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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	Song of Solomon 2:1–3
Opening Hymn *	RHC 56 – *"Jesus! The Very Thought of Thee"*
Opening Prayer	Joey Seow
Responsive Reading	Psalm 77
Second Hymn *	Psalm 77:10–15 *(To the tune of Seraph, RHC 15)*
Scriptural Text	Psalm 46
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Brian Harper
Sermon Message	***"The Wellness of Hope"***
Closing Hymn *	RHC 346 – *"Be Still, My Soul"*
Observation of Lord's Supper	Rev Brian Harper
Benediction/3-Fold Amen *	Rev Brian Harper
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.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 31

Q: What is effectual calling?

A: Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.

Comments:

There are two ways by which God calls or invites men to be saved – the *outward* call of his Word or his Providence, and the *inward* call of his Spirit. The former of these is often ineffectual through the evil of our hearts; the latter is always effectual. The steps or stages of the *inward, effectual* call of the Spirit are four: 1. *Conviction*, or making us feel our sin; 2. *Enlightenment,* or making the way of salvation plain to us; 3. *Renewal*, or inclining us anew to the love and practice of what is good and right; and 4. As the fruit of these, *Faith*, or enabling us to trust in Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

Scriptural Reference:

John 16:8, Ephesians 1:17, Romans 8:5, John 6:44-45

Dear brethren, this week's article is written by Rev Harper especially for our congregation. May the Lord bless your reading and use this article to strengthen and encourage your faith.

The Wellness of Hope

The title "God of hope" is peculiarly expressive and endearing to the believing mind. While the God of love has especially to do with our present, the "God of hope" has to do with our future life. The first assures us of a salvation now – a present pardon, a present acceptance, a present adoption; the other assures us of a certain and full salvation to come. As the God of love, we dwell forever in His heart; as the God of hope, we shall dwell forever in His heaven.

Consider then the prayer of the apostle: "May THE GOD OF HOPE fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

In these words we see six features associated with hope:

1. The foundation of our hope is God Himself. Everything begins with God. If there is no God, there is no hope. So we start with God, for He is the God of hope; that is, hope in Him is an inherent element, a part of His essence. He is Hope itself.
2. The fuel for our hope is the Word of God. In the words of J I Packer, "Can we ever justify not taking God's Word about things? Can we here and now justify withholding belief from God's own premises about the future? No, of course we can't. The arrogance of not believing what God had clearly declared was the sin of Eden; such disbelief was unwarrantable then and would be equally unwarrantable now." (Never Beyond Hope, by James I Packer and Carolyn Nystrom)
3. The fountain of our hope is the Spirit of God. He is the one who enables us to see and believe. So that, if our hope is in God, rather than in our finances, fitness or family, that hope is God's gift to us by His Spirit. We didn't create it; it was a miracle of God's grace.
4. The forerunner of our hope is faith in God. Isn't it interesting that in 1 Corinthians 13 the Apostle Paul writes, "Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three …". Notice the order given by the Spirit of God: faith, then hope, then love. Faith is God's gift whereby a person comes into the glorious hope of the gospel. Thus the well-known words of Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God". Those without God are elsewhere described as being without hope. Faith in God leads to and produces hope in God.
5. The fruit of hope is described in our text as "joy and peace"; joy and peace even in the midst of toil and trouble; joy and peace that come not from our circumstances but from our Creator, the God of all hope. It is the joy and peace which comes from our knowledge of Him, that "worketh all things together for our good". For "all things" are designed to bring us into a closer and more experimental acquaintance and communion with His character as the "God of hope".
6. The feelings we have and the God of hope. To quote again from J I Packer, "An observed effect of depression is loss of power to believe that any good awaits you, and that one of the causes of depression is feeling you are a misfit or an outsider or a failure. But the final answer to all feelings of inferiority is to remind yourself that your God loves, redeems, pardons, restores, protects, keeps and uses misfits, outsiders and failures no less than He does beautiful people of the kind that keep crossing your path and of whom you have been wishing you were one."

Christian hope is a certainty, guaranteed by God Himself. That fact enables the believer to confess that the best is still to come and causes us to focus on things as they will be, rather than as they are.

Israel's hope was in the LORD (Psalm 146:3-5) for "He is strong to deliver, wealthy to supply, present to help, pledged to befriend, ready to pardon, wise to direct, waiting to be gracious, and He delights in mercy". (Pastor James Smith The Christian's Daily Remembrancer)

"O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
Morning Service Notes

"The Wellness of Hope"
Psalm 46

Rev Brian D Harper
8th November 2026

Introduction:

1. **The picture of a fearful calamity: vv 1-3**

God's Unwavering Security.

1. God is a God who surrounds His people:
2. God is a God who sustains His people:
3. God is a God who can be sought by His people:
4. God is a God who is sufficient for His people:

2. **The picture of a besieged community: vv 4-7**

God's Unmistakeable Authority.

1. The authority of His presence:
2. The authority of His power:
3. The authority of His precepts:

3. **The picture of a destroyed confederacy: vv8-11**

God's Undeniable Victory.

1. Words of comfort:
2. Words of command:
3. Words of cheer:

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
Bible Study Notes

"The Saviour's Seminar on Prayer (Part 2) – Introduction"
Matthew 6:9

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1. **An Evident Progression in this Prayer:**

Directed to God.

Distinctly for God.

Derived from God.

2. **An Earnest Passion in this Prayer:**

The great priority.

The great purpose.

3. **An Endless Practice in Prayer:**

A strong incentive.

A scriptural requirement.

A sacred employment.

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 Brian Harper to minister to us today. Rev Harper will be ministering to us until early January.

Today, we will be observing the Lord's Supper and Remembrance Sunday (a 2-minutes silence will be observed at 11:00am)

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

Lunch 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, 1:30pm – Rev Harper will continue the study on the "The Saviour's Seminar on Prayer" from Matthew 6:9.

Children's Sunday School, 1:30pm – held at side hall & manse after Lunch Fellowship.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week	Last Week
"The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." **Psalm 46:7**	*"And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands."* **1 Samuel 17:47**

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 8th November

(written by Rev James Smith)

"As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." 2 Corinthians 6:10

THE Lord's family are generally poor; men may look at them as having nothing valuable, important, or calculated to make them happy; but in reality they possess all things, because God is theirs. Our God has said, "I am their inheritance," and we say, "Thou art my portion, O Lord." His eternity is the date of our happiness—His unchangeableness, the rock of our rest—His omnipotence, our constant guard—His faithfulness, our daily security—His mercies, our overflowing store—His omniscience, our careful overseer—His wisdom, our judicious counsellor—His justice, our stern avenger—His omnipresence, our sweet company—His holiness, the fountain from which we receive sanctifying grace—His all-sufficiency, the lot of our inheritance—and His infinity, the extent of our glorious portion. This is the blessedness of the people of the Lord; they have God for their Lord, and all His perfections engaged to make them blessed. O love the Lord! Live upon the Lord! Glorify God in the day of visitation! Make Him your portion and everlasting all!

To us the privilege is given, To be the sons and heirs of heaven;
Sons of the God who reigns on high, And heirs of joys beyond the sky:
Oh, may our conduct ever prove Our filial piety and love.