



# 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

#### Morning Service – 11am

#### The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn \*

Opening Prayer \*

Gloria Patri \*

Responsive Reading

Second Hymn \*

Announcements & Memory Verse

Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \*

Scriptural Text

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Message

Closing Hymn \*

Benediction/3-Fold Amen \*

Postlude

\* Congregation Stands

#### Evening Service – 4pm

#### Glory Be to the Father

Isaiah 40:10-11

RHC 226 – "The Lord Is King!"

John Poh

Psalm 27

RHC 165 – "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

John Poh

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1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Rev Lim Chee Boon

**Faith is the Victory**

RHC 441 – "Faith Is the Victory"

Rev Lim Chee Boon

*May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour*

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

**Church Theme 2012 – "Have a Mind to Work" – Nehemiah 4:6**

# **MAKING WISE CHOICES**

Life is filled with many choices, choices that affect us on an everyday basis in everything we do. That means our everyday choices are not without significance. Our choices affect us and others in dramatic ways whether we see it immediately or not.

Making choices in many occasions is not an easy matter. We fear to make a wrong choice. A wrong choice may bring sorrow and pain. The effect is felt by the person who made the choice and sometimes also by others who are closed or related to him.

However we must not be intimidated from making choices, for even a failure to make choices is a choice itself. Dr William James (a pioneering American psychologist and philosopher) says, "When you have to make a choice and don't make it, that is in itself a choice."

We should be making choices conscientiously. The best guide to making choices is to know what God's word says about it. For this reason, every Christian ought to be a diligent student of the Word. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2 : 15).

## **A. We need to make wise choices.**

In Ephesians 5 : 15 – 18 Paul teaches the necessity of making wise choices. He gives the reasons for many wise choices as:

### **1. We need to make wise choice because it spares us from making mistakes and thereby suffer the consequence of the mistakes.**

Ephesians 5 : 15 "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise."

The Bible says that a wise man sees danger and he will avoid, but a fool heads straight into it. The foolish man builds his house on the sand. This man will suffer the consequence of his imprudent choice. When the rain and the flood come, the house built on the sand will collapse.

We have read in the newspaper on many occasions that a drunkard regrets for the rest of his life for killing a pedestrian through drink driving. The driver has made an irresponsible choice and his action will affect others and also himself for a long time.

### **2. We need to make wise choices because it saves time.**

Ephesians 5 : 16 "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

We are living in the end time. Paul calls the last days as perilous time. Satan and the world want to pull the Christians away from God. Many times they do it by the wrong decision we made.

A pastor took 15 years to realize that he was wrong to leave the service of the Lord. He was doing business rather than being the business of God. It was a choice he made 15 years ago that he is regretting now.

### **3. We need to make wise choices because it is God's will**

Ephesians 5 : 17 - 18 "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." (verses 17 and 18)

The word "excess" comes from the Greek *asōtia* meaning profligacy or prodigality. In the parable of the prodigal son, the younger son took his share of the inheritance and went to live a wanton life. Soon he was in abject poverty and he returned to his father's house.

The prodigal son made an imprudent choice and was clearly out of the will of God. The will of God is we make wise choices. A wise choice will honour God and benefit others whom we are closed or related to.

Wisdom comes from the fear of the Lord. May we always be asking God to enable us to be prudent in our choices? (James 1 : 5)

Eleanor Roosevelt (wife of American President Franklin D. Roosevelt) has these words to say about making choices: "One's philosophy is not best expressed in words. It is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility."

Dear Ladies,

I wish to express my warmest thanks to you, on behalf of my wife, my son and myself, for the love gift that you sent us last week. This meant a great deal to us as a family as an expression of your love for the Lord's cause, and your prayerful concern that the Lord would raise up preachers of His word.

We are currently awaiting the Lord's guidance as to His will for us, that He would guide us to a ministry in which we may be useful in His service, as I have now finished my Seminary studies. It is therefore a time where we did appreciate the practical help that you sent us, and we would appreciate your ongoing prayers that the Saviour would make us useful in the advancement of His kingdom.

We wish you every blessing in your ongoing witness for the Lord's cause in London, and pray that He would work through the ministry of your church to the salvation of many souls.

For your interest, I attach a recent photograph of my wife Esther and myself, with our little son James William, on the day of his baptism.

With warmest regards and thanks,

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# 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
Wed 19 Dec	No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Fri 21 Dec	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 22 Dec	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon	<b>TODAY: 16/12/2012</b>
<b>Message</b>	This is My Beloved Son	Jesus, Full of Grace and Truth	<b>Chairman:</b> John
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 17:1-9	John 1:1-18	<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Rev Lim will continue his study on the book of Matthew.</li> <li><b>Christmas Service (25/12 @ 10am):</b> Do invite your family and friends to join the service.</li> <li><b>Christmas Lunch next week:</b> There will be a Christmas lunch next week. Please see Sis. Maureen if you would like to help cook.</li> <li><b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Tom, Nina, Helen, Elizabeth, Alan &amp; Abigail.</li> <li><b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Sonia, Nana, Matthew, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Margaret, Rev Lim &amp; family, Joy &amp; Jasmine, Hannah, Justin, Yangfan, Sarah, Rachael.</li> <li><b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta.</li> <li><b>Condolences:</b> to Patricia and her family for the loss of her uncle.</li> </ul>			
<b>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday:</b> £1232.40, Lunch: £58.00, Kenya: £21.00 <b>Attendance - Morning:</b> 32 (A) 6 (C), <b>Evening:</b> 18 (A) 3 (C)			
<b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 48</b>			
<b>Q: What are we specially taught by these words, 'before me', in the First Commandment?</b> <i>A: These words – 'BEFORE ME' – in the First Commandment, teach us, That God who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of HAVING ANY OTHER GOD.</i>			
<u>Comments:</u> The special reason here given why we should observe this commandment is, that God, who seeth all things, keeps an eye especially on the breaking of this commandment, and punishes the offence with his sorest displeasure.			
<u>Proofs:</u> Psalm 44:20, 21; Romans 1:20, 21			

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"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."</i></p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 12:9</b></p>	<p><i>"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."</i></p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 12:10</b></p>	<p><i>"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."</i></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 15:10</b></p>