



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 21 JULY 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Revelations 7:9-12

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 73 – “All Hail the Power”

Opening Prayer

Joey Seow

Responsive Reading

Psalm 116

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 116 verses 1-6

(to the tune of Matyrdom, RHC 38)

Scriptural Text

1 Samuel 4

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Foong Kon Yu

Sermon Message

Ichabod

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 323 – “Trust and Obey”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Eld Foong Kon Yu

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 14

Q: What is sin?

A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the Law of God.

Comments:

We are here taught that there are two kinds of sins. The first consists in not doing what God commands; the second consists in doing what God forbids. Our first parents committed the latter.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 10:31, Luke 22:61

GUARD YOUR HOUSE

Jesus delivered a certain man who was possessed by devils (Mark 5:1-8). After that He explained the parable of the house on how that it has been cleaned. Here Jesus told of the unclean spirit that came out of the house when it was cleaned up. The unclean spirit decided to return to the house but found that it is clean and invited seven others to come stay in. This made the house even more messy than before. This is likened to a person who commits sin and does not repent and has not accepted Jesus as his saviour. He will not have the protective influence of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, then he will be by himself because he let sin get the better of himself.

When a man professed that he is saved (not genuinely) he only perceives that he becomes clean and spotless before the Lord. He thinks that the Holy Spirit promises that He will clean, sweep and garnish the house. However, the man continues to live in his sin and has not invited Jesus to his heart; the Holy Spirit does not dwell in that house. It is vacant and will be filled by the spirit of evil. More evil will bestow upon him by his own doing of continuing in sin.

The devil certainly knows when to tempt a person regardless. Christians are not spared this temptation. The devil will find the vulnerable spot. He will continue to tempt until we fall or that we surrender ourselves to the Lord. In abandoning sin one cannot merely wish for better conditions. He must make them.... He must eliminate anything which would stir the old memories. We can try but we cannot absolutely do it by our own strength.

Does this mean that the man who has quit smoking or drinking or had sex pollutions finds life empty for a time? The things which engaged him and caught his fancy and occupied his thoughts are gone, and better substitutions have not yet filled the void. This is Satan's opportunity. The man makes a start but may find the loss of the yesterday's habits so great that he is enticed to return to his evil ways, and his lot thus becomes infinitely worsened.

On the other hand, many who have discontinued bad habits have found that substitution is part of the answer, and have conquered a bad habit by replacing it with a good or harmless one. True repentance, then, is not merely eliminating the negative in our lives; it also must involve replacing the negative with positive attitudes and actions. The only solution is to surrender our will to God and to stay close to Him.

Do not be deceived because temptation come in very pleasant disguise. Jesus Christ has power to save lost souls who repent. Let us all, whether we feel we are in safe waters or not, swim to Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer.

Sermon Notes

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 Foong to minister to the church till end of August.

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

No Children's Sunday School Today.

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 – Eld Foong continue the study taken from Micah 3.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Phillipians 4:4-6

This Week

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Revelation 3:20

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