



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 33:18-22

Opening Hymn *

RHC 36 - *"High in the Heavens, Eternal God"*

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:129-144

Second Hymn *

Psalm 119 verses 137-144

(to the tune of Cleansing Fountain, RHC 173)

Scriptural Text

Matthew 11:25-30

Pastoral Prayer

Eld George Chew

Sermon Message

A Great Invitation

Closing Hymn *

RHC 298 - *"I heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Eld George Chew

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 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

UNITY IN CHRIST

We learn that unity is strength. The origin of this saying is from the bible. The psalmist says in Psalm 133:1 *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*

Unity of Trinity Godhead. Jesus our Lord remains in unity with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. This triune union was only temporarily separated when Jesus bore all our sins on the cross. This is the darkest hour of our history. He had to be man to represent us in order to carry all our sins upon a sinless being. He paid a painful price of suffering for us. He loves us so much that he is willing to take our punishment upon himself. However Jesus arose on the third day. This give us hope and assurance of Eternal Life. This is the brightest day in our history.

Unity with God. When we love someone, we want to be close to him or her at all times. If we love God (He loves us first) then we want to be united to God. The more we are closer to God; the more we become like him. God is Holy and we will strive to be Holy with His aid. 1 Peter 1:16 *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.* Union with God involves being one with him in mind, heart and will at all times. We never wants to be separated from God nor do anything that is contrary to His will. We would have fellowship with Him with much prayer and we would long to listen to what He says by reading the bible.

Unity with brethren. It is extremely difficult to get along with our fellow man including believers. The bible warns us of many issues between one brethren with another. We think that we are best as individuals in everything. Our interpretation of the bible is the best and the one who is correct only. We have disunity fuelled by higher-level disagreements over primary Christian doctrines (ones that define the bounds of Christianity) or even secondary doctrines (ones that define, say, the bounds of a denomination). There are endless variety of conflicts that break apart relationships, and even whole churches, because earnest, sincere Christians fail to humbly, gently, patiently “forebear with one another in love” and cease being “Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1–3).

The New Testament records many Christians struggling and failing to be unified should remind us that unity is anything but easy. We only need to read through the letters of Paul to see this. Here’s just some examples (and there are many more) of how often he addresses the issue of unity. He reproves the Corinthians for their “quarrelling” and “divisions” (1 Corinthians 1:10–11). Then he warns the Galatians against the dangers of “rivalries, dissensions and

divisions” (Galatians 5:20). He entreats “Euodias and Syntyche in the church at Philippi to be of the same mind in the Lord (to be in agreement)” and pleads with others to intervene (Philippians 4:2). He instructs the Colossians, “Forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven you” (Colossians 3:13). He exhorts the Ephesians not to indulge in “corrupting talk” so as to “not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,” and to put away “all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander . . . along with all malice” (Ephesians 4:29–31). Sadly even Christian brethren today have endless arguments and strive against each other.

Consider that at any given time a church may be under heavy spiritual assault (Ephesians 6:12), infiltrated by wolves in sheep’s clothing (Acts 20:29), plagued by “rivalries, dissensions, divisions” stirred up by unbelievers who think they are Christians (Galatians 5:19–21), trying to tempt immature believers to engage in partisan quarrels (1 Corinthians 3:1–4). Many of these quarrels and disunity may have nothing to do with false teachings but ego leaders seeking self-glorification for their own pride and control of the church through wickedly planned schemes to achieve their purpose.

What does these verses mean to you? John 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.* Jesus loves us enough to sacrifice His Life for us. He was willing to temporarily be forsaken by God the father in the darkest hour. He does not ask us to die for one another but to forgive one another. Alas so many of us refuse to.

Unity with others. We are to love one another so that those who do not know the gospel will at least know that we are the disciples of Jesus, thus giving Him the Glory. We bear a bad testimony if as Christians we are disarray. For the sake of the gospel and for the Glory of God let us put our difference aside. Love and forgive one another. Romans 12:18 *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*

Eld Foong

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study** at **1:30pm**. 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, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Eld George Chew to minister to us this Lord's Day.

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 the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Lunch today will be provided by John and Sharon.

Afternoon Bible Study – Eld Chew will conduct the study entitled "Consider Old Age" with the scriptural reference taken from Psalm 71.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-30

This Week

"Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy."
Micah 7:18

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

Dear all,

When attending the church Worship Service and Bible Study, 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 online.
- Please place your offerings in the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.

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