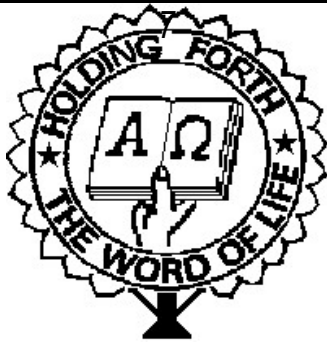




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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:6–7

Opening Hymn *

RHC 31 – “Blessed Be the Name”

Opening Prayer

Joey Seow

Responsive Reading

Psalm 65

Second Hymn *

Psalm 65:1–4

(To the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 194)

Scriptural Text

Haggai 1:1–11

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Sermon Message

“Check your priorities”

Closing Hymn *

RHC 405 – “Have I Done My Best for Jesus?”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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 18

Q: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell consists in the guilt of Adam’s first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgression which proceed from it.

Comments:

This answer tells us of the extent of the sinfulness which has been brought upon us through Adam’s fall. It tells us that this sinfulness consists of two parts – the sin of our natures, and the sin of our lives. The former is called original sin. The latter includes all the actual sins we commit. Original sin springs directly from our connexion with Adam. Actual sin springs directly from our own evil hearts.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 7:23, Matthew 15:19, Psalm 51:5

Dear brethren, starting this week, Rev Lim Chee Boon 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.

A BURDEN FOR THE UNSAVED **(ROMANS 9:1–5; 10:1–15)**

The past five to six years have been eventful. But these events are very sobering. COVID has taken away some 7 million lives worldwide. The wars between Ukraine and Russia, and Israel and Hamas, remained unabated. In these conflicts, there are many casualties. The El Niño effect brought chaos to the weather—flooding in some countries and extremely warm temperatures in other parts of the world. There are reports of people losing their lives because of climatic changes.

To bring perspective closer to home here in the UK, the country just had a new prime minister. Pray that he would be a better leader to take the nation out of the economic slump. The weather in the month of June and the first half of August has been very hot. The BBC News reported on 13 July 2026: “More than 2,700 people may have died from heat-related causes in England and Wales during the exceptionally hot weather in May and June, experts’ estimates suggest.” People’s lives are impacted by the wars and the weather.

When studying the book of Romans, we realize that chapters 9 to 11 break off from the flow of the writer’s thoughts. If the apostle Paul had proceeded straight from the end of chapter 8 to chapter 12, we would have been aware that there is no gap in his reasoning.

In chapters 1–8, Paul gives us the Christian doctrine, and in chapters 12–16 the Christian practices. In the parenthetical chapters, i.e., 9–11, he talks about the people of Israel, the Jews. In these three chapters, he tells us about Israel’s unbelief. As a nation and a race, Israel has rejected Jesus as the Messiah.

Paul says that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The Jews say no; salvation is by observing the law. To them, keeping the law is necessary for their salvation and righteousness. In the earlier chapters 1–8, Paul explicitly refuted the Jews’ erroneous concept of salvation. In chapter 1:16–17, he says,

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

The Jews’ rejection of the gospel resulted in a decrease in the number of Jewish Christians; on the contrary, the number of Gentile Christians flourished.

In the Scripture text, one thing that stands out in these verses is Paul’s burden for Israel. Most of his Jewish brethren had rejected Jesus as their Saviour. Paul was very concerned for their spiritual condition. He had great sorrow over the lost condition of his nation.

Are we concerned about the lost condition of our family members, colleagues, friends, our nations, and the world? For the most part, we are either not concerned about lost souls or we fail to translate that concern into action.

I) Paul’s burden for the unsaved.

Romans 9:2 “That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.” The intensity of Paul’s burden for lost souls is felt in these two words:

1. Heaviness is from the Greek word *lupe* meaning “the mourning for the lost of a loved one.”

2. Sorrow is from a word *odune* meaning a consuming pain, grief, and sorrow.

Have you ever felt the sinking of hearts when we hear some bad news about the people we loved and cared for? The rejection of the gospel message by the Jews caused Paul great heaviness and continual sorrow. He grieved over the spiritual deadness of the people. When the Jews reject and oppose the gospel, he becomes heavy hearted. His sorrow was not because of the feeling of personal rejection. It was a sorrow over what will happen to those who reject the Saviour. These people are heading towards a lost eternity.

When a person walks straight to a pothole, we will become very anxious. We want to warn him of the danger in front of him. We know that the unsaved are going to a godless eternity; does it not bother us? People cared so much for their pets and very little for their fellow human beings. May we also have the same burden for lost souls.

II) Paul developed a burden for the unsaved.

Paul had a burden for the salvation of his brethren. In Romans, we see that he developed that burden until it bore fruit—that is, people came to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Jonah went to Nineveh by God’s command. When the people repented, he was displeased. There was no genuine conviction in the heart of this servant of God. What should we do to have a burden for the unsaved? Paul shows us a few things:

1. We need to have love and the spirit of self-sacrifice. (Romans 9:3)

“For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.”

We see Paul’s love for his brethren. We also see his self-sacrifice. Though the statement in verse 3 is hypothetical in nature, Paul did really wish that he could be accursed on behalf of his people.

The word “accursed” is from the Greek word anathema, meaning “to set apart or devoted to destruction.” The unbelieving Jews were on their way to death and destruction, but Paul thought that if he could take their place of punishment, and in doing so, to save them, he is more than willing. He is willing to die for his people.

Moses was another classic example. In Exodus 32:31-32, *“And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sin a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin”—(at this point the sentence stops, and the translators end it with a dash).* They sense that there must have been a long silence at this point, or perhaps Moses had begun to weep for his people. He cried to God, *“and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.”*

The story of Abraham Bininger:

Bininger was a Swiss boy from Ulrich. Once he traveled with his parents to America and happened to be on the same ship as the famous preacher John Wesley. His father and mother both died while on the voyage and were buried at sea. He was alone when he arrived on a strange continent. When he became an adult, he asked to be sent to tell the story of the cross to the black slaves on St Thomas Island. These slaves were living in great misery and degradation. When he arrived on the island, he learned that a law had been passed that only a slave could preach to other slaves. So, he wrote to the governor, agreeing to become a slave for the rest of his life and serve faithfully, provided he could preach to the slaves in his free time. The governor sent his request to the King

of Denmark, who was so touched that he decreed that Abraham Bininger could preach to whomever he wished.

There is also a need to sacrifice. Jesus says to the sheep in Matthew 25, *"For I was an hungred and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in. Naked and ye clothed me, I was sick and ye visited me, I was in prison and ye came unto me."* (Matthew 25:35-36)

2. Paul prayed for his unsaved brethren. We ought also to pray earnestly for the lost souls. (Romans 10:1)

"Brethren my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."

How have we been praying for the unsaved loved ones? Let us pray like Moses—Lord, save our people. If you would not save them, blot me out of the book.

Some of you may think that we cannot pray in this manner. It is tempting God. But the Scripture does teach us importunate prayer. In Luke 18:1, Jesus spoke a parable, saying, "men ought always to pray and not to faint." "Faint" is an interesting word. It means to feel troublesome. We ought to pray always. It troubles God when we ask without ceasing. Some of us feel troublesome having to ask so many times. Jesus says, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

Then the Lord tells a story of the widow and the unjust judge. The judge would not avenge her of her enemies.

But she kept going to him until he eventually relented. We ought to pray till our loved ones get saved.

The story of Gipsy Smith (a British evangelist, 1860–1947):

His famous quote: "I'm God's messenger from the gipsy tent. And it's the message that's important, not the messenger. The way to Jesus is not by Cambridge and Oxford, Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Socrates, Plato, Shakespeare, or the poets—It is over an old-fashioned hill called Calvary." One day, his uncle Rodney called him, "How do you account for the fact that the knees of your trousers have worn nearly through, while the rest of the suit is almost like new?" Gipsy replied, "I have worn the knees through praying for you, Uncle Rodney." "I want so much to have God make you a Christian!" Uncle Rodney put his arm around Gipsy in a fatherly embrace, and a few moments later fell on his knees, confessing Christ as his Saviour.

Can we name at least three people that we are praying for to be saved? If not, we cannot truly say that we have a burden for souls. Psalm 126:5-6 *"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."*

What is true in the harvest field is also true in the work of evangelism. When Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. (Matthew 9:36) Do you feel Paul's emotion when he says, *"Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel"*? An atheist once said, "You Christians—see if I believe what you believe about hell; I would crawl on my hands and my knees across broken glass to the four corners of the world to warn people of it." The atheist spoke these words to our shame.

3. Paul went to the Gentile world to preach Christ. He undertook three missionary journeys recorded in the book of Acts. We need to go and bear witness to the gospel.

Romans 10:14-15 "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a

preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel and bring glad tidings of good things!"

You may not be called to be a missionary. All of us are called to preach the gospel to the unsaved. The Great Commission is for all Christians. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

"Creature"—a rabbinical usage (by which a man converted from idolatry to Judaism was called)

Read the poem "My Friend." Read it every day. Be challenged to speak to someone about Christ today.

My Friend
by D. J. Higgins

My friend, I stand in judgment now
And feel that you're to blame somehow
While on this earth I walked with you day by day
And never did you point the way
You knew the Lord in truth and glory
But never did you tell the story
My knowledge then was very dim
You could have led me safe to him
Though we lived together here on earth
You never told me of your second birth
And now I stand this day condemned
Because you failed to mention him
You taught me many things, that's true
I called you friend and trusted you
But now I learned, now it's too late
You could have kept me from this fate
We walked by day and talked by night
And yet you showed me not the light
You let me live, love and die
And all the while you knew I'd never live on high
Yes, I called you friend in life
And trusted you in joy and strife
Yet in coming to this end
I see you really weren't my friend

Conclusion:

The young salesman was disappointed about losing a big sale, and as he talked with his sales manager, he lamented, "I guess it just proves you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." The manager replied, "Son, take my advice: your job is not to make him drink. Your job is to make him thirsty." So, it is with evangelism. Our lives should be so filled with Christ that they create a thirst for the Gospel.

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 Lim Chee Boon to minister to us today. Rev Lim will be ministering to us until end September.

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 – Rev Lim will conduct the study from 1 John 1.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

"Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD."

Haggai 1:8

Last Week

"For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles;"

Malachi 1:11a

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 16th August

(written by Rev James Smith)

"And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses." Nehemiah 4:14

HE is the great author of your being, and the only proper object of your faith, fear, and worship. Remember the promises He has made, the deliverances He has wrought, the blessings He has conferred, the invitations He has given, and the relations He now fills. Remember Him in calamity, to trust Him; in prosperity, to praise Him; in danger, to call upon Him; in difficulty, to expect His interference. Remember to obey His commands; to attend to His exhortations; to keep His company; to seek His blessing; and to aim at His glory in all you do. Remember Him, for it is your duty; it is your privilege. Remember Him, in order to strengthen your faith; as an antidote to your fears; as a source of encouragement to your souls; and as a preventative to sin. Remember He is holy, just, and good; and He will be glorified in all them that draw nigh unto Him. Whatever or whoever you forget, always "remember the Lord." He is your life, your strength, your food, your portion, your God, your all. Remember Him, for He never forgets you; cleave to Him, for He will never forsake you.

*Oh, may I still from sin depart!
A wise and understanding heart,
Jesus, to me be given!
And let me through Thy Spirit know,
To glorify my God below,
And find my way to heaven.*