



# **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 13 JUNE 2021**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 47:6-8	Psalm 89:1-5
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Jonathan Kim
<i>Opening Hymn</i>	RHC 37 – “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 116	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Acts 16:24-34	Zechariah 12:12-14
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Conversion and Character</i>	<i>The Watchword for True Penitence is, “Apart”</i>
<i>Closing Hymn</i>	RHC 429 – “We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought”	---
<i>Benediction</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong

### **SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 67**

**Q: What is the Sixth Commandment?**

*A: The Sixth Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT KILL.*

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17

### **MEMORY VERSE**

<b>Last Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<p><i>“Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee.”</i></p> <p><b>Zechariah 9:12</b></p>	<p><i>“But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.”</i></p> <p><b>Acts. 15:11</b></p>	<p><i>“And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.”</i></p> <p><b>Zechariah 10:12</b></p>

# A BRIEF TREATISE OF THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

## 1. *MAN'S CHIEF END (Part 3)*

**Q1: What is the chief end of man?**

**A:** Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Here are the two ends of life specified. 1. The glorifying of God. 2. The enjoying of God.

### 2. The Enjoying of God

Man's chief end is to enjoy God for ever. Psa. 73:25 — *"Whom have I in heaven but thee?"* That is, What is there in heaven I desire to enjoy but thee? There is a twofold fruition or enjoying of God; the one is in this life, the other is in the life to come.

[1] *The enjoyment of God in this present life.* It is a great matter to enjoy God's ordinances, but to enjoy God's presence in the ordinances is that which a gracious heart aspires after. Psa. 63:2 — *"To see thy glory so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary."* This sweet enjoyment of God, is, when we feel his Spirit co-operating with the ordinance, and distilling grace upon our hearts, when in the Word the Spirit quickens and raises the affections, Luke 24:32 — *"Did not our hearts burn within us?"*, when the Spirit transforms the heart, leaving an impress of holiness upon it. The sweet communications of God's Spirit are the first-fruits of glory. The godly have, in ordinances, had such divine raptures of joy, and soul transfigurations, that they have been carried above the world, and have despised all things here below.

*Application 1:* Is the enjoyment of God in this life so sweet? How wicked are they who prefer the enjoyment of the lusts before the enjoyment of God! 2 Pet. 3:3 — *"The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, the pride of life,"* is the Trinity they worship. Lust is an inordinate desire or impulse, provoking the soul to that which is evil. There is the revengeful lust, and the wanton lust. Lust, like a feverish heat, puts the soul into a flame. Aristotle calls sensual lusts brutish, because, when any lust is violent, reason or conscience cannot be heard. These lusts besot and brutalise the man.

*Application 2:* Let it be our great care to enjoy God's sweet presence in his ordinances. Enjoying spiritual communion with God is a riddle and mystery to most people. We may approach God in ordinances, and hang about the court of heaven, yet not enjoy communion with God. We may have the letter without the Spirit, the visible sign without the invisible grace. It is the enjoyment of God in a duty that we should chiefly look at. Psa. 42:2 — *"My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God."* Alas! what are all our worldly enjoyments without the enjoyment of God! What is it to enjoy good health, a great estate, and not enjoy God? The enjoyment of God's sweet presence here is the most contented life: he is a fountain of delight. He that enjoys much of God in this life carries heaven about him. Let this be the thing we are chiefly ambitious of, the enjoyment of God in his

ordinances! The enjoyment of God's sweet presence here is an earnest of our enjoying him in heaven.

This brings us to the second thing:

**[2]** *The enjoyment of God in the life to come.* Before the plenary fruition of God heaven, there must be something previous and antecedent; and that is, our being in a state of grace. We must have conformity to him in grace, before we can have communion with him in glory. Grace and glory are linked and chained together. Grace precedes glory, and God will have us qualified and fitted for a state of blessedness. Only the "pure in heart shall see God." As the body cannot have life but by having communion with the soul, so the soul cannot have blessedness but by having immediate communion with God. God is the chief good; therefore the enjoyment of him is the highest felicity.

God is a *universal good*; "a good, in which are all goods." The excellencies of the creature are limited. A man may have health, not beauty, learning, not parentage, riches, not wisdom; but in God are contained all excellencies. He is a good, commensurate fully to the soul; a sun, a portion, a horn of salvation; in which dwells "*all fulness*" (Col. 1:19).

God is an *unmixed good*. There is no condition in this life but has its mixture; for every drop of honey there is a drop of gall. Solomon, who gave himself to find out the philosopher's stone, to search out for happiness here below, found nothing but vanity and vexation (Eccl. 1:2). God is perfect, the quintessence of good. He is sweetness in the flower.

God is *satisfying good*. The soul cries out, I have enough. Psa. 17:5 — "I shall be satisfied with thy likeness." Let a man who is thirsty be brought to an ocean of pure water, and he has enough. If there be enough to satisfy the angels, then sure there is enough to satisfy us. The soul is but finite, but God is infinite. Though God be a good that satisfies, yet he does not surfeit. There is a fulness in God that satisfies, and yet so much sweetness, that the soul still desires.

God is a *delicious good*. That which is the chief good must ravish the soul with pleasure; there must be in it rapturous delight and quintessence of joy. The love of God drops such infinite suavity into the soul as is unspeakable and full of glory. If there be so much delight in God, when we see him only by faith, 1 Pet. 1:8, what will the joy of vision be, when we shall see him face to face! If the saints have found so much delight in God while they were suffering, oh what joy and delight will they have when they are being crowned!

God is a *superlative good*. He is better than anything you can put in competition with him; he is better than health, riches, honour. Other things maintain life, he gives life. Who would put anything in balance with the Deity? Who would weigh a feather against a mountain of gold? God excels all other things more infinitely than the sun the light of a taper.

God is an *eternal good*. He is the Ancient of days, yet never decays, nor waxes old (Dan. 7:9). the joy he gives is eternal, the crown fadeth not away (1 Pet. 5:4). The glorified soul shall be ever solacing itself in God, feasting on his love, and sunning itself in the light of his countenance. Psa. 36:9 — "With the Lord is the fountain of life." Thus God is the chief

good, and the enjoyment of God for ever is the highest felicity of which the soul is capable.

## **Conclusion**

This subject, “Man’s chief end,” shows us that man created in the image of God is to worship and glorify him. Man’s objective in life is not to get great estates, and to lay up treasures upon earth, which is the degeneracy of mankind since the fall. Eccles. 5:16 — “*What profit hath he that labourite for the wind?*” These things are soon gone. The end of living is to glorify God. The highest elevation of a reasonable soul is to enjoy God for ever, beginning in this life and then continue into the eternal kingdom. The enjoyment of God is not sensual or carnal pleasures, but spiritual delights of the highest and purest order and accompanied by superabundant joy in the highest heaven. We shall never enjoy ourselves fully till we enjoy God eternally.

- adapted and edited from Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*, pp 10-20

### **NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dear Worshippers, as the Church Premises reopens for Morning Worship Service please note that there will be strict social distancing measures put in place. Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times out of consideration for all worshippers.**

**For the time being, the 3:00pm Afternoon Worship Service will still be conducted online.**

If you require the link to our online zoom services, or have any questions or require further clarity, please call the church manse, or email us at admin 'at' [newlifebpc.org.uk](mailto:newlifebpc.org.uk).

**Tithes & Offerings** – There will be an offering box at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary for you to place your offerings in.

**Worship Service Collections:** 30/05/21 - £935.00, Maintenance Fund - £170.00

**Church Maintenance Fund Total:** £7,030.50

## **CHURCH NOTICE**

Dear fellow worshippers and friends,

We are pleased to inform the worshippers and visitors of New Life Bible Presbyterian Church that the church will resume holding worship services in the Church premise on Sunday mornings.

The church activities will take place as follows:

- Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11am – Church Premises & Online
- Sunday Afternoon Worship Service, 3pm – Online only

Provided that there is no worsening of the pandemic in London, we hope to start holding the Afternoon Worship Service and Fortnightly Bible Study within the church premises in the coming months.

### **Changes introduced to the Worship Services held at the church premises**

In compliance with the current Government guidelines, the following changes have been introduced:

- Worship services will be limited to 60 minutes duration.
- No singing and offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- All Bibles and hymn books will be kept and unavailable for use. Please bring your own Bible and remember to take it away with you after worship service.
- Adopt a 2-metre social distancing seating arrangement (household members may sit with each other).
- Face coverings to be worn in the church **at all times** out of consideration for all worshippers. For young children under the age of 11, the use of face covering is optional. **Please ensure you bring your own face covering.**
- No socialising with anyone outside of your household or support bubble within the Church premises.
- No socialising outside the Church premises.
- No food and drinks will be made available (Fellowship Lunch has been temporarily suspended).
- No access to non-essential areas of the church – this includes the Fellowship Hall and kitchen.
- New movement arrangements to be adopted (please follow directions).
- Temperature measurements will be taken for every worshipper and visitor.
- Worshippers and visitors are required to complete the contact details slip for the NHS Test & Trace service. These details will be kept securely in church for 21 days and then destroyed. They will only be submitted to Test & Trace if a Covid-19 case occurs.
- Alternatively, please download the NHS COVID-19 Mobile App and scan one of the QR codes in the Church entrance to check-in.

To join our online services or to obtain further updates, please visit the church website ([www.newlifebpc.org.uk](http://www.newlifebpc.org.uk)) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim  
Task Force Members

## **RHC 37 – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet your tribute bring!  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress!  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like He tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
Blows the wind, and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him,  
Who behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

*Henry Francis Lyte*

*Tune - LAUDA ANIMA*

## **RHC 429 – We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought**

We have not known thee as we ought,  
Nor learned thy wisdom, grace, and pow'r;  
The things of earth have filled our thought,  
And trifles of the passing hour.  
Lord, give us light thy truth to see,  
And make us wise in knowing thee.

We have not feared thee as we ought,  
Nor bowed beneath thine awful eye,  
Nor guarded deed, and word, and thought,  
Remembering that God was nigh.  
Lord, give us faith to know thee near,  
And grant the grace of holy fear.

We have not loved thee as we ought,  
Nor cared that we are loved by thee;  
Thy presence we have coldly sought,  
And feebly longed thy face to see.  
Lord, give a pure and loving heart  
To feel and own the love thou art.

We have not served thee as we ought;  
Alas! the duties left undone,  
The work with little fervor wrought,  
The battles lost, or scarcely won!  
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might,  
For thee to toil, for thee to fight.

When shall we know thee as we ought,  
And fear, and love, and serve aright!  
When shall we, out of trial brought,  
Be perfect in the land of light!  
Lord, may we day by day prepare  
To see thy face, and serve thee there.

*Thomas Benson Pollock*

*Tune - ST. CHRYSOSTOM*