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"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)

Vol. 30 No. 46 **LORD'S DAY 15 NOVEMBER 2026**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude	*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*
Call to Worship	Deuteronomy 32:1–4
Opening Hymn *	RHC 41 – *"Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne"*
Opening Prayer	Dn Jonathan Kim
Responsive Reading	Psalm 78
Second Hymn *	Psalm 78:1–4 *(To the tune of Ortonville, RHC 68)*
Scriptural Text	2 Corinthians 12:1–10
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Brian Harper
Sermon Message	***"The Want of Love"***
Closing Hymn *	RHC 332 – *"Moment by Moment"*
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 32

Q: What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A: They that are effectually called do in this life partake of JUSTIFICATION, ADOPTION, and SANCTIFICATION, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

Comments:

Faith in Christ insures certain blessings, some of which are enjoyed in this life, others in the world to come. Of these enjoyed in this life, justification, adoption, and sanctification are the chief, and are of such a nature as to hold within them, or bring along with them, every other blessing.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 1:30, Romans 8:30

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.

True Love

It was Hollywood at its best in 1956. The scene was of a honeymoon couple aboard a beautiful yacht, catching a summer's breeze at sunset. Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly were together. With concertina in hand, Bing broke out into song with "True Love". It was pure schmaltz!

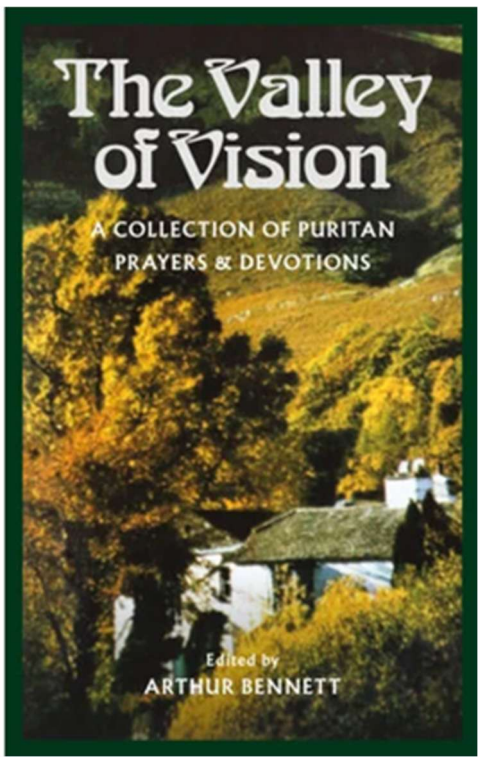
So what is "True Love"? Oh, not the song, but the reality?

The Gospel tells us that Jesus worked many miracles and so "many believed in His name" (John 2:23). To the multitudes, Jesus was thought worth following. But when we get to John chapter 6 we read that "Many of his followers went away and walked no more with him" (John 6:66). The point being that the multitude loved what He did for them but not who He would be to them, a Saviour and Lord. Their minds were on the material, not the spiritual.

The question therefore is clear. Do we love God for who He is to us, or for the things He provides for us? Loving God for who He is in Himself is true love. Furthermore, in receiving His love we know full well that His love for us is not due to what we have done for Him. We neither earn His love nor can we cajole it from Him. True love is "love for the loveless shown that they might lovely be". (Taken from the hymn "My Song is Love Unknown", written by Samuel Crossman in 1664.)

Here is an old Puritan prayer. Meditate upon it and make it a springboard for your own thoughts on the subject of love:

"Lord Jesus, Thou didst love me before I loved thee, an enemy, a sinner, a loathsome worm. Thou didst own me when I disclaimed myself; Thou dost love me as a son, and weep over me as over Jerusalem. Love brought thee from heaven to earth, from earth to the cross, from the cross to the grave. Love caused thee to be weary, hungry, tempted, scorned, scourged, buffeted, spat upon, crucified, and pierced. Love led thee to bow thy head in death. This love is not intermittent, cold, changeable; it does not cease or abate for all my enmity.



Let me see thy love everywhere, not only in the cross, but in the fellowship of believers and in the world around me. When I feel the warmth of the sun may I praise thee who art the Sun of righteousness with healing power. When I feel the tender rain may I think of the gospel showers that water my soul. When I walk by the river side may I praise thee for that stream that makes the eternal city glad, and washes white my robes that I may have the right to the tree of life. Thy infinite love is a mystery of mysteries, and my eternal rest lies in the eternal enjoyment of it." (Taken from "The Valley of Vision" published by the Banner of Truth)

PS. "The Valley of Vision" would make a lovely gift for someone this Christmas.

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
Morning Service Notes

"The Want of Love"
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Rev Brian D Harper
15th November 2026

Introduction:

1. **God's love manages the pain I feel:**

The scope of our trials.

The source of our trials

2. **God's love marks the path I take:**

God's strength in His work.

His right hand.

His left hand.

God's style of working.

3. **God's love makes the promises I claim:**

The sufficiency of God's grace.

The significance of God's will.

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
Bible Study Notes

"The Saviour's Seminar on Prayer (Part 3)"
Matthew 6:10

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1. **The Father's sovereign majesty:**

Displayed in Scripture.

Declared in Scripture.

2. **The Father's saving mercy:**

The depth of God's saving mercy.

The dynamic of God's saving might.

Revival: A sovereign work

A sudden work

A successful work

3. **The Father's subject's ministry:**

Commensurate with His coming.

Consistent with His commission.

Committed to His call.

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.

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" taken from Matthew 6:10.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This Week	Last Week
"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." **2 Corinthians 12:10**	*"The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."* **Psalm 46:7**

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 15th November

(written by Rev James Smith)

"For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee." Isaiah 30:19

WE are often very miserable, always very unworthy; but the Lord is very merciful, and He will be very gracious. He will glorify His grace before angels, men, and devils, in His exceeding kindness toward us; therefore if a sense of our deep depravity and entire unworthiness discourage us, let us appeal to the graciousness of our God, and rely on that. "He will be very gracious unto us at the voice of our cry; when He shall hear it, He will answer." He has said that when, forsaking our evil courses, we return unto Him, He will prove Himself gracious. "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am." Yea, He will prove Himself very gracious, for He says, "Before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear." Oh, the infinite grace of a gracious God! Lord, keep it uppermost in our minds, and before our eyes continually; let it be our encouragement under all the discoveries of depravity we make, and our comfort under all the trials we endure. Let us endeavour to give our God credit for being "VERY GRACIOUS."

What from Christ my soul shall sever, Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him forever, Thus the word of promise stands:
None shall pluck me, From the strength of Israel's hands.