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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 31 MAY 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 8

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 49 – *"How Great Thou Art"*

Opening Prayer

Joey Seow

Responsive Reading

Psalm 55

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 55:1–9

(to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

Scriptural Text

2 Corinthians 5:1–21

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Brian Harper

Sermon Message

"Blessed are the peacemakers"

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 546 – *"For All the Saints"*

*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 7

Q: What are the decrees of God?

A: The decrees of God and his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Comments:

The decrees of God are *his purposes*, or *what he has from eternity determined to do*. And this answer tells us that God has so appointed everything that comes to pass. Nothing happens by chance. Everything is arranged upon a plan, and that plan is the plan of God. He makes all things work together for good to them that love him, and for evil to them that hate him.

Scriptural Reference:

Isaiah 40:13, 14, Romans 8:28, Matthew 10:29

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 the peacemakers: for they shall be called the sons of God

It has been said that there are three kinds of “peace”. There is “circumstantial” peace, an absence of distractions, or turmoil, or conflicts in our external ‘circumstance’.

Then there is “internal” peace. “Internal” peace would be calmness and tranquillity within; a sense of personal serenity and well-being.

Thirdly, there is “relational” peace. “Relational” peace is reconciliation between myself and others with whom I have been alienated. It is the removal of barriers between me and other people.

So, what is the kind of peace that Jesus is speaking about? It should be obvious that we can never make a lasting “circumstantial” peace in a fallen world that God Himself says will have no peace. And we can never make “internal” peace for ourselves or within others; it is a gift of God through Jesus Christ. It's the fruit of the Holy Spirit living in us (Gal. 5:22-23) and not a product of our own efforts.

Therefore, what is the role of a “Peacemaker”?

It is to announce the good news that we can have a relationship with God; that is, peace with God. Peace with God means the full removal of the barrier of sin that stands between us and the holy God who made us. Until that sin that causes the enmity to exist between us and God is removed, there can be no “relational” peace between a man and God. But praise God! – the cause of that enmity is removed by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for our sins. When we believe in Him, Christ's righteous obedience is credited to us by grace, so that God can declare us justified. This is peace with God (Rom. 5:1).

Therefore as “Peacemakers” we appeal to men and women, boys and girls: “Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor.5:20). Know the peace of God in the midst of every circumstance. Enjoy that inner peace from God that passes all understanding, and delight in the fact that the God of Peace will smile upon you, owning you as His beloved child.

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the sons of God”

(The Beatitudes – Part 8)

Rev Brian D Harper

31st May 2026

Introduction:

1. The making of a peacemaker:

Their conversion.

Their consecration.

2. The ministry by a peacemaker:

Their appointment.

Their appeal.

3. The message to a peacemaker:

Their privilege.

Their prospects.

MEMORY VERSE	
This Week <i>“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”</i> Matthew 5:9	Last Week <i>“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”</i> Matthew 5:8

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 **2:00pm**. 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.

Starting next week, Eld Foong Kon Yu will be ministering to us until end July/early August. Pray for journey mercies – Eld and Mrs Foong will arrive on Thursday.

Lord's Supper, 7 June – We will be observing the Lord's Supper next Sunday.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

After-Service Fellowship / Carry-In Lunch – Please join us for lunch after our morning worship service. Thanks to all who have contributed to the lunch.

Afternoon Bible Study, 2:00pm – Rev Harper will conclude the study on Philippians. This week's study is taken from Philippians 4:20–23.

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 2:00pm.

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 31st May

(written by Rev James Smith)

"The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble." Proverbs 12:13

THE Lord's people are justified by grace, through faith, in the righteousness of Jesus; and all who are thus justified are created anew, have immortal principles of holiness and justice implanted in their hearts, so that they hate sin, follow holiness, and walk uprightly. Sin has not dominion over them, nor will they be slaves to lust. They meet with many troubles, they have to pass through fire and water, but they shall come out into a wealthy place. They shall not perish in their affliction, for the Lord upholdeth them with His hand.

Beloved, look beyond your present trials; remember if you suffer as a Christian, you suffer with Christ; and if you suffer, you shall also reign with Him. Your God is able to deliver; He has promised to do so; trust in Him without wavering; yield not to temptation; avoid the appearance of evil; and your God will bring you out of trouble. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday. You shall also forget your misery, or remember it as waters that pass away. Present troubles will end in everlasting peace.

*Millions who now His throne surround,
Here sought relief, here mercy found;
The Lord dispell'd their gloomy fears,
Heal'd all their wounds, and dried their tears;
And thou shalt also mercy find,
For God is faithful, just, and kind.*