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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 30 MARCH 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:9-13

Opening Hymn *

RHC 8 – *"Hol, Holy, Holy"*

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 145

Second Hymn *

Psalm 145:1-6

(to the tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)

Scriptural Text

Psalm 59

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

Sermon Message

David's prayer against destruction and his meditation

Closing Hymn *

RHC 346 – *"Be Still, My Soul"*

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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 50

Q: What is required in the Second Commandment?

A: *The Second Commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his Word.*

Comments:

This commandment bids us: 1. Adopt the way of worshipping God appointed by himself; 2. Adhere to it; 3. Not add to it; 4. Nor take from it. There must be no will-worship.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:20, Deuteronomy 12:2

Dear brethren, for this week, we have Part 1 of the article entitled “Steps in the Sanctification of a Soul” written by Rev Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope BPC. The article has been reproduced and adapted for our edification.

(Works consulted for this article include Matthew Henry Commentary, Vol 6, World Bible Publishers and Joel Beeke and Randall, J Pederson, Meet The Puritans, Reformation Heritage Books, 2006.)

Steps in the Sanctification of a Soul – Part 1

The redeemed life is justified by faith and will be sanctified by the Lord over a period of trials and testing over time. The old man of depravity gives way to the new man by the Spirit which is transformed by the renewal of the mind through the work of God (Rom 12:1, 2).

We are told by Paul to put off the old man, put on the new man (Eph 4:22-24) and here are some practical examples as given by the famous Mathew Henry (1662-1714), the English puritan who wrote a large volume on the detailed reformed commentary of the whole Bible that ministered to so many. In his exposition of the Word of God on the practical aspects of it, he cited several things that as a Christian, we should put off and put on.

Here it is expanded and highlighted below for us:

1. Put off Avarice & Put on Contentment

It has been correctly said that greed or avarice is one of the causes of the Asian Financial Crisis of 2008. We need to watch against greed and avarice (1Tim 6:6-10) which Paul says is the root of all evil. Do not be blinded by the inordinate affection for money and physical assets or wealth which is a weapon of mass distraction by the evil one to draw away our focus on Christ, His Word and His Work. (i.e. be it bitcoin, gold, stocks and bonds, or property or cash.) **Remember Achan who due to his covetous spirit led to the death of his whole family (Jos 7:21,27) and Gehazi had leprosy due to his greedy spirit for bribes (2Kings 5).**

2. Put off Contention & Put on Peaceableness

Sadly, some are misled into being obsessed with personal strife and dissension which we fail to see leading us to greater hatred, anger, resentment and malice against one another. Peter in 1Pet 3:8 says, *“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.”*

The evil one would like us to focus on strife and concentrate on destroying the unity of the church rather than preserving it which Christ has bought with His precious blood. *“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God”* (Matthew 5:9). Paul warns us in Gal 5:15, *“But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.”* How blessed it is to see the unity of the brethren in the Lord (Psa 133). Paul in Eph 4:3 says, *“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”* Beware of pride and selfish ambition that can undermine the work of Christ.

3. Put off Murmuring & Put on Thanksgiving

Just like the Israelites in Num 11, we are prone to compare and complain and often we murmur against the Lord and our loved ones without any appreciation of them. In Singapore, we often complain about the food that we are eating and another murmuring about the MRT transport system or the GST instead of being thankful to God and mindful of one another. **Beware that we be not caught up in a spirit of ungratefulness and fail to show our appreciation to God and men in secular work or in the service of the Lord.** Be a grateful Christian and cultivate the attitude of gratitude for this is His will for us. Say thank you rather than undermining others and be niggard with criticism and generous with praise in the Lord.

4. Put off Melancholy & Put on Cheerfulness

Laughter is a good medicine as Solomon, the wise king says. (Prov 17:22) How true that often as Christians, we live with sadness on our countenance as if we are defeated by the world. Paul says in Rom 8:37 that we are more than conquerors in Christ. Let there be Christian joy and a sense of holy joy or jubilation as we live each day and interact with others for the joy of the Lord is our strength (Neh 8:10). May we uplift another soul who is depressed to seek the mercy of the Lord.

5. Put off Vanity & Put on Sobriety

We are often caught up with vanities of this life, either chasing a worldly ambition, or fashion or excessive work, pursuit of pleasures or fame or wealth and one day we will learn that all these are but just emptiness in life as the preacher says in Eccl 1:4. We came empty handed and will leave in the same manner. **Let us learn to set our affection on things above that are everlasting and not on temporal things here which will vanish away one day. Let us be sober and follow and seek the Lord first.**

6. Put off Drunkenness & Put on Temperance

One of the favourite pastimes for young executives after work is to go the pubs and night spots to go dancing, vaping, smoking and have alcoholic drinks until the wee hours of the morning. There are some Christians who likes to make a case for drinking liquor as long as you do not get drunk but read Prov 20:1 which says, *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”* Beware that we do not be ensnared into this addiction.

We need to be disciplined and not inebriated with strong drinks which Lemuel’s mother says is not fit for kings who need to make sound judgments in Prov 31:4-6. Note that Gal 5:22, 23 speaks of temperance as the fruit of the Spirit.

(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 providing Mr Charles Scott-Pearson to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Next Lord's Day, our speaker will also 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 – Mr Scott-Pearson will deliver the study entitled "The Making of the Curtains and Coverings of the Tabernacle" taken from Exodus 26:1-14.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

*"Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for
God is my defence, and the God of my
mercy."*

Psalms 59:17

Last Week

*"And Philip said, If thou believest with
all thine heart, thou mayest. And he
answered and said, I believe that Jesus
Christ is the Son of God."*

Acts 8:37

Notice for Church Easter Conference 2025

Dear brethren,

We will be holding an Easter conference on the theme "**Christian Worldview**". Our speaker will be *Rev Carl Vermeulen*, minister of the Free Reformed Church of Armadale, Australia.

There will be 6 sessions held as follows:

- Good Friday (18th April) – 11am and 1:30pm
- Saturday (19th April) – 11am and 1:30pm
- Easter Sunday (20th April) – 11am and 1:30pm (our regular Sunday worship)

Please prepare and bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

We do hope that you will be able to set the time aside to join us for the conference.

With the Lord's blessing,
John Poh & Jonathan Kim,
Task Force Members