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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>	Isaiah 60:19-22	Psalms 108:1-4
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 23 – <i>"O Splendour of God's Glory Bright"</i>	RHC 66 – <i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Joel Benjamin
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Apostle's Creed *</i>	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalms 28	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 28 verses 6-9</i> (to the tune of Camp Meeting, RHC 315)	---
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Joel Benjamin
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 461 – <i>"O Zion, Haste"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Malachi 1:1-5	John 19:32-40
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Does God Really Love Me?</i>	<i>What Do We Do with Human Corpses?</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 397 – <i>"Behold the Amazing Gift"</i>	RHC 240 – <i>"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"</i>
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</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.

*"Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" - 2 Peter 3:18*

# CONTENTMENT

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly, Sunday 7th August 2016

Most dictionaries define contentment as “the state of being mentally or emotionally satisfied with things as they are.” Today it is rare that we find anyone who is truly content with his or her condition in life. The Bible has a great deal to say about contentment, as being satisfied with what we have, who we are, and where we are going. Lord Jesus said, *“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? (Matthew 6:25).*

In essence, Lord Jesus is telling us to be content with what we have. Moreover, He has given us a direct command not to worry about the things of this world. Then Lord Jesus adds, *“(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:32-33).* From Lord Jesus’ words, we can deduce that lack of contentment is sin and it puts us in the same category as those who do not know God.

The awfulness of the love of money is rarely preached these days. Lord Jesus referred to this subject so often in His discourses. Apostle John did not mix up his words when he said, *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him (1John 2:15).* We cannot serve God and money at the same time. We will either hate the one and love the other, or be loyal to the one and despise the other *(Matthew 6:24).* We are warned in *1 Timothy 6:10-11, For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience meekness.*

The apostle Paul was a man who suffered and went without the comforts of life more than most people could ever imagine *(2 Corinthians 11:23-28).* Yet he knew the secret of contentment: *“I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:12-13).* The writer to the Hebrews adds, *“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me (Hebrew 13:- 5-6).* Yet people continue to seek after more of the things of this world, never contented with their lot in life.

The desire to become rich is only natural. But we must overcome it, realising its eternal worthlessness (*Proverbs 23:4*). *1 Timothy 6:6-8* tells us, “*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*” Solomon, the wisest and richest man who ever lived, said, “*He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity (Ecclesiastes 5:10).*”

To worry means we do not trust God. The key to overcoming our discontentment and lack of faith is to find out who God really is and how He has been faithful to supply the needs of His people in the past. Such study will grow one’s confidence and trust for the future. The apostle Peter said it succinctly: “*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time (1 Peter 5:6-7).*”

The nature of man will never be contented unless God has given us new life and the Holy Spirit that will guide us so that we will not lust after the things of the world. Lack of contentment came as a result of the fall of man, which led to the image of God being lost.

Covetousness is idolatry in the eyes of God (*Colossians 3: 5b*). “*Be content with such things as you have*” means that for the believers, such should be our trust and confidence in God that we would be satisfied with our condition regardless of our circumstances. For we know assuredly that if we are faithful, God will cause all things to work together for our good: *Romans 8:28 – And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. AMEN.*

- Eld Prasad

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### **Apostle’s Creed**

*I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost.  
the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.*

*\*meaning the universal Christian church--  
all believers in Jesus Christ*

# 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
Weds 7th Sept      7pm <b>Mid-Week Outreach Bible Study</b>	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.
Sat 10th Sept      4pm <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TODAY: 04/09/2016</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b>          Jonathan / Joel</p> <p><b>Organist:</b>          Anthony</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b>            Keene</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b>            Tom / Evelyn</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b>   Rachael / Hannah / Keene</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b>              Hannah</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b>      Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b>            Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 11/09/2016</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b>          John / Keene</p> <p><b>Organist:</b>          Anthony</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b>            Joel</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b>            Tom / Yetta</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b>   Rachael / Hannah / Keene</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b>              Volunteers</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b>      Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b>            Scott</p>
<b>Message</b>	The Name of God and the Heart of Leadership	A New Sepulchre	
<b>Text</b>	Malachi 1:6-11	John 19:41-42	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations".</li> <li>• <b>Basic Bible Knowledge Class, 2.30pm:</b> Dr Martin will continue the series of studies aimed at those wishing to become church members.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and as he seeks guidance for his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>Registry of Members &amp; Gift Aid Forms:</b> Please can all members of the congregation complete and return the forms to John <b><u>as soon as possible</u></b>.</li> <li>• <b>Trinitarian Bible Society AGM, Saturday 17th September, 11am.</b> This will be held at Metropolitan Tabernacle.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £891.20, Lunch: £42.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 33 (A) 9 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 3 (C)</p>

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 30

**Q: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?**

*A: The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.*

Comments:

The last answer tells us *by whose* agency we become possessed of salvation; this one tells us of the method of it. It tells us that Christ's salvation becomes ours by union with him – that we are united to him by faith – and that this faith by which we commit ourselves to Christ, is the effect of the working of God's Spirit in our hearts. Faith in Christ means *trust* in Christ, and brings about *union* with him.

Scriptural Reference:

John 15:26, 1 Corinthians 12:3, John 15:5

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 27:1</b></p>	<p><i>"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."</i></p> <p><b>James 1:22</b></p>	<p><i>"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 29:2</b></p>