



# **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**

Isaiah 12:1-6

**Opening Hymn \***

RHC 17 – “Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme”

**Opening Prayer**

Jonathan Kim

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 138

**Second Hymn \***

*Psalm 138 verses 1-5*

*(to the tune of St Agnes, RHC 57)*

**Scriptural Text**

1 Peter 1

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr David Allen

**Sermon Message**

**Precious Trials**

**Closing Hymn \***

RHC 328 – “How Firm a Foundation”

**Observation of 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 43**

**Q: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?**

**A: The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, ‘I AM THE LORD THY GOD, WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THEE OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE.’**

Comments:

These are the words which precede the Ten Commandments. They were spoken to the children of Israel at Mount Sinai, shortly after their deliverance from the bondage of the Egyptians. And they may be applied to us in token of our deliverance from the bondage of sin.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:2

Dear brethren, our bulletin article this week is entitled "Getting Rid of the VIP Syndrome in 2025" written by Rev Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church.

## **Getting Rid of the VIP Syndrome in 2025**

To the world, a VIP is a Very Important Person and he or she treated with respect and special attention. **In a spiritual and metaphorical sense, a Christian should not be a VIP in this new year the following context.** Read and consider this prayerfully:

### **Very Indolent Person**

One of the problems for a teacher in the school is dealing with students who are lazy or who have a slothful attitude. It should not be spoken of a Christian that he or she is indolent in his work or service for the Lord. **We are to be good stewards and witnesses for Christ and laziness is not an edifying trait. Industry and hard work should characterize our conduct and behavior.** Rom 12:11-12 says, *'Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.'*

Pro 15:19 says, *'The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain'* and Pro 26:15 says, *'The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.'*

So let us be diligent for the Lord this year both in the study of the Word and the service in His church. We need to heed the advice of Solomon in Pro 6:6, *'Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.'* A lazy student will not do well in an examination or a worker in the marketplace neither will a lazy Christian in life. **Industry not indolence should be the characteristic of a God honoring Christian.**

### **Very Impatient Person**

Last year, we spoke of Approaching God with Patience. Someone once prayed, *'Lord, give me patience and I want it now.'* Psa 27:14 says, *'Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.'* Impatience has brought many problems to people. The building of the golden calf in Exo 32 was due largely to impatience in waiting for Moses to come down from Mt Sinai (Exo 32:1). King Saul offered the sacrifice on his own when Samuel, the prophet, delayed in coming purposely to test him and he failed the test. In Luke 21:19, Jesus advised, *'In your patience possess ye your souls.'* Jeremiah in Lam 3:26 says, *'It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.'* Let us remember Isa 40:31 which says, *'But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.'* **We need to ask the Lord for greater patience as we wait upon Him for His soon second coming (2 Pet 3:9-15).**

### **Very Indignant Person**

**Anger** in one letter short of **Danger. Those who fly into rage seldom make a good landing.** The author had once counselled an angry couple who got into a serious fight with each other and almost destroyed their marriage. You may have met indignant people before, and we do not think those were the best experiences in our lives. A furious man or woman often does something will he or she regret later. Eph 4:26 say, *'Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.'* Col 3:5-8 speaks of things to mortify or put to death wherein anger or wrath are included. Anger is a choice, and no one can make you angry if you choose not to. **Pray and ask the Lord for self-control and temperance to regulate our emotion and bring it under subjection. Parents, do not provoke your children to anger nor exasperate them (Col 3:5-8). The wrath of man does not fulfil the righteousness of God.**

## Very Irresponsible Person

Life is full of duties and commitments and as a Christian, we are to be accountable and responsible stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Pet 4:10-11 says, *'As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.'* 1Cor 10:31 gives us a good guiding principle. We must remember that ultimately, we are accountable to God one day or should not we use our talents and resources for Him. When we led a Christian tour group to Greece and Turkey where we were at Corinth and saw the bema or judgement seat of Christ that was mentioned in 2 Cor 5:10. Paul in 2Cor 5:10 reminds us, *'For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; (bema) that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.'* **We are to be faithful and dependable in our stewardship of the Lord's work and time (1 Cor 4:2) and be ready to give an answer one day before the bema. Let us be faithful in all the duties that are entrusted to us by God this year.**

## Very Indifferent Person

**Apathy is worse than antipathy. Are we indifferent to the work of the gospel, the study of the Word, the fellowship of saints and the reverential worship of the triune God? Pray for zeal and fervency for the things that are eternal rather than the temporal things of the world.**

These are 2 big universal problems in this world, **ignorance** and **nonchalance** - **I do not know** and **I do not care**. There are people who have no burden for the kingdom of Lord with no desire for salvation of souls or prayer and they are just caught up with their own worldly affairs.

There are 3 kinds of people in this world - those who **make things happen**; those who **watch things happen**; those who **wonder what happened**. Some are so caught up with their own worldly affair that they are totally nonchalant about spiritual things. Beware that we do not fall into these 2nd and 3rd categories. Have fervent love and strong spiritual convictions in the will and work of God.

## Very Indiscreet Person

**We live in a world of trickery, deception and falsehood. We need to be spiritually wise and prudent in this treacherous and decadent world. We are not to be affected by the false teachings and the occultic and cultic deception of the evil one or even profit-making, romantic and tempting scams.** Prov 9:10 says, *'The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding'* and James in Jam 3:17 says, *'But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.'* There are some bible seminaries or theologians who will deny the virgin birth of Christ, the 6 literal day creation account, the physical resurrection of Christ, the miracle of the crossing of the Red Sea and the universal flood during Noah's time. German criticism and naturalism have created widespread religious liberalism from the 19th to 21st century.

**Many Christians are sold to the defective concepts of theistic evolution, compromised humanistic psychological concepts in biblical counselling in the Christian world rather than sound biblical truth and scriptural doctrine.** There is a US theology professor who doubted that Adam was a real historical person, and a former Archbishop taught that hell is only a figment of imagination created by God to frighten us to believe in Him. There are many who have endorsed homosexuality as an acceptable alternate lifestyle, cloning, abortion (woman's rights) and euthanasia under the guile of 'helping the terminally sick' at the expense of God's clear commands in His Holy Word. Do not be a VIP in this context.

## Conclusion

**Let us pray and seek the Lord and resolve to live this year in 2025 for the Lord with greater love for God and reverential fear, faith and zeal and be effectual stewards of the manifold grace of God till He comes. Something to ponder and work upon his year and always with the help of God.**

# 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 providing Dr David Allen to minister to us this Lord's Day.**

Next Lord's Day, our speaker will be Rev Paul Hanna.

**Lord's Supper** – 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** – Dr Allen will deliver the study entitled "Precious Blood" taken from 1 Peter 1.

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

## MEMORY VERSE

### Last Week

*"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"*

**Colossians 3:10**

### This Week

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"*

**1 Peter 1:3**

## 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](http://www.newlifebpc.org.uk)) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim,  
Task Force Members