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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 JULY 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 2pm</i>
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 27:4-5	Psalm 117
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 69	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	James 5:7-12	1 John 2:7-11
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>An Encouragement to Patience</i>	<i>Christian Fellowship</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that the Church premises **will still be closed** whilst the Task Force awaits further details on Government guidelines for reopening. Until the changes are in place to protect the congregation, we will continue to hold online services via a video conferencing facility each Sunday.

Please email *admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk* for more information.

Tithes & Offerings – these can be by cheque made payable to: New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church.

For direct bank transfer to the church account, please contact the treasurer, Mr Tom Tan.

Bi-Weekly Bible Study will next be held online on Friday 24th July, 7pm. Please speak with Pr Mok for more information.

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 20

Q: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a REDEEMER.

Comments:

Man did not obey God’s law, and so he was condemned to death, both of body and of soul. But it was not the will of God that the world should perish, and so there was another covenant made, but this time with Christ, called the Covenant of Grace, by which God undertook to deliver those who should believe in his Son, and give them everlasting life. This is the Gospel, or Good News of God to men; and it is called the Covenant of Grace, because it proceeded from God’s free mercy, and not from our deservings.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 3:15, 2 Timothy 1:9

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p>“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”</p> <p>James 4:6</p>	<p>“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”</p> <p>1 John 1:9</p>	<p>“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”</p> <p>James 5:8</p>

RAISING CHILDREN IN THE LORD

Introduction

Children are gifts from God (Ps. 127:3-5). The Lord entrusts them to us with the responsibility to care for them and to raise them in His ways. Ephesians 6:4 says, “*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*” God gives both father and mother authority over their children (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-2). They are called to work as a team, with the father as the head of the household (Eph. 5:23), and the wife as his helper in the home (Gen. 2:18; Titus 2:5). They must exercise that authority to love, serve, strengthen, and prepare their children, not to discourage them (Col.3:21).

Principles for raising children in the Lord

Raising children begins before pregnancy, with prayers for future generations (Gen. 25:21). When a baby is conceived, husbands should tenderly care for their wives, and wives for their bodies, knowing that in so doing they care for a person whom God is forming in the womb (Ps. 139:13-14).

Father and mother should start to labour to bring their children to Jesus, who delights to bless children (Matt19:13-15). God has provided powerful means by which parents may raise their children in the Lord. We have already noted *praying for your children*.

Another means is *teaching the Bible to your children*. One of the great purposes of the Bible is to equip fathers and mothers to teach their families to hope in the Lord and keep His commandments (Ps. 78:5-7). For this reason, parents must also make sure they learn to read well, so that they can understand the Bible at an early age, catechisms, and other helpful books. A key time for teaching your children in addition to worship with the church is regular family worship in the home. However, parents should fill all of life with conversations about God’s Word and how it applies (Deut. 6:6-7).

A third means of bringing your children to Jesus is *disciplining them in love*. Since sin entered into the human race (Rom. 5:12), proud rebellion clings to our hearts, but firm correction will drive it out (Prov. 22:15). The Bible calls this “the rod,” referring to spanking. Contrary to popular belief, physical discipline administered to correct disobedience is not an act of abuse or hatred - rather, it is a necessary act of love (Prov. 13:24). By God’s grace, the pain of spanking teaches children lessons about the consequences of sin that can ultimately save their souls (Prov. 23:13-14) - especially when coupled with teaching about God’s forgiveness and power in Christ. Failure to discipline one’s children will bring shame and grief to parents (Prov. 29:15; 1 Sam. 2:22-36). However, angry parents who discipline in rage only create angry children and a home full of strife (Prov.15:1, 18; 22:24-25; Eph. 6:4). Wait to discipline until by prayer you can do it with a spirit that is under control (Prov. 16:32). The motive of discipline is love, and its goal is to train a child in righteousness for his own good (Heb. 12:6, 10).

A fourth means of raising your children in the Lord is *offering wise counsel*. This becomes especially important as your children grow older. They face many difficult decisions about what course of study to take, career path, whom to marry, etc. Parents have valuable experience and insight to share. Even when mum and dad are old, their children should listen to them (Prov. 23:22).

Conclusion

God has given parents the means of *living as a godly example*. Example is extremely powerful. People who do not practice what they preach only produce more hell-bound hypocrites (Matt 23:3, 18). However, those who live in sincere godliness can say, *“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you”* (Phil. 4:9). There is no greater legacy to leave your child than the memories of a father and mother transformed by Christ.

- PM (adapted)

CHURCH NOTICE

1st July 2020

Dear fellow worshippers and friends,

The Government announced on 23rd June that church buildings will be able to reopen for public worship from 4th July, providing social distancing remains in place. At the moment, we are awaiting the publication of the Government guidelines.

We do not expect to be returning to normality and will be required to introduce changes as it is vital for the necessary hygiene and social distancing precautions to be maintained in order to protect congregation.

Until the changes are in place and communicated, we will continue to hold online services.

To join our online services or to obtain further updates, please visit the church website (www.newlifebpc.org.uk) or call the church manse (0207-3280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim
Task Force Members