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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 05 JANUARY 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 43:18-19

*Opening Hymn **

“*Standing at the Portal*”

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 133

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 133

(to the tune of St Stephen, RHC 397)

Scriptural Text

Nehemiah 12:27-47

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Sermon Message

Worship

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 182 – “*Lead Me to Calvary*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Lim Chee Boon

The Lord’s Supper

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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 38

Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full ENJOYING OF GOD to all eternity.

Comments:

We are here taught that there will be a resurrection, and after the resurrection a judgment. At that judgment those who have believed in Jesus will be blessed in the following ways: 1. They will be raised up with glorified bodies; 2. They will be acknowledge by Christ, the Judge, as his own people, and declared free from all guilt before an assembled world; 3. They will be taken to heaven, where they shall be happy with God for ever.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 15:43, Matthew 25:34, Revelations 21:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Dear brethren, we start 2025 with Part 1 of the bulletin article entitled “God-centred Directions for 2025” written by Rev Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church. Part 2 of the article will be published next week. The article has been slightly adapted for our edification.

God-centred Directions for 2025 – Part 1

Introduction

It is profitable for our souls to have God-honouring goals in life as we begin the New Year, 2025, by the enabling strength of the Lord as He leads and guides us with much prayer as we look to Him daily.

As the New Year of 2025 has begun, we have the opportunity to experience God's wonderful covenant mercies and grace daily. However, we have a responsibility too to set clear attainable and measurable directions and purposes for ourselves and our families that we live and walk worthily of the Lord in the New Year. Let us consider some practical and God honouring '*Goals and Aims*'.

Our goals in the 2025 can possibly be the following:

A. **TO BE READY** for the soon coming of the Lord so that we are found by Him in peace (2 Pet 3:14) and to be without spot and blameless so that whenever the Lord returns, we certainly want to be ready for His imminent coming! That requires us to have a God centred spirit in all that we do or say and **to set our affections on things above and not on earth**. Let us be prepared all the time and do our part as well.

B. **TO REMAIN STEADFAST** in the faith and be vigilant lest we fall (2 Pet 3:17; Heb 3:12-14) or else be led astray by the evil one (2 Pet 2:1-3). To be ready for His coming, we must make sure that we are **diligent and hard working for Him in His church and the building up of His people and saving of souls**. Do not fall away from the Lord through indolence or negligence, nor be led astray by false teachers or the obsession with the worldly pastimes of our time!

C. **To READ THE BIBLE DAILY**. The word of God provides the only way to salvation and food for the soul (Jas 1:21). It provides the nutrition for spiritual growth (1 Pet 2:2). It provides the protection against drifting away or being misled by false teachers (Heb 2:1-3; Act 20:29-32). We are to resolve to spend time each day in the morning feeding upon the Word of God and grow thereby! **Have a plan and do it systematically every day at a proper place where we can concentrate**. Jer 15:16 says, *'Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.'* and Paul in 2 Tim 2:15 adds, *'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'*

D. To discipline ourselves to **PRAY EVERY DAY**. For the Christian, prayer is the means by which we remain in touch with God for it is the way to the power and strength and peace

of God. Phil 4:6-8 tells us to set aside time daily and have a prayer list and intercede for one another. Let us strive and **make a conscious effort to join the church in prayer for each other**. For the Christian, prayer is also the way to comfort and strength in the Lord.

E. **TO ATTEND ALL THE LORD'S DAY SERVICES OF THE CHURCH** regularly and punctually. **Make it a conscious effort to come regularly and on time for the worship service, Bible Study, Sunday School class and other assemblies** (e.g. Easter seminars, ...). They are designed to encourage faithful devotion and worship in the Lord. It is one way we edify and exhort and encourage one another against falling away. Do not discount the importance of assembling with other Christians to remain strong and faithful in the Lord and attend every Lord's Day service with reverence and fear for God.

F. **TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.** This was Peter's last written admonition. 2 Pet 3:18 says, *'But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.'* He wrote of the blessings found in the knowledge of Christ; Grace and peace are multiplied (2 Pet 1:2). All things pertaining to life and godliness are provided in the Lord (2 Pet 1:3). There are exceedingly great and precious promises. We can be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption of the world through lust. Peter described what is involved in growing in this knowledge.

2 Pet 1:5-8 adds that we need to apply all diligence and to develop the graces of a Christ-like character. He explained that spiritual diligence in this area will ensure an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord This should be our directive in the New Year that we examine and ensure our children and our salvation, made possible through Christ with such God given means of grace as the reading of the Word of God through faith in Christ alone, personal and corporate prayer, and the fellowship of the church.

G. **TO DISPLAY HOLY CONDUCT AND GODLINESS.** This we should do in view of what will one day happen when Christ returns (2 Pet 3:10-11). Remember that without holiness, no one shall see the Lord (Heb 12:14). The exercise of godliness has promise of the life to come. 1 Tim 4:8 says, *'For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.'* This display of holy conduct and godliness is especially important as we spend the time of our sojourn among those of the world (1 Pet 2:12) and not be caught with secular interests like dancing, gambling, drinking alcohol, unedifying computer games, worldly music and others. **Let us be consecrated and set apart for Him** and dedicated for the New Year for the master's use.

To be continued...

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 & Children's Sunday School** 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 worshipping 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 Rev Lim Chee Boon's faithful ministry for the past 6 weeks. Pray for Rev Lim as he returns to Singapore on 6 January and for God's continued guidance in his ministry work.

Next Lord's Day, our speaker will be Eld Jenson Lim from Dunblane Free Church.

Lord's Supper, 5 January – We will be observing the Lord's Supper today.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

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 – Rev Lim will lead the study from 1 Thessalonians. This week, we shall conclude the study covering Chapter 5, Vs 23-28.

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

This Week

"Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof"

Nehemiah 13:14

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