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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 16 FEBRUARY 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:1-3

Opening Hymn *

RHC 3 – “Love Divine”

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 139

Second Hymn *

Psalm 139 verses 1-6

(to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)

Scriptural Text

Jonah 1:17-2:10

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Paul Hanna

Sermon Message

Jonah’s Prayer from the belly of the fish

Closing Hymn *

RHC 306 – “Pass Me Not”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Rev Paul Hanna

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 44

Q: What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

A: The preface to the Ten Commandments teacheth us, that because God is THE LORD, and OUR GOD, and REDEEMER, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Comments:

The preface to the Ten Commandments sets forth God’s claims to obedience at our hands. These are: 1. God is our Sovereign – I AM THE LORD. 2. He is the Being whom we worship – I AM THY GOD. 3. He is the One who has delivered us from bondage – I AM THY REDEEMER.

Scriptural Reference:

Deuteronomy 24:18, 2 Corinthians 5:15

Dear brethren, the subject of our bulletin articles for the next four weeks is entitled “Will you end well?” This is a series written by Rev Mark Chen, pastor of First Evangelical Reformed Church in Singapore.

Will You End Well? (Part 1)

Recently, we’ve heard of friends of the church going home to glory. This will not be the only time. As we age, we inch closer to our home going. But acute illness and accidents can also take us any time. Are we ready to meet Christ?

Now, we know that when a person believes and repents – like the thief on the cross – he will be with Christ in Paradise. This we should never doubt whenever a saint returns home.

However, we are called to do well on earth before we get to heaven. There are milestones and evidences that demonstrate we end well. So what are some things we must pursue to end well? And how do we know if we are ready to meet Christ well?

Readiness to Meet Christ

Paul was ready. He ended well. And it is from his testimony that we can emulate his preparedness

He testified in 2 Timothy 4:6-8 – *“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”*

Paul was about to die anytime at the hand of Caesar – *“the time of my departure is at hand.”* And he was ready for death – *“I am now ready to be offered.”* Such a death would be an execution and painful. But why was he ready?

It was because he had completed his work. His work was 3-fold – he had fought a good fight, he had finished his course, and he had kept the faith.

And he was confident that he was going to heaven – *“henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.”*

We can only end well if we are ready to die at any time. We can only be ready to die at any time when we have true faith in Christ. We will also feel ready when we’ve been pursuing the things that God has called us to do. Do you feel ready to meet Christ? Many may not.

Fighting Against Self and Sin to Be Ready

One of the ways that we know that we’re ready to meet God is when we’ve been growing in holiness. To be clear, when we truly believe, we are saved. But our lives – our obedience – are proofs that we are in Christ.

This is why we must fight the good fight. It is a fight against self and sin. Hebrews 12:4 – *“Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.”* The Christian is to fight against sin

because he has been freed from sin. 1 John 3:9 – *“Whosoever is born of God doth not (continually) commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”*

Therefore, a Christian is to grow in godliness and mature. This is how we finish the course. Paul was an apostle, but even he knew that he had not attained, neither was perfect. But he continued to press ahead toward maturity (Philippians 3:12-15). This is why he was ready to meet God.

Persevering in and Keeping the Faith

The Christian must grow in faith. He does this by growing in knowledge and obedience. Paul reasoned that the giving of apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastor-teachers in the early church was to perfect the saints for the work of the ministry so that Christians would mature and grow up into Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Paul was ready to die because he had grown in maturity, in knowledge, and as a full-grown Christian, he was serving God.

He was keeping the faith. Luke 11:28 – *“But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.”*

There are many who believe themselves saved but are not actually saved. Some are “outed” in this life. In the parable of the sower, Jesus told of 4 kinds of soils – the hard ground, the stony ground, the thorny ground, and the good ground. The stony ground represents those who received the gospel with joy, but do not truly believe, so that in times of trial, they fall away. The thorny ground represents those who received the gospel but do not continue with Christ because of persecution.

These two grounds can be seen in the examples of Judas Iscariot, Simon the Magician, and Demas.

Many of the Israelites in the wilderness continued to identify themselves as the people of God even though there was unbelief. In the end, they couldn’t enter the Promised Land. Hebrews 3:19 – *“So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”*

Jesus warned that not everyone that called him Lord would enter heaven – only those who did God’s will. Many may trust solely in their profession of faith, religious traditions, church attendance, right doctrine, or spiritual disciplines. But nothing but a continued true faith in Christ and his atonement makes one fit for heaven.

Hebrews 6:9-12 speak of a salvation that is accompanied by works and holiness – *“But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”*

Let’s pray that the Lord will prepare us and make us ready – especially those of us in the twilight years of our lives.

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 Rev Paul Hanna to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Next Lord's Day, our speaker will be Mr Charles Scott-Pearson.

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 Hanna will deliver the study entitled “The End of the World” taken from Matthew 24:3-14.

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

MEMORY VERSE

Last 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

This Week

“When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.”

Jonah 2:7

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,
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