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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 26 APRIL 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:5–8

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 86 – *“Safely Through Another Week”*

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 50

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 50:1–9 (First Version)

(to the tune of Trentham, RHC 240)

Scriptural Text

John 11:1–45

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Brian Harper

Sermon Message

“Blessed are they that mourn”

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 11 – *“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”*

*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 2

Q: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Comments:

The last answer tells us *the end for which we are made*; this tells us *where to find directions for attaining that end*. We could not know of ourselves how to serve God. But God has told us. He has told us in the Bible. To it, therefore, we must go in order to learn the way of duty.

Scriptural Reference:

2 Timothy 3:16, Ephesians 2:20

Dear brethren, this week's article is the continuation of the series of articles on The Beatitudes written by Rev Brian Harper specially for our edification.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted

I probably don't need to tell you that much of what we considered last Sunday from Matthew 5:3 being "poor in spirit" is contrary to almost everything we see in the world around us. The people of this world structure their lives around ignoring and avoiding the whole idea of feeling bad about their sin. Much sin in our society is not grieved; it is not disapproved of. They laugh at sin and scoff at those who shun sin, calling them prudes or kill-joys.

But for the follower of Jesus, the fact of sin not only leads to confession, but to contrition, to regret, to sorrow, to sadness, and in the word found in Matthew 5:4, to "mourning". Mourning for their own sin; mourning for their neighbour's sin; mourning for their nation's sin.

Now this term "mourning" is a very strong term. John MacArthur noted that in Greek, there are nine words that express sorrow, but that "of the nine terms used for sorrow, the one used here in Matthew 5:4 is the strongest, the most severe. It represents the deepest, most heartfelt grief, and was generally reserved for grieving over the death of a loved one. For example: It describes the mourning of Abraham for his wife Sarah (Gen. 23:2) and Jacob mourning for his son Joseph, whom he thought had been killed (Gen. 37:34, 35). It is also applied to grievous situations, such as Daniel mourning over Israel's sin for 3 entire weeks (Dan. 10:1), Ezra mourning over the unfaithfulness of the exiles in marrying foreign women (Ezra 10:6) and Nehemiah mourning over the great distress of the remnant who were back in Jerusalem (Neh. 1:4)".

Therefore, what characterises the life that the Lord approves of and considers "blessed"? In the words of the Scripture, it is one where a person realises the fact that sin is personal, for "all have sinned". In addition, it is one where a person recognises that the focus of their sin is not merely horizontal, but vertical. For sin, no matter what style or shape, is always against God. Therefore, the life that finds divine approval is one where a person is grieved and is moved to mourning on account of their wilful action or attitude to God; the God who "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Finally, in response to that glorious news, the person turns from their sin to God and trusts in His word and work, thereby rejoicing in a forgiveness so plentiful and profitable, for Jesus said "...they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4).

Such is the life that finds the blessing of God. Such is the Christian's life. Such is the paradox of Christian experience, grief and grace together!

What do you see when you look up to the sky on a winter's morning? Most likely heavy, dark, threatening clouds hanging just above your head. But on a summer's morn, the air is clear, the sky is blue, the clouds have gone. What a difference a day makes! So too the forgiveness of sins. What a comfort, what joy, what happiness, what blessedness. Our sins have been swept away. Not a cloud remains. The warmth of God's love comes into our hearts and the sun of His countenance shines upon us.

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
“Blessed are they that mourn” (The Beatitudes – Part 3)
Rev Brian D Harper
26th April 2026

Introduction:

1. Grief and godliness go together:

The paradox of our Christian experience.

The purpose of our Christian experience.

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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2. Grief and grace go together:

The grace of contrition.

The grace of confession.

The grace of contemplation.

3. Grief and glory go together:

What awaits us today?

What awaits us tomorrow?

MEMORY VERSE	
This Week <i>“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”</i> Matthew 5:4	Last Week <i>“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”</i> Matthew 5:3

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 the end May.

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 – For the duration of Rev Harper's ministry, he will be conducting the study on Philippians. This week's study is taken from Philippians 2:19–30.

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

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 26th April

(written by Rev James Smith)

"Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!" John 19:5

JESUS is presented before thee crowned with thorns, scourged, with His face so marred more than any man's. His blood is flowing, His heart is breaking, and He is a Man of sorrows. Behold Him, then, for in this man, under these circumstances, dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. In Him the love of God centered and shone forth. He is the only foundation of His church's hopes, the only source of eternal salvation.

He is Jehovah's first born, His only begotten Son, the express image of His person. He is thy Substitute, Surety, and Redeemer. He is the holy, harmless, and undefiled Lamb of God; taking away the sin of the world. Behold Him, for He here discloses the depth of His love; and teaches thee patience, meekness, and resignation under insult, suffering, and disgrace. Oh, behold Jesus, and be ashamed of complaining, of repining, or indulging any revengeful feelings. Behold and imitate! Behold, and love! Behold, and adore!

*Wounded head! back ploughed with furrows! Visage marr'd! behold the Man!
Eyes how dim, how full of sorrows! Sunk with grief, behold the Man!
Lamb of God, led to the slaughter! Melted, poured out like water:
Should not love my heart inflame, Viewing Thee, Thou slaughter'd Lamb!*