



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 19 JANUARY 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

Psalm 98:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 24 – “Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty”

RHC 36 – “High in the
Heavens, Eternal God”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 43

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 43 verses 3-5
(to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 38)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 237 – “Revive Us Again”

Scriptural Text

Colossians 1:13-23

Romans 11:17-24

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

*The Supremacy of Christ in
Redemption, Creation and the
Church*

*The Goodness and Severity
of God*

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 34 – “Crown Him with
Many Crowns”

RHC 22 – “When All Thy
Mercies, O My God”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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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.

Returning to God, the Creator

Introduction

Since the fall of man into sin at the Garden of Eden, the great question has been: “How can sinners be brought back to God?” Or as Bible scholars put it: “How can fallen men be reconciled to God?” God banished Adam and Eve out of Paradise for their disobedience and rebellion to His explicit commandment. However, through Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, we can return to God and Paradise (Rev. 22:1-2). John, the Apostle, therefore testifies, *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely”* (Rev.22:17). Man was cast out of God’s presence, but now he is brought to God through Jesus Christ. The question that remains is: How do you and I come to Christ?

The Wrong Way To Return

What does it mean to return to God, the Creator? Misconceptions abound, such as making a decision for Christ in their own strength, raising their hands during silent prayer, reciting the sinner’s prayer, walking forward during an altar call, getting baptised, taking the Lord’s Supper, mentally agreeing to certain truths, having mystical experiences, or seeing miracles.

The Right Way to Return

Returning to God begins with God’s call. God commands all who hear the gospel to repent and trust in Christ. The gospel presents Christ to men for their salvation. The Apostle Paul said, *“But we preach Christ crucified...Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God”* (1 Cor. 1:23-24). The death and resurrection of the Son of God are powerful to save sinners. Jesus says, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”* (Matt. 11:28). When someone refuses to come to Christ, all blame rests upon the sinner.

However, God does more than make a universal call. He also makes an effective call that draws sinners to Christ. The Lord Jesus said, *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out”* (John 6:37). We are so blind and dead in sin (Eph. 2:1; 2 Cor. 4:4) that we are unable to return and will not return, but with God all things are possible (Matt. 19:26; John 6:44; Eph. 2:5).

The Signs of One Who Returns

We return to God through Christ when we are drawn actively to Him by faith as He offers Himself to sinners in the gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit. Such faith involves self-renunciation as we see we have no righteousness of our own (Phil. 3:9), reliance as we rest upon Christ’s person and shed blood upon the cross (Rom. 3:25), and appropriation as we receive Christ and apply Him as the great restorer for all our spiritual needs (John 1:12). We can only go to Christ to save us from sin if we see ourselves as sinners, breakers of God’s holy law who deserves judgement alone (Rom. 3:19-20).

By the Spirit’s grace, have you turned in faith to Christ as He is offered in the gospel as your only hope for salvation? This is a sure sign of coming to Him! If this is so, give glory to God, for apart from the Holy Spirit, no one can come to Christ (1 Cor. 12:3). The Spirit gives life, and the flesh profits nothing (John 6:63).

Conclusion

If you have not come to Christ, then why not? Let nothing hinder you. Read the Bible and listen to preaching that testifies of Christ. Do not let friends lead you astray. Do not let the sins of people in the church keep you back from eternal life. If you have not already, learn the basics of the Christian faith through a good catechism. Do not persist in unbelief or harden your heart. Stop loving this world. Do not be a fool and think that God would never damn you.

On the other hand, do not be so proud as to believe that your sins are greater than the grace of God. Christ can save the worst of sinners. Do not delay. Humble yourself today, and call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. He is rich to save all who come to Him.

CHILDREN CALLED TO CHRIST

(Robert Murraray M'Cheyne)

Like mist on the mountain,
Like ships on the sea,
So swiftly the years
Of our pilgrimage flee;
In the grave of our fathers
How soon we shall lie!
Dear children, to-day
To a Saviour fly.

How sweet are the flowerets
In April and May!
But often the frost makes
Them wither away.
Like flowers you may fade:
Are you ready to die?
While "yet there is room"
To a Saviour fly.

When Samuel was young,
He first knew the Lord,
He slept in his smile
And rejoiced in his word.
So most of God's children
Are early brought nigh:
Oh, seek him in youth -
To a Saviour fly.

Do you ask me for pleasure?
Then lean on his breast,
For there the sin laden
And weary find rest.
In the valley of death
You will triumphing cry -
"If this be called dying,
'Tis pleasant to die!"

(Written on Jan 1, 1831)

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 22 nd Jan	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.
Fri 24 th Jan, 7pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony "The Testimony of Enoch" – Mr Ivan Foster	
Sun 25 th Jan, 10am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service Afternoon Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Pooyan Mehrshahi Rev Pooyan Mehrshahi	TODAY: 19/01/2020
Message	TBC TBC	Chairman: John
Text	TBC TBC	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pianist: Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Catechism Class: For those seeking baptism or church membership, the catechism classes will commence today at 2pm. Please inform Pr Mok if you would like to join the classes. • Chinese New Year Carry-in Lunch: Sunday 26th January. Please see Daniel, Jonathan or John if you wish to bring in a dish for Sunday lunch. • Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared. 		Ushers: Daniel / Yetta
		Lunch: Jonathan
		Washing Up: Volunteers
		PA Crew: Jonathan/Jason
		NEXT WEEK: 26/01/2020
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £600.30, Lunch: £36.00, Missionary Fund: £10.00 Attendance - Morning: 23 (A) 8 (C), Afternoon: 18 (A) 5 (C)		Chairman: Jonathan
		Organist: Anthony
		Pianist: Venise
		Ushers: Tom / Margaret
		PA Crew: Mark/Jason
Church Maintenance Fund		Total: £6,060.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 101

Q: What do we pray for in the First Petition?

A: *In the First Petition – (which is, HALLOWED BE THY NAME) – we pray, That God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; - and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.*

Comments:

A petition means something asked. In the Lord's Prayer there are six petitions – the first three being about God, and the last three about ourselves. In the first of these petitions we ask two things: that God's name be hallowed or glorified by all men, and that it be hallowed or glorified by all events.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 67:3, Romans 11:36

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness."</i> Psalm 143:10	<i>"For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."</i> Proverbs 2:6	<i>"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."</i> Romans 8:6