each other.* We cannot properly fellowship with each other when we are around and self-centred. The Lord instructs us to show humility, gentleness, and patience towards each other (Eph. 4:1-3; 5:21). This often goes against our nature, but a gracious spirit is conducive to fellowship.
3. *By holy conversation with each other.* Christians from the past seem to have been better at this than we in our busy and digitally-oriented society. Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress shows many instances in which Christian was helped by spiritual conversations with fellow-travellers to the Celestial City. God promises rich blessings upon those who cultivate such spiritually-minded fellowship (Mal. 3:16-17).
4. *By singing with each other.* Singing can greatly aid the fellowship of kindred minds (Col. 3:16). This happens in corporate worship, family worship, or just informal gatherings.
5. *By avoiding fellowship with unrighteousness.* Fellowship with ungodly people is a sure way to undermine between believers. Believers cannot afford to change like chameleons depending on whose company they are in. The Bible warns believers not to fellowship with the ungodly (Ps. 1:1; Eph. 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:1-17).

6. *By celebrating the Lord's Supper.* The Lord's Supper serves a number of purposes. An important one is that believers would be united in brotherly love through the Spirit (1 Cor. 10:17).
7. *By encouraging and helping each other.* We should see times of difficulty as special calls to fellowship with each other. Scripture tells us that if one member of the body of Christ suffers, everyone else should feel it and seek to help as able (1 Cor. 12:26-27; Rom. 12:15). Sometimes this will mean a word of encouragement or sympathy. Other times, contributing tangible help and resources is a beautiful expression of fellowship (2 Cor. 9:12-14).
8. *By praying for each other.* Can people still fellowship with each other when they are not physical together? On his many journeys and during imprisonment, Paul still enjoyed fellowship through prayer and thanksgiving for others (2 Cor. 1:11); Eph. 6:18). In a similar vein, Christians are called to cultivate fellowship with those who are persecuted by remembering them in prayer (Heb. 13:3).

Conclusion

Are you united to Christ? You cannot enjoy true fellowship with any of Christ's people without being united to Christ. If you are a child of God but are lax in your fellowship with other believers, examine what the cause might be. Are you humble, patient, and longing to serve others? Do you cultivate spiritual friendships? Do you use the means of grace prayerfully with a desire to be used for the good of others? In these times when the love of many is waxing cold, may God grow believers to exercise and enjoy deeper fellowship with Him and with each other.

- PM (adapted)

A Song of degrees of David

(Psalm 133)

¹ *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

² *It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
that ran down upon the beard,*

even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

³ *As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion:
for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:00 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Please stay back for fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the afternoon service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK		WELCOME
Wed 18 th Mar	No Mid-Week 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.
Sun 22 nd Mar, 10:00am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting	
Sun 22 nd Mar, 1:45pm	Sunday School for Young Children	
Sun 22 nd Mar, 2:00pm	Catechism Class	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service Afternoon Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Pr Mok Chee Cheong Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<u>TODAY: 15/03/2020</u>
Message	TBC TBC	Chairman: Jonathan K
Text	TBC TBC	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pianist: Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday School & Catechism Class today. • Mid Week Bible Study: This will be held fortnightly in the manse on Wednesday evening, 7pm. The next bible study will be on the 25th Mar. • Corona Virus Update: As a church and as our duty of care to one another, we need to ensure that the risk to the congregation is minimised as best as possible. So if you are unwell and need to self isolate please do so, but help keep us informed so that we can pray for one another. We will continue to hold the worship services until further notice. 		Ushers: Daniel / Tom
		Lunch: Tom
		Washing Up: Volunteers
		PA Crew: Jonathan P / Mark
		<u>NEXT WEEK: 22/03/2020</u>
		Chairman: John
		Organist: Anthony
		Pianist: Venise
		Ushers: Daniel / Tom
		Lunch: Maureen
		Washing Up: Volunteers
		PA Crew: Mark / Jason
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £873.22, Lunch: £29.00		Church Maintenance Fund
Attendance - Morning: 21 (A) 5 (C), Afternoon: 11 (A) 3 (C)		Total: £6,260.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 2

Q: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A: *The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.*

Comments:

The last answer tells us *the end for which we are made*; this tells us *where to find directions for attaining that end*. We could not know of ourselves how to serve God. But God has told us. He has told us in the Bible. To it, therefore, we must go in order to learn the way of duty.

Scriptural Reference:

2 Timothy 3:16, Ephesians 2:20

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."</i></p> <p>Matthew 5:14</p>	<p><i>"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."</i></p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23</p>	<p><i>"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."</i></p> <p>Matthew 6:34</p>