



# NEW LIFE

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

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 15:1-5	Psalm 134
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 5 – “Command Thy Blessing From Above”	RHC 217 – “Rejoice – the Lord Is King!”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 90	Leviticus 20:1-27
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 90 verses 1-4, 11-12</i> (to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)	RHC 246 – “Open My Eyes, That I May See”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 137 – “Thanks to God”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 12:46-50	Exodus 20:13
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Family of God</i>	<i>The Sixth Commandment - Capital Punishment</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 261 – “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”	RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>Lord Dismiss Us (stanzas 1 &amp; 4)</i>

\* 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.

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, 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.

**Church Theme 2011 – “Continue in the Word” – 2 Timothy 3:14**

## BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 35

We have studied from Romans 8:26 in the previous article. We have learnt that it is both a blessing and a privilege to be able to pray. While we are praying, the Spirit of God helps and assists us. In such a way, through prayers, we experience the presence and guidance of the Spirit of God. It is no wonder that all men and women used by God greatly have been people who have given themselves to prayer.

Eighth, Paul prayed for his people, Israelites in Romans 10:1, “Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.” More specifically, I may say that he prayed for the salvation of the lost in Israel. In order to understand the extent, depth, and intensity of his prayer, we should read through the whole section of chapters 9-11. (1) The foremost concern in his prayer is for the lost state of his people. Romans 9:1-5, “I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, <sup>2</sup> That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: <sup>4</sup> Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.” (a) He was sincere in his desire for the salvation of his people. He says that his conscience bears witness in the Holy Spirit about his concern for them. (b) His concern became a heavy burden and a continual sorrow in his heart. He had an unceasing and constant reminder that his people were lost. The burden/pain in his heart was great or severe. It shows the level of intensity in his prayer for them. (c) He even desired to put himself under the curse of God, if it could bring them to the grace of salvation. (2) His prayer also is deeply rooted in the theology of God's sovereignty. His longing and desire to see their salvation did not bring him to a place of misunderstanding, complaint, or misjudgment of God's grace. Instead, he believed and confessed the theology of the sovereignty of God. Paul's undeniable theology of the sovereignty of God is deeply embedded in Romans 9:18-22, “Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth. <sup>19</sup> Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? <sup>20</sup> Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus? <sup>21</sup> Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? <sup>22</sup> *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.” It indicates that he prayed based on good theology and brought glory to God. (3) He prayed according to the knowledge of God. Paul lamented that though the children of Israel were zealous in their religion, they did not serve God according to the correct knowledge of Him.

(4) He prayed according to the will of God. Though he wanted them to be saved and they were rebellious against God, he knew and believed that God would not forsake them forever. He believed in the restoration of the nation of Israel. Romans 11:2 says, “God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying.” The knowledge of the will of God did not make him in despair, but to the contrary he prayed in hope, hope in God. How important it is to pray in hope. Hope in God provides us with sustaining grace in times of troubles. While praying, we will not easily give up. We must not forget that Jesus taught his disciples about persistent prayers in Luke 18b, “. . . men ought always to pray, and not to faint. How can we do it, if there is no hope in God?”

(5) His prayer ends with praises and glory to God in Romans 11:33-36, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! <sup>34</sup> For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? <sup>35</sup> Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? <sup>36</sup> For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen." His prayer ends with his acknowledgement of God. He is rich in wisdom and knowledge. His ways are unsearchable. Everything is from Him and to Him. In a way, his deep theology and the knowledge of God made his prayer even deeper and richer than anyone else's. (6) He prayed with great compassion for his people and passion for their salvation. All he desired was to see them come to Christ for salvation. In a way, though he was an apostle to the gentiles, he was still a Jew. He had not forgotten the heritage by blood.

Ninth, Paul requested the believers in Rome to pray for him in Romans 15:30-33, "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me; <sup>31</sup> That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which *I have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; <sup>32</sup> That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. <sup>33</sup> Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen." (1) This prayer reminds us that we ought to pray for the ministers of God's Word. Their work is of the Lord, and they cannot go by themselves. We may need to be reminded that churches were behind Paul's ministry. There were a sending church and also helping churches. Pray for pastors, preachers, Bible teachers, missionaries, or evangelists. Oh, we may need to include Sunday school teachers, too. (2) Paul requested them to pray for his deliverance from the hands of the unbelievers. We know that he suffered so much at the hands of the enemies of the Gospel. Examples are plenteous in 2 Corinthians 11:23-30. Pastors are not above ordinary human beings. They are required for our assistance through prayers. (3) Paul also wanted to be prayed for in order that he might be able to edify the fellow believers. He wished that his ministry would be acceptable to the saints in Jerusalem. Besides his humble request to pray for him, we cannot but notice his humility. He was an apostle of Jesus Christ. However, he did not take it for granted that his service will be accepted by the saints. It is almost like his humble desire was to get approval from the fellow believers. There is no sense of pride or arrogance from the office of his apostleship. (4) Paul wanted their prayers that he might do everything according to the will of God. He wanted to visit Rome to see them. However, his wishes could not go before the will of God. Thus, he requested them to pray that he might come to see them with joy by the will of God. We must notice that, as for Paul, the will of God was everything. He became an apostle according to the will of God. He was appointed to be an apostle to the Gentiles according to the will of God. Even for a trip to Rome in order to fellowship with the saints in the city, he desired to find the will of God. It teaches us that we ought to pray for our ministers to do everything according to the will of God, not their will. (5) Paul requested them to pray that he might be refreshed with them. He desired to rest with them. From this particular prayer request, I do find even more humility from him. He was not a kind of person who was aloof from the people and wanted to be treated as special. He wanted to have fellowship with the saints in Rome, to find some rest by being together with them. (6) Lastly, having requested them to pray for him, he now took an opportunity to pray for them, "Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen." I am sure that he really meant what he prayed for them. He knew that persecutions were on the rise against them in Rome. It was a real pastoral prayer for the saints.

Lovingly,

*Your Pastor*

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME			
Fri 07 Oct	7:30pm	<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b> Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.			
Sat 08 Oct	4:00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b>				
<b>Next Lord's Day</b>		<i>Morning Service</i> <i>Evening Service</i>				
<b>Preacher</b>		Rev Timothy Ki                      Rev Timothy Ki	<b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>			
<b>Message</b>		Grace and Means of                      The Sixth Salvation                      Commandment				
<b>Text</b>		Matthew 28:18-20;                      Exodus 20:13 1 Corinthians 11:23-26				
<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			<b><u>TODAY: 02/10/2011</u></b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of the Church."</li> <li>• <b>Saturday Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Tom</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are/will be on travel:</b> Jia Yun, Sonia, Chin Kiong &amp; Eunice, Constance, Elisabeth.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta.</li> <li>• <b>Lord's Supper:</b> We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared.</li> <li>• <b>Baptism of Alan and Naomi Blaney:</b> Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011</li> </ul>			<b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Joy <b>Pianist:</b> Anthony <b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / Evelyn <b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan / Joy <b>Lunch:</b> Mrs Ki <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Lee Wei			
			<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 09/10/2011</u></b>			
			<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Joy <b>Ushers:</b> John / Constance <b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan / Joy <b>Lunch:</b> Mrs Ki <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Brian			
			<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £664.55, Lunch: £57.40 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 33 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 3 (C)			
			<b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 92</b>			<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>
			<b>Q: What is a sacrament?</b> <i>A: A Sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by CHRIST, wherein, – by sensible signs – Christ, and the benefits of the New Covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.</i>			<b>Last Week</b> <i>"Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;"</i> <b>Psalm 46:2</b>
			<u>Comments:</u> We are here taught that the marks of a sacrament are: 1. That it is appointed by Christ; 2. That it is a way of teaching the gospel by <i>outward signs</i> . Its uses are three in number: 1. To <i>represent</i> the gospel to us, or teach it plainly; 2. To <i>seal</i> the gospel to us, or confirm our faith in it; 3. To <i>apply</i> the gospel to us, or bring it home to our hearts. The word <i>sacrament</i> is derived from a Latin word, which signified the sacred oath of fidelity to his commander, which the soldier took on entering the army for the service of his country. In a Christian sense, it means the vow of fidelity and obedience to Christ which is taken when we enter the Church. This vow was taken for us in Baptism, when we were infants. In the Lord's Supper, we take it upon ourselves.			<b>This Week</b> <i>"Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof."</i> <b>Psalm 46:3</b>
<u>Proofs:</u> Genesis 17:10, Romans 4:11			<b>Next Week</b> <i>"There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High."</i> <b>Psalm 46:4</b>			