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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude	*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*
Call to Worship	Psalm 84:1–4
Opening Hymn *	RHC – *"Pressing On"*
Opening Prayer	Mr Joey Seow
Responsive Reading	Psalm 80
Second Hymn *	Psalm 80:4–7 *(To the tune of Beatitudo, RHC 63)*
Scriptural Text	Luke 23:27-47
Pastoral Prayer	Dr David Allen
Sermon Message	***"A TALE OF TWO THIEVES"***
Closing Hymn *	RHC 420 – *"I Surrender All"*
Benediction/3-Fold Amen *	Dr David Allen
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 34

Q: What is adoption?

A: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number – and have a right to all the privileges – of the SONS OF GOD.

Comments:

Adoption denotes the taking of a child who is a stranger into a family, and treating him as a member of it. Such is the adoption meant here. It too, like justification, is an act of pure favour on God's part, and confers blessings to which we had lost all claim. It confers upon us both the *rank* and *rights* of children, and makes us feel that we have both a *place* and a *portion as sons* in God's family.

Scriptural Reference:

1 John 3:1, Romans 8:17

Dear brethren, this week's article is written by Rev Jack Sin taken from Sovereign Hope B-P Church's bulletin dated 8th November 2026. This is reproduced for our edification.

God's Special Gifts to His Covenant People



Our Almighty God has not only redeemed us through Christ our Sin-Bearer on the Cross, but He has endowed us with certain intangible gifts or spiritual benefits. Consider the following:

He Gives Serenity. *'Fear thou not; for I am with thee'* (Isa 41:10).

Many Christians in this stressful life often lack the peace of heart and mind that God has for them. They fail to seek His peace by faith. The assurance of God's presence brings peace. He promised, *'I am with thee'* (Isa 41:10). Let us believe it. Receive God's peace today (Jn 14:27).

Peace is a precious and rare commodity today as nations crave for it. When we have Christ, we have the peace of God and the peace with God. Isa 26:3-4 says, *'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.'* In John 14:27, Jesus says, '*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'* In a world of unrest and confusion, God's peace is desperately needed today. Be ye reconciled with God first today to have this peace.

He Gives Security. *'Be not dismayed; for I am thy God'* (Isa. 41:10).

Safety is of utmost importance to all Many people try to seek out security by acquiring substantial bank accounts, stocks and bonds, real estate holdings, and cars, but still feel insecure. Terrorism is real today as we travel globally and fear is all around us. Security is not found in temporal accumulations, but in the Almighty God who created the heavens and the earth. He said, *'I am thy God'* (Isa. 41:10). That is true security (Phil. 4:19). God is our Rock and Fortress, and we are saved and safe in Him.

Safety is not found in numbers nor fire alarm or insurance, and bodyguards. Psa 121:6-7 says, *'The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.'* Martin Luther says of the Lord during his darkest hour during the 16th Century Reformation as his Rock and Fortress in Psa 46:1 which says, *'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.'* We are not only saved; we are also safe in the arms of Jesus. (Deut 33:27)

He Gives Strength. *'I will strengthen thee'* (Isa. 41:10).

Many Christians fall short because they lack the strength to perform the tasks God has given them to do. We must accept by faith and with thanksgiving the strength God has promised to give us. Phil 4:13 says, *'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'*

We are often feeble and weak creatures, but God's strength is made perfect in our infirmities. 2Cor 12:9 says, *'And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.'* God is our strength in times of our great temptation and weakness,

and He will keep and preserve us from falling and protect us from all evil and harm and we will not fear nor fret. Remember Isa 40:31 which says, *'But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.'*

He Gives Stamina. *'Yea, I will help thee'* (Isa.41:10; 40:37).



Stamina means: *"staying power, endurance"* according to Webster dictionary. God did not promise an easy life on earth, but He did promise to help us through hardships. We must rely on His Spirit and His Word and believe that He is able to help us always when we Trust in Him (Isa. 41:13). We need to press on patiently and not give up easily in this pilgrimage.

One of the things that we need daily is perseverance or endurance in our race of life. Heb 12:1-2 says, *'Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.'* God gives us spiritual, energy and stamina in the pilgrimage of life as we walk, run and look up to Him as our Guide and Perfector of our Faith.

He Gives Stability. *'Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness'* (Isa. 41:10).

Many Christians are often spiritually weak and unstable due to manifold infirmities and temptation. They often rely only on their own strength and failed many times. The lasting stability comes from God. He has promised to 'uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness' (Isa. 41:10). **We need to keep on praying, trusting, and obeying God and He will do the rest. He is our great stabilizing force in a capricious world. We trust the Lord for He is our reliable Refuge and dwelling place through all generations.**

We live in a world that is unstable world and it is affected by many calamities of life, and we are at the mercy of both man and nature. But God is sovereign over all things as Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He gives us a sense of eternal stability in a ever changing world. We need not fear the future nor the past if God is with us (Matt 28:20, Jos 1:9).

Conclusion

Do you have inner and lasting peace today? Let us look to and depend on the Lord for His daily grace and strength. Only Jesus Christ, the true Saviour can give us the eternal things when we trust in Him alone! Thank God for the precious gifts from above that give us an everlasting sense of comfort and joy as we walk and complete this treacherous journey towards the celestial city in His sovereign time.

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 Dr David Allen to minister to us today.

Next Sunday, Rev Brian Harper will be ministering to us.

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 – Dr Allen will conduct the study on "LET US" taken from Romans 13:1-14.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This Week	Last Week
"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." **Luke 23:43**	*"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"* **Ephesians 5:19**

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 29th November

(written by Rev James Smith)

"I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses." Isaiah 63:7

WHAT subject so suited as this to engage the thoughts, fill the memory, and flow from the lips of the Lord's people? Let us mention the provision made for all His poor, for all their wants; the promises given to all His people, comprehending all their desires; the prayers answered in all times of trial, granting relief and defence. Let us mention the lovingkindness of the Lord to those who are seeking Him, it will encourage them; to those who are complaining, it may silence them; to those who are tempted, it will support them; to those who have backslidden, it will convince, and perhaps restore them. Let us speak of His kindness to ourselves, to check murmuring, produce gratitude, and raise hope. Let us mention the lovingkindness of the Lord, at the Lord's throne, in pleading and intercession; and prayer and expostulation; in praise and thanksgiving. Let us often speak one to another, and let this be our daily subject, "THE LOVING-KINDNESS OF THE LORD" This will comfort, strengthen, and sanctify our minds; it will bring us peace.

We'll speak of all He did, and said, And suffer'd for us here below;
The path He mark'd for us to tread, And what He's doing for us now;
Discarding every worldly theme, Our conversation fill'd with Him.