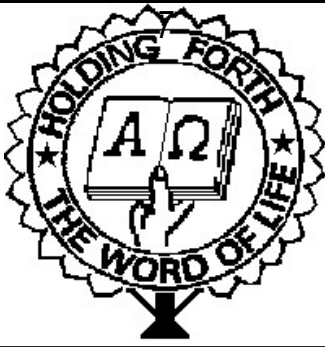




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LORD’S DAY 12 JULY 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 51:1–6

Opening Hymn *

RHC 137 – “Thanks to God!”

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalms 81

Second Hymn *

Psalms 81:1–10

(to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)

Scriptural Text

Acts 11:19–26

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Foong Kon Yu

Sermon Message

“A Group called Christian”

Closing Hymn *

RHC 456 – “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Eld Foong Kon Yu

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 13

Q: Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Comments:

Adam and Eve did not keep God’s command. They sought to please themselves instead of seeking to please God, and so they fell from a state of innocence into a state of sin.

Scriptural Reference:

Deuteronomy 30:19, Genesis 3:6

Dear brethren, Elder Foong Kon Yu will be authoring the main article in our church bulletin. The articles have been specially prepared for our edification, and we hope they will be a source of encouragement and growth.

Grace Greater than our Sin

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

What is the purpose of the law and why did God give it to Moses? Is the law still applicable today. The law was not made to justify or condemn, as some might believe. Before moving to the real purpose of the law, let us consider on how the law impacts. Firstly, it increases knowledge of sin by defining it. Secondly, it increases conviction of sin by opening our eyes to it. Thirdly, the law actually increases our sin. This is hard to comprehend but let us read on to fully grasp of why I say this. The sinfulness of our hearts tells us that when we see a line we want to cross it. In this sense, the law makes sin abound because it draws clear lines between right and wrong that our sinful hearts want to break. Therefore, the law makes us sin more – but not because there is anything wrong in the law, only that something is deeply wrong in the human condition. The law sheds light on sin and makes it evident in the lives of people. There is a clear purpose for the law and part of it is so that the offense might abound. The law makes man's sin clearer and greater by succinctly contrasting it with God's holy standard. It is like looking for flaws in a well-polished diamond. It is hard to spot them against the background of glass but if the background is dark and opaque, the flaws would show up easily.

Based on these three truths, then the purpose of the law: to bring people to Christ and help them see their utter need of Him and His salvation for us. The law is what opens eyes to who they are as sinners and shows the inability to save themselves from it. This is where one experiences the fullness of the grace Christ has to offer. Christians can find hope in knowing that where sin abounds, His grace abounds more. From human perspective, more offence, more punishment. If you offend me more, I should be angrier. Thank God that He is God. The more sin we commit, the greater is God's Grace. Only God is compassionate and magnanimous.

The law is never a way of salvation neither justify nor is it able to save anyone. It is good way to point us on how sinful we are. However, sin misuses it to stir up sinful desires. The ultimate purpose of the law is to lead us to Christ. It shows us our need for salvation through faith in Christ. We need to see the depth of our sin to see the abundance of God's grace. We need to acknowledge our sinfulness before a holy God. The law is a "schoolmaster" to lead us to Christ. God's forgiveness is the ultimate solution to human brokenness.

God's grace in forgiving us despite our sins gives more than never-ending love. It gives us Eternal Life, God's quality of life, given to us right now – not simply when we die. Grace reigns through Jesus. A life of grace is all about Jesus and others, and not about "me". A life of grace look to the undeserved unconditioned favour of God. It is only Grace through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our Daily Walk
Daily Meditations and a Prayer for Each Day
By Dr F.B. Meyer

OUR BOUNDEN DUTY AND SERVICE (12th July)

Luke 17:10 “So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.”

IN Christ’s service there are no hours when we cease to be His bondservants, or pass from under His eye. We are always His, always at His disposal, always bound to ask, what He would have us do. In this there is no hardship, because He knows our frame, and understands the complex machinery of life needs time to cool and rest and recreate itself. We remember that our Lord bade His disciples leave the crowded lake-side, to come with Him apart and rest awhile. He knows that we need rest and change, but He would keep these hours of relaxation under His own command because they are often the most perilous to the soul’s health. How often, when we have been engaged in earnest service to others for Christ’s sake, we are inclined to say: “Now we may have a good time for ourselves; we may relax the girdle, we may sit down to meat.” We are inclined to act at such times as if we were off duty, and as though our Lord had no jurisdiction over us.

But it is when we have done our Master’s work that He sometimes says to us; “You have been so taken up with My work that you have neglected *Me*. You have thought more of the depth and straightness of the furrow; more of the wool and safety of the flock, than of the One for whom you work. Give Me a little of your thought and love! Make ready wherewith I sup; gird thyself and serve Me!”

Ah! our Lord Jesus wants our love, and He will not be satisfied if we give time, energy, and thought to His service, and forget *Him*.

When we have done all that Christ asks of us, we have nothing to be proud of. Our good works do not earn our salvation, nor merit anything at the hand of our Saviour. Our uttermost service is only our bounden duty and privilege. It is a blessed thing, when we are wholly yielded to obey Him, for His service is perfect freedom from envy, dissatisfaction with our lot, jealousy of others, and pride. The wonder is that He takes us into partnership with Himself (John 13:13-16).

PRAYER—*Lord, as we go to our daily work, help us to take pleasure therein. Show us clearly what our duty is; help us to be faithful in doing it. Give us strength to do, patience to bear; by our true love to Thee, make unlovely things shine in the light of Thy great love.*
AMEN.

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 Eld Foong Kon Yu to minister to us today.

Eld Foong will be ministering to us until end July.

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, 1:30pm – Eld Foong will conduct the study from Hosea 9 & 10.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

Acts 11:26

Last Week

"And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law."

Nehemiah 8:9

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 12th July

(written by Rev James Smith)

"Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief."

Proverbs 28:14

GODLY fear flows from grace, and is always connected with spiritual knowledge. It is the fear of a tender child, who would not on any account grieve a kind and loving parent. It is a covenant blessing. Our God bestows it on all whom He loves; and they consequently fear to offend Him, their Father; dishonour their gracious Saviour, or grieve the Holy Comforter. They fear lest they should be led astray from God, by their own hearts; by Satan; by professors; by the world; or any of the dispensations of providence. They fear to trust their own judgments; they reverence God's word; and dread a lukewarm state. Happy is the man who **THUS** feareth alway; he happily preserves a tender conscience; a humble mind; and a consistent walk. He proves his interest in all new-covenant blessings; has much to do with the blood of atonement; and enjoys a solid peace. He is in a happy state, standing high in the favour of God, walking in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, and keeping himself unspotted from the world. Oh, for godly fear to rule my heart, and preserve my goings!

*Fear Him, ye saints! and ye will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make ye His service your delight,—
He'll make your wants His care.*