



# **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 18 JULY 2021**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8	Isaiah 12:2
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	John Poh
<i>Opening Hymn</i>	RHC 38 – “As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams”	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 119:33-48	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Acts 19:2	Haggai 1:2-15
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Receiving the Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Sight Prevailed over Faith</i>
<i>Closing Hymn</i>	RHC 231 – “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”	---
<i>Benediction</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong

### **SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 72**

**Q: What is forbidden in the Seventh Commandment?**

*A: The Seventh Commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.*

Comment:

This commandment respects *purity*. It commands us to be pure in thought, word and deed. It forbids all unchastity and immodesty. It acknowledges God as the owner of the body as well as of the soul, and the right he has to command that both of them should be kept pure and holy for himself.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 5:28, Ephesians 5:4

### **MEMORY VERSE**

#### **Last Week**

*“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”*

**Zechariah 14:9**

#### **This Week**

*“... Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee...”*

**Acts 18:9-10**

#### **Next Week**

*“Then spake Haggai the LORD’s messenger in the LORD’s message unto the people, saying I am with you, saith the LORD.”*

**Haggai 1:13**

# A BRIEF TREATISE OF THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

## *3. THE BEING OF GOD (Part 3)*

**Q3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?**

A: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

**Q4: What is God?**

A: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. Here is, [I] Something implied. That there is a God.

[III] What kind of Spirit is God?

He is infinite. All created beings are finite. Though infinite may be applied to all God's attributes — he is infinitely merciful, infinitely wise, infinitely holy — yet, if we take infinity, it implies,

God's omnipresence. The Greek word for 'infinite' signifies 'without bounds or limits.' God is not confined to any place, he is infinite, and so is present in all places at once. He is centre is everywhere. 1 Kings 8:27 — *“Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee.”* God's essence is not limited either to the regions above, or to the terrestrial globe, but is everywhere. God, who bounds everything else, is himself without bounds. He sets bounds to the sea; *“Hitherto shalt thou come, and no further”* (Job 38:11); he sets bounds to the angels; they, like the cherubim, move and stand at his appointment, Ezek. 10:16, but he is infinite, without bounds.

God, who is infinite, is in all places at once, not only by his influence, but by his essence; for, if his essence fills all places, then he must needs be there in person. Jer. 23:24 — *“Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.”*

*But if God be infinite in all places, he is in impure places, and mingles with impurity.*

Though God be in all places, in the heart of sinner by his inspection, and in hell by his justice, yet he does not mingle with the impurity, or receive the least tincture of evil. No more than the sun shining on a dunghill is defiled, or its beauty spotted; or than Christ going among sinners was defiled, whose Godhead was a sufficient antidote against infection. God must needs be infinite in all places at once, not only in regard to the simplicity and purity of his nature, but in regard to his power, which being so glorious, who can set him bounds, or prescribe him a circuit to walk in? It is as if the drop should limit the ocean, or a star set bounds to the sun.

## **Application 1**

If God be infinite, present in all places at once, then it is certain he governs all things in his own person, and need no proxies or deputies to help him to carry on his government. He is in all places in an instant, and manages all affairs both in the earth and heaven. God sees all with his own eyes, and hears all with his own ears; he is everywhere in his own person, therefore is fit to be judge of the world; he will do every one right.

## **Application 2**

If God be infinite by his omnipresence, then see the greatness and immenseness of the divine majesty! What a great God do we serve! 1 Chron. 29:11 — *“Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty...and thou art exalted as head above all.”* He transcends our weak conceptions; how can our finite understanding comprehend him who is infinite? Oh what a poor nothing is man, when we think of God’s infiniteness! As the star disappear at the rising of the sun, oh, how does a man shrink into nothing when infinite majesty shines forth in its glory! Isa. 40:15 — *“The nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance!”* Of what immense majesty is God, who fills all places at once! Psa. 150:2.

## **Application 3**

If God be infinite, filling heaven and earth, see what a full portion the saints have; they have him for their portion who is infinite. His fulness is an infinite fulness; and he is infinitely sweet, as well as infinitely full. He is infinitely full of beauty and of love. His riches are called unsearchable, because they are infinite (Eph. 3:8). He is said to do abundantly for us, above all that we can ask (Eph. 3:20). What can an ambitious spirit ask? He can ask crowns and kingdoms, millions of worlds; but God can give more than we can ask, nay, or think, because he is infinite. Oh how rich are they who have the infinite God for their portion! David says, *“The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, and I have a goodly heritage”* (Psa. 16:5, 6). God being an infinite fulness, there is no fear of lack for any of the heirs of heaven; though there be millions of saints and angels, which have a share in God’s riches, yet he has enough for them all, because he is infinite. Though an innumerable company of saints and angels are to be filled out of God’s fulness, yet God, being infinite, has enough to satisfy them. God has land enough to give to all his heirs. There can be no lack in that which is infinite.

## **Application 4**

If God be infinite, he fills all places, is everywhere present. This is sad to the wicked, God is their enemy, and they cannot escape him, nor flee from him, for he is everywhere present; they are never out of his eye nor out of his reach. Psa. 139:7 — *“Whither shall I flee thy presence?”* God is infinite, he is in all places; so that he will find out his enemies and punish them.

## **Application 5**

If God be everywhere present, then for a Christian to walk with God is not impossible. God is not only in heaven, but he is in earth too (Isa. 66:1). Heaven is his throne, there he sits; the earth is his footstool, there he stands. He is everywhere present, therefore we may come to walk with God. *“He stands in the congregation of the mighty”* (Psa.

82:1). God is present with us, he is in everyone through his Holy Spirit, who is a true believer; so that here on earth we may walk with him. To walk with God is to walk by faith. We are said to draw nigh to God, Heb. 10:22, and see him. Heb. 11:27 — “As seeing him who is invisible:” and to have fellowship with him. 1 John 1:3 — “Our fellowship is with the Father.” Thus we may take a turn with him every day by faith.

### **Application 6**

If God be infinite in all places, let us not limit him. Psa. 78:41 — “*They limited the Holy One of Israel.*” It is limiting God to confine him within the narrow compass of our reason. Reason thinks God must go such a way to work, or the business will never be effected. This is to limit God to our reason; whereas he is infinite, and his ways are past finding out (Rom. 11:33). God will go his own way, he will pose and nonplus reason, he will work by improbabilities, he will save in such a way as we think would destroy. Now he acts like himself, like an infinite wonder-working God.

- adapted and edited from Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*, pp 45-47

#### **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.

**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: 04/07/21 - £1410.60**

**Church Maintenance Fund Total: £7,180.50**

## **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 38 – As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams**

As pants the hart for cooling streams,  
When heated in the chase;  
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee,  
And Thy refreshing grace.

For Thee, my God, the living God,  
My thirsty soul doth pine;  
O when shall I behold Thy face,  
Thou Majesty divine?

Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
Hope still, and thou shalt sing  
The praise of Him Who is thy God,  
Thy health's eternal spring.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom we adore,  
Be glory as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore..

*Nahum Tate / Nicholas Brady*

Tune: MARTYRDOM

**RHC 231 – Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove**

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,  
With all Thy quick'ning pow'rs;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.

Look how we grovel here below,  
Fond of these trifling toys;  
Our souls, how heavily they go,  
To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,  
In vain we strive to rise;  
Hosannas languish on our tongues,  
And our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live  
At this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,  
And Thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,  
With all Thy quick'ning powe's;  
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.

*Isaac Watts*

Tune: ST. AGNES