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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 24 APRIL 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2 & 6-7

Psalm 57:7 & 9-11

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Opening Hymn **

RHC 8 – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

RHC 19 – “Come, We That Love
The Lord”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 1
(to the tune of RHC 61 Azmon)

Scriptural Text

1 Peter 3:7

Proverbs 6:22

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Hinderances to Prayer

The Book That Talks

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 446 – “Lord, Speak to Me”

RHC 259 – “Lamp of Our Feet”

*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.

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.

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 5

Q: Are there more Gods than one?

A: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Comments:

We are here taught that there is only one God; and this one God is the source of all life, and the only true object of worship.

Scriptural Reference:

Isaiah 45:5

THE BUILDING OF THE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Success in life depends not on our position but our disposition. The character of a person is paramount above all other things. What will you be looking for in a Christian as your role model? Is it physical appearance, a good job, high educational qualifications, a wealthy background or a godly disposition?

Below is a true historical account taken from Grace & Truth Magazine to underscore the importance of a good character:

Known in China as the Wall of Ten Thousand Li (a Li being one-third of a mile), the Great Wall snakes its way over 1500 miles through the mountainous northern provinces of China. Overall, the wall is at least 25 feet high, with 40-foot high guard towers placed approximately 300 yards apart. In some places, the foundation is as deep as the wall is high. The wall is 25 feet wide at its base and 15 feet wide at the top to form a paved roadway for military horsemen. [It is the only human construction visible from the moon.]

It took hundreds of years to connect all the sections of the wall which were built between AD 200 and AD 600. Once completed, the Chinese people rested because they thought they were safest of all peoples. After all, wouldn't you feel safe living behind The Great Wall of China, whose gates were guarded and whose towers were manned?

But to their surprise, this supposedly insurmountable protective barrier was penetrated three times in less than 100 years! And the invasions were devastating! How did the nomadic Tartar invaders get in? Not by attacking the wall at all, but simply by bribing the gatekeepers!

The Chinese had invested much time, effort and ingenuity in building The Great Wall, but neglected to build up the good character of those who kept its gates. You'd think they would have learned their lesson after the first invasion! Obviously they didn't.

The Apostle Peter gives us an understanding of the traits a believer should cultivate and nurture in his or her life in 2 Peter 1:5–8:

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul supplements it with a list of attributes in Colossians 3:12–14:

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

We are to put on these as if we are putting on clothes every day for work. Change your wardrobe to these attributes and wear them everyday. The next common and well-read list is taken from Galatians 5:22–23, commonly called the fruit of the spirit, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

Put together these three lists (and others) to give a comprehensive picture of the spiritual make-up of a Christian. How do we fare if we compare ourselves to it? Let these be a spiritual checklist for us to examine ourselves daily and strive to be the person God wants us to be. A good heart is better than a good face or a good head. A good character is more important than any ostensible physical beauty, intellectual knowledge or scholastic accolades. It is our attitude not just our aptitude that determines our altitude in life. Think about it!

- adapted and edited from Rev. Jack Sin, Minister of Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church, Singapore

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:15 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, with the legal Covid restrictions lifted both Worship Services will be held in the Church Premises.

Please continue to use face coverings in the church out of consideration for all worshippers and as per government advice.

For those unable to attend Church in person, we will continue to stream our services online.

If you require the link to our online zoom services or have any queries, please call the church manse, or email us at [admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@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 – 10/04/22 - £321, 17/10/22 - £270.00

**Church Maintenance Fund
Total: £8,600.50**

MEMORY VERSE

<p>Last Week <i>“Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy”</i> 1 Peter 1:16</p>	<p>This Week <i>“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil”</i> Proverbs 3:5-7</p>	<p>Next Week <i>“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil”</i> 1 Peter 3:12</p>
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Pre-cautions for Worship Services held at the church premises:

With the lifting of the legal Covid restrictions on 24th Feb 2022, we will be following the precautions listed below until further notice:

- No offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can still be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- Temperature measurements will still be taken for every worshipper and visitor. We must urge those who feel unwell with Covid symptoms not to come to services until tested.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- We strongly recommend face coverings to be worn in the church out of consideration for all worshippers and as per government advise. For young children under the age of 11, the use of face covering is optional. Please bring your own face covering.
- From 6th March onwards, access to non-essential areas of the church (e.g. the Fellowship Hall and kitchen) will be made available. Please bring your own lunch as Fellowship Lunch is still suspended. Drinks will be provided.

To join our online services or for more information, please visit the church website (www.newlifebpc.org.uk) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim,
Task Force Members