



# 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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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 89:5-7

*Opening Prayer*

John Poh

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 47 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 59

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 59 verses 1-4*

*(to the tune of tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)*

*Scriptural Text*

Genesis 37:2-11, 39:1-6

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Matthew Yong

*Sermon Message*

*Lesson from the Life of Joseph*

*The Lord's Supper*

Rev Matthew Yong

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 454 – “Make Me a Blessing”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Matthew Yong

*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 64**

**Q: What is required in the Fifth Commandment?**

*A: The Fifth Commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.*

Scriptural Reference:

Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 5:21

# **BECOMING A CHRISTIAN**

The first principle for having Christian joy is that you must be a Christian. I know this seems obvious, but in my experience at least two classes of people need to face this squarely. The first class is composed of those who are not Christians and know it, but who think that Christian fruits can be grown without a Christian life. If you are such a person, you need to recognise that joy is supernatural, and that it's only given to those who have surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ.

The second class is composed of those who are not Christians but who think they are, perhaps because they've been raised in a religious home or because they attend church. They think they are Christians, but they do not understand the heart of the Gospel, and they have not actually committed their lives to Jesus Christ. Hence, these cannot understand their failure to experience the fruits of such commitment. If you are this kind of a person, then you must begin with the first principle also.

Let me explain it as plainly as I can. Before you become a Christian, you stand before God as one who has fallen short of His standards. You come to him with all your best traits of character. But as you stand before Him, you realise that even the best of these things is imperfect and fails before God. You hear God say, "You come to me with all that is human. But what is human is tainted by sin, and I cannot work with that. That is a foundation upon which I cannot build. You must turn from it."

And so you do. You lay these things aside, you count them as loss, as Paul did. And you come to the cross to receive God's righteousness. It's a gift. You say to God, "I admit that everything I do falls short of your standard and I recognise your verdict upon it. I recognise your just judgment on my sin. I lay it aside. I do not deserve anything from you, but I come empty handed to receive what you have promised to give through faith in Christ Jesus. I believe He died for me. I come to receive your righteousness, by which I am accounted righteous. I come to receive the Holy Spirit, by whom I will have power to live the Christian life. And I ask you to help me to live it for Jesus' sake. Amen."

Well, if you have done that, then you have taken the first step in experiencing the joy that is to characterise the Christian life. If you have not done that, you can do it now. The Bible says, "Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation."

The second principle is this: If you are to experience God's joy, you must first know His righteousness and peace. And this means that a life of holiness and trust in God are prerequisites. The order of these three things is set forth in Romans 14:17: "For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit."

## **Study Questions:**

1. What is the first principle of Christian joy?
2. What two groups of people are mentioned who need to deal with this first principle? Do you know anyone who seems to fit into one of these two categories? How can you minister to them?
3. What is the second principle for experiencing Christian joy? How does this come about?

— adapted and edited from Think and Act Biblically from James Boice, a devotional of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals

# **SERMON NOTES: LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH**

## **(Genesis 37:2-11, 39:1-6)**

### Trouble in The Home – Genesis 37:2-11

v2 – Joseph was 17 years old

v3 – Favourite son of Jacob, his father, who made him a coat of many colours; son of his old age.

v4 – His brethren hated him and could not speak peaceably unto him because of Jacob's favouring him over them.

v6-9 – Joseph dreamt two dreams and when he told his brothers about them, they hated him even more.

v2 – He was a tale-bearer.

v20 – His brothers decided to kill him.

v26 – They changed their mind and decided to

v28 – sell him to the Midianites merchants.

### From a Favourite Son to A Slave in Egypt – Genesis 37:36, 39:1-6

37:36 – The Midianites sold Joseph to Potiphar, captain of the guard, an officer of Pharaoh.

“The Lord was with Joseph.” (Genesis 39:2-3, 21, 23)

Before Pentecost God's Spirit comes upon special people chosen by God for His purposes.

After Pentecost the Holy Spirit indwells the believers permanently. (Ephesians 1:13, John 14:16-17)

Genesis 39:1-6

v1 – Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought Joseph.

v2 – The Lord was with Joseph.

v3 – Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph, Joseph was successful in all he did.

v4 – Joseph made overseer (sort of manager) of Potiphar's household (A great honour for a young slave, a foreigner in the land of Egypt).

v5 – Potiphar was blessed by God because of Joseph. Others can be blessed by our presence in their midst.

v6 – Potiphar trusted everything to Joseph.

We can be a blessing to others if we are hardworking and faithful towards God, trusting Him in all circumstances (Proverbs 3:5-6).

As a slave, Joseph was successful in all he did because he was in close communion with God.

We don't have to hold high positions or be a high flyer in order to be successful.

Joshua 1:7-8 gives us the pattern for success.

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time of worship with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, we are streaming our worship services online. To join our online services or for more information, please call the church manse, or email us at [admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@newlifebpc.org.uk).

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

**Children's Sunday School** – held after Morning Service at 1:30pm.

**After-Service Fellowship** – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

## MEMORY VERSE

### Last Week

*“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”*

**Matthew 12:35**

### This Week

*“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..”*

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

## Pre-cautions for Worship Services held at the church premises:

Dear all,

While the legal Covid restrictions having been lifted, we will continue to observe the following precautions:

- We continue to urge those who feel unwell (especially with Covid symptoms) to stay home and join us at our online services.
- No offering will be collected during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- While not required, the use of face covering is voluntary. Please bring your own face covering.

To join our online services or for more information, 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