



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 08 SEPTEMBER 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-6

Opening Hymn *

RHC 28 - *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:145-152

Second Hymn *

Psalm 119 verses 145-152

(to the tune of Bethlehem, RHC 251)

Scriptural Text

Hebrews 9

Pastoral Prayer

Dr David Allen

Sermon Message

Eternal Redemption

Closing Hymn *

RHC 65 - *"And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"*

The Lord's Supper

Dr David Allen

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Dr David Allen

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 21

Q: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A: *The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, BECAME MAN, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.*

Comments:

To *redeem* is to *buy back* something which has been possessed before, but of which possession has been lost. New, Jesus Christ redeemed us with his own blood. And of this Redeemer we are here told that, being God, he became man; so that the two natures in him remain henceforth and for ever united in one person. Jesus Christ, we must remember therefore, is not something *between* God and man, but *both* God and man.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 4:12, Hebrews 2:14, Revelation 1:18

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR GOOD TIME

MANAGEMENT (PART 1)

Eph 5:15-16, *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."*

Introduction

The importance of good stewardship of time cannot be over-emphasised (Eph 5:15,16; Col 4:5). We have time, talent and treasure (or resources) for our earthly usage, to be accountable for one day. Believers have a grave duty to account for the employment of their time here on earth at the judgment seat of Christ one day (2 Cor 5:10).

A Poser

Consider this. What would you say if a rich relative banked \$86,400 a day into your bank account on the one condition that you have to use it up all in a day or else he will take it back. You cannot hoard it or keep it till the next day but it must be consumed daily. This is exactly the amount of seconds we have each day from the Lord. There is a certain discipline that is required of every believer. Temperance is a facet of the fruit of the spirit (Gal 5:22, 23) and we need to learn self control as well. Good planning and organisation of the day is a requisite for a meaningful and fruitful Christian life.

It's About Time

If you aim at nothing you are bound to hit it. There is a need for proper directions in the ministry as well. The need to apportion time for God is a vital part of abundant living. Do not put off what you can do today. Procrastination is the thief of time and we have been robbed often. The days that we have at hand are numbered and we need to treasure and redeem time. There is a time for everything (Ecc 3:1-9). Consider the following:

- Time for reading/study of the Word/to be with the Lord
- Time for prayer and worship/fellowship
- Time for family and friends
- Time for rest and restoration
- Time for work and labour
- Time for leisure or exercise
- Time for service and stewardship in the church
- Time for reflection and evaluation and personal enrichment

The parable of the talents (Matt 25) and the pounds (Luke 16) give us good examples of how important proper stewardship is to God. God rewards faithfulness and spiritual productivity and deplores laziness. There is such a thing as priority and good quality time and time that is not productive. Endeavour to give of your best hours to the Lord first in the morning in devotion first.

It is vital to have a balanced and well ordered day. We need to have time for rest, for labour, for family, for exercise, and most important of all, for God. A sister shared at the

funeral of her mother, that she wished she had spent more time with her loved ones rather than just on work alone. Moses had aptly said in Psalm 90:12, *"teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."* This is so true (something to think about).

Today, men strive to 'gain control of our time'. Gadget 'gurus' provide time management tools, such as the 'Palm Pilot,' to help us track everything from appointments and meetings to addresses, databases, stock quotes and email. But even state-of-the-art technology cannot give us control of time as we ought to if we have no self-discipline. Discipline and spiritual direction is needful (Gal 5:23).

Life and Death

At a recent member's funeral, we reflected upon the faith of the deceased and how she trusted in the words in 'Amazing Grace', which says that when we've been in Heaven 10,000 years, we will have "... no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun ...". It really takes the edge off when we view life in eternal terms. The urgency remains, although for different reasons. The author feels an urgency to tell others what Christ said in John 11:26, *"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"* I believe, and I want to tell others while there is still time (Psa 90:12) before it is too late. Remember also one of the devil's greatest wiles is to wait awhile.

Life on this earth is brief and how we choose to live it, is up to us. We find an example of this truth in the death of someone recently. For believers, death is a vivid reminder of James 4:14 which describes life as a *"vapour that appears for a little time, and then vanisheth away."* It is a departure to a better place, with God forever.

- For in the midst of grieving the loss of someone, we are deeply affected and we ask, "The same tragedy will certainly befall us - and then what?"
- What would be our eternal destiny?
- Did we live our lives to our fullest for Christ as Christians?
- A more critical question presented itself: Did we live the abundant and victorious life available to us through Jesus Christ?

The deaths of loved ones can cause us to ask important questions:

- What have I done with my life after I came to know the Lord?
- Am I walking in loving obedience to God? What will the Lord say when I meet Him face to face?
- Do I please Him with a life of fruitful service, or am I wasting the time He has graciously granted me, worrying about the day-to-day concerns of life?

To be continued...

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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin 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 Dr David Allen 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. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Afternoon Bible Study – Dr Allen will conduct the study entitled "*The Mystery of Melchisedec*" with the scriptural reference taken from *Hebrews 7:1-17*.

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

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."
Hebrews 9:28

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