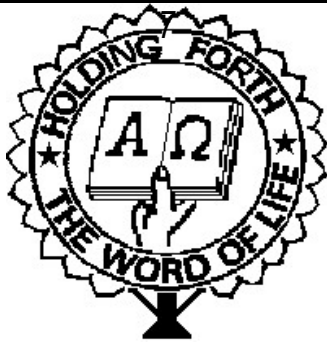




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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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LORD’S DAY 19 JULY 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 17:6–8

Opening Hymn *

RHC 347 – “Under the Care of My God, The Almighty”

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 61

Second Hymn *

Psalm 61:1–8

(to the tune of Cleansing Fountain, RHC 173)

Scriptural Text

Acts 14:19–23

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Foong Kon Yu

Sermon Message

“Strength Through Suffering”

Closing Hymn *

RHC 319 – “It Is Well with My Soul”

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 14

Q: What is sin?

A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the Law of God.

Comments:

We are here taught that there are two kinds of sins. The first consists in not doing what God commands; the second consists in doing what God forbids. Our first parents committed the latter.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 10:31, Luke 22:61

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.

Hand of God

In this FIFA World Cup tournament, fans of England and older fans would remember the term "Hand of God" referring to the infamous, illegal goal scored by Argentine footballer Diego Maradona against England in the 1986 quarterfinals. Maradona leaped and punched the ball past England goalkeeper Peter Shilton. The referee and linesmen missed the handball so the goal stood, giving Argentina a 1-0 lead. Maradona famously stated the goal was scored *"a little with the head of Maradona, and a little with the hand of God"*. Argentina went on to win the match 2-1 and eventually claim the World Cup that year. That is how the world remembered the perverted use of the term "hand of God".

Christians obviously refer to this biblical phrase as "blessings from God" or "help from God". God is a spirit and invisible so where are His hands? It is but an expression in human terms so that we can comprehend. Human mind is finite.

Creation can only be the handiwork of God's hands. Nothing else! The living organism is so intricate to the micro details that man only discovered a portion through years of hard research. Until modern time, man barely understand electrons, protons and even particles smaller than these. Today we are trying at best to imagine how vast is the universe. We cannot fathom how enormous the galaxies are nor how many stars are in existence despite man's claim of advanced equipment. We have not even measured how deep the waters is. Why is human so different and what is genetics? Why are there so many varieties of animals, plants and fish? Nobody understands because all these are created by hand of God.

The hand of God is powerful, Almighty! Invincible! It is strong enough to protect us from any harm and danger including that of the power of darkness and principalities. John 10:28-29 assures us that no one can pluck us out of His hand. He holds us fast and protects us from the wiles and evil plots both of man and the devil. We may have indescribable problems that no one seems to understand lest solving them. God knows everything and that He will stretch out His hand to protect and to guide. We travel in the comfort and in confidence knowing that underneath are His everlasting arms (Deuteronomy 33:27). We are safe! The same hand that guided the Jews out of Egypt, opening the Red Sea, providing food and protecting from the weather elements is the also guiding us. Yes, the same God and the same hands indeed.

Sitting or standing at the "right hand" symbolizes the highest honours, authority and ultimate victory. God grants us the opportunity to every faithful believer to be at His right hand. This is solely by the Grace and Mercy of God. On our own we cannot get even close to God.

Where and how do we get our daily bread and good health. What is the source? Our providence is from the hand of God. Psalms 145:16 *"Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing"*. We are unable to earn a living or have any gainful employment or business without the leading of God's hand. Without God we are helpless and life will be humdrum and meaningless. Our daily routine would be mundane, with nothing to live for as we eventually must come to term that life on this earth is only temporal for 60 to 80 years or a little more or less but our life here is full of misery and worry.

Remember that God is also Just. His mighty hand opposes sin and rebellion. Unless we repent and humble ourselves before Him, we are doomed to hell. He judges by the stroke of His hand. He too can lead us to Heaven and give us Eternal Life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour who extends His nail pierced hand to let us place ours on His. He holds our hand and leads us...

to Heaven. Who holds your hand? Be sure that yours is in the right hand, that of God. Thank you, God, for holding my hand.

Our Daily Walk

Daily Meditations and a Prayer for Each Day

By Dr F.B. Meyer

CHOSEN AND PLACED (19th July)

John 15:16 “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”

WE did not choose Him—there we have the evil of the human heart, the film of blindness which sin casts on the sight, the deafness with which it dulls the ear. For to have missed Jesus, to pass Him by, is as though the pearlhunter were unable to recognize the pearl of greatest price; or the mother to recognize her own babe; or the seeker after the holy grail to fail to discover its mystic sheen!

“But I have chosen you.” He chose us probably because we were useless and helpless, and He wanted to show what supreme miracles His grace could achieve. The prophet says that the branches of the vine are more useless than any others (Eze 16:1-5). The principle of God’s choice is to take what all others reject—the fire-brand plucked from the burning, the feebly-smoking tow, the bruised reed; the younger sons, the halt and lame, the last and least; the things that are foolish, despised, and weak—these are God’s choice, that He may bring to nought things that are, that no flesh may glory in His presence.

There was no error in the foreknowledge which preceded our election. God knew all that we were, all that we should be. He foresaw our down-sittings, our hours of depression, our obstinacy, our wanderings into the far country, but He swerved not. Having chosen us, He is going to justify His choice, unless we definitely refuse to let Him have his way.

“And ordained you.” Our Master has placed us just where we are, that He might have a suitable outlet for His abundant life, which He longs to pour forth upon the world. Do not repine or murmur at your lot in life, but remember that He has appointed and placed you there. As the branch is nailed to the wall that it may cover it with foliage and fruit, so Christ has placed you where you are. That inevitable circumstance is the rough piece of cloth, that sorrow is the nail, that pain the restraint such as He suffered on the Cross.

“That ye should go.” “Whither, Master?” “Into all the world, as My disciples! I have chosen you out of it and now I send you back as My representatives, through whom I may pour out My life and love. Go and bear fruit!”

PRAYER — *O Heavenly Master, enable us by Thy grace to fill the opportunity, and do the work that Thou hast assigned. May we not murmur or complain because our place is obscure and the time long, but bear much fruit for Thy glory. 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 11 to 14.

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

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (ECM) – Please note that an ECM will be held after the morning service on Sunday, 2nd August 2026.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:22

Last 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

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 19th July

(written by Rev James Smith)

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:" 1 Peter 1:8

WE have never seen the glorified body of Jesus, but we have believed what His word declares of Him, and believing we love Him. As the only-begotten Son of God, who was exalted, dignified, and glorified from everlasting; as the voluntary Saviour of poor lost sinners, who became incarnate, suffered, bled and died for them. We love His adorable person—His countenance is majesty—His heart is love—His hand is omnipotence—His eye is bountifulness—His bowels are compassion—and His presence and smile are heaven. We love His precious salvation—in its freeness—completeness—and glory. We love His delightful promises, which anticipate our wants—meet all our wishes—and fill our souls with peace. We love His throne, where He meets us—attends to our requests—and blesses us indeed. We love His holy precepts, which exhibit His authority—display His love—and call us to holiness. We love His heaven-born family, who wear His likeness—are the excellent of the earth—and resemble the children of a king. Oh to love Him more! To love Him with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength! To manifest our love to Him by holy actions, and a useful life!

*A bleeding Saviour, seen by faith;
A sense of pardoning love;
A hope that triumphs over death,
Give joys like those above.*