



# **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***

<b><i>Prelude</i></b>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
<b><i>Call to Worship</i></b>	Isaiah 58:13-14
<b><i>Opening Hymn *</i></b>	RHC 86 – <i>“Safely Through Another Week”</i>
<b><i>Opening Prayer *</i></b>	Jonathan Kim
<b><i>Gloria Patri *</i></b>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>
<b><i>Responsive Reading</i></b>	Psalm 149
<b><i>Second Hymn *</i></b>	<i>Psalm 149 verses 1-5</i> (to the tune of Maitland, RHC 391)
<b><i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i></b>	Jonathan Kim
<b><i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i></b>	RHC 101 – <i>“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”</i>
<b><i>Scriptural Text</i></b>	John 6
<b><i>Pastoral Prayer</i></b>	Mr Gavin Fernandes
<b><i>Sermon Message</i></b>	<b><i>The God who Provides When We Will Not</i></b>
<b><i>Closing Hymn *</i></b>	RHC 254 – <i>“Break Thou the Bread of Life”</i>
<b><i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i></b>	Mr Gavin Fernandes
<b><i>Postlude</i></b>	<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.

# **RECOGNISING YOUR SIN**

*Adapted from Life BP Church Singapore Weekly - 31st January 2016*

SIN is the greatest problem in the world today. We need to face it squarely and talk about it plainly, even though it may be unpleasant to do so. We must know and understand sin because it is the most crucial matter in life. Unless a person comes to a true understanding of what sin is and what it does to his life, he will live in delusion and not in reality. There are three basic truths about sin that must be recognised:

## **1. Recognise how sinful you really are in God's sight.**

In Romans 3:10-12 we find sobering words from the mouth of God Himself: *"There is none righteous, no not one: there is none that understandeth; there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no not one."*

How true this is, especially when we look at what goes on in the world today. The human race is a sea of iniquity. We see the effects of it in almost every aspect of human life. Broken homes and families caused by unfaithfulness and divorce; broken lives caused by vice, alcoholism and addiction; broken relationships caused by envy and strife; broken societies caused by perversion and ambition; suicides, depression, terrorism, wars, fighting, deceit, scandals, injustice, exploitation, apathy and indifference. All these and so much more are not unfamiliar to us.

But these are merely symptoms of the spiritual cancer that works insidiously and invisibly within the heart of every person. God says in Ecclesiastes 7:20 that *"there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not."* In Jeremiah 17:9 He says, *"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?"* God's verdict is crystal clear in Romans 3:23: *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."*

God takes a very serious view of sin because it is essentially rebellion against Him, and it brings much grief to His heart (Genesis 6:6). The book of Genesis tells us that He once judged the world with a great flood that destroyed all except eight people, because of the sins that had multiplied and filled the world. Today sin has multiplied even more, and it is only by God's mercy alone that judgment has not yet descended again on the world. But a time is coming soon when God's final judgment will descend. Revelation 20:15 tells us that when it comes, those who are judged guilty of sin will be cast into the Lake of Fire which is eternal death!

Dear Reader, do you regard sin the same way that God does? Are you shocked and troubled by the extent of sin in the world? Do you understand how serious sin is? Most people do not. We do not realise it because we are desensitised to our own sins. We can see the sinfulness of the world around us and oftentimes we can recognise sin in the lives of others. But when it comes to our own sinfulness, we tend to be lenient. We do not take our own sins seriously enough.

One of the most godly men in the Bible was King David, the man after God's own heart. But despite his godliness, he fell into the sin of adultery. For many months he did not acknowledge how sinful he was in God's sight, until God sent a prophet to tell him. Nathan did not tell David directly that he had sinned. He first told him of a rich man had taken the only lamb of a poor man and slaughtered it to feed his guests. David's righteous indignation arose and he wanted the rich man punished for his sinful deed. Little did he realise that Nathan was referring to him. David needed to be told, *"You are the man!"*

Most of us are like David in this respect. How quick we are to recognise the seriousness of sin in the lives of others, but how slow we are to recognise it in our own! God wants you to view sin seriously – in your own life first, and then in the lives of others. When will you begin to regard sin in your life the same way that God regards it?

## **2. Recognise the different forms that sin can take in your life.**

There are so many ways to sin, and all of them are equally hateful to God. For example, the first of the Ten Commandments states: *"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."* Some think that as long as they do not bow down to worship idols, they have kept this commandment. But anything that deprives God of the honour, praise, trust and glory He deserves from us is actually a false god. God's prerogative to disclose the future or secrets of the spiritual realm is usurped by astrology, *feng shui* and any form of fortune-telling. God's prerogative to receive all glory is usurped when we attribute a blessing to good fortune or luck. God should always be central in one's life, the pivot or ultimate reference point. Any person or object that usurps that role from Him becomes another god.

Most people tend to limit sins only to things that they do or say. In any court of law, people can only be prosecuted for what they have committed in word or deed, and not for what they had intended to do or for what they thought. But God's court of law is different:

Proverbs 24:9a – *“The thought of foolishness is sin...”*

Genesis 6:5 – *“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”*

Matthew 5:22,28 – *“But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment...But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”*

These verses reveal that we commit sins not only with wrong actions or words but also with wrong thoughts, attitudes and desires. If the courts of law are able to prosecute people according to these things imagine how many more would be convicted!

Another basic tendency is to regard some sins as being trivial and insignificant. However, in God's sight there is no distinction between big and small sins. For instance, the sin of partiality is addressed in James 2:9-11. This means treating the rich better than one treats the poor. God's Word here says that a person who commits a seemingly small sin like this becomes just as guilty in God's sight as a person who has broken commandments like *“Thou shalt not kill”* and *“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”*

### **3. Recognise your responsibility to act against sin.**

What should you do then? Do not excuse any sins you commit, no matter how 'small' they are. Seek God's forgiveness for them and do not treat any sin lightly. Even your attitudes and thoughts should be open to God. You must therefore make a conscious effort to guard yourself daily against every kind of sin.

It is not enough merely to recognise how sinful you are in God's sight, and all the different forms that sin can take in your life. You must act upon what you have recognised. The Lord wants you to be holy as He is holy. He has shed His precious blood on the Cross to pay for your sins. But He wants you to be diligent in keeping yourself from committing more sins. Even though this is sometimes very hard and difficult to do, you must maintain your vigilance.

The Scriptures tell us that God has made special provisions for our battle against sin. In Galatians 5:16, the Lord commands, *“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”* In Romans 6:13 He says, *“neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead,...”* In Ephesians 6:11 we are commanded to *“Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”*

Dear Reader, perhaps you have been a Christian for many years, and you have grown weary in guarding yourself against sin. Perhaps you do not take sin as seriously as you used to. There are secret sins that persist in your life because you thought that they were “small sins” and nobody knows about them. You have thought that God does not mind your present state, since everything seems to be going quite well for you now.

Please do not continue to deceive yourself. God takes every sin in your life very seriously. He desires truth and purity in your inward parts (Psalm 51:6). He wants you to do something about your sins. He has even provided the means for you to guard against them.

If you are not a Christian yet, then the first thing that you need to do is to be saved by turning to Jesus Christ alone and making Him your Saviour and Lord. *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23) He is the only One who can save you from your sins!

Dear Reader, if the Lord has spoken to your heart through His Word, please do not delay to act upon it. He will forgive you when you confess your sins (1 John 1:9). He is also willing to save you when you turn to Him in full repentance and faith in His death on the Cross (John 6:37). Will you receive Him into your heart today?

- Rev Charles Seet

# 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 11th Feb	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 13th Feb		<b>No 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	<b><u>TODAY: 07/02/2016</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	The Modelling of Godly Leaders	The Bitterness of Betrayal	<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan
<b>Text</b>	Titus 2:1-10	John 18:5-9	<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Pianist:</b> ---
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please note that there will not be a Pre-lunch Bible Study or Evening Service today.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Meredith, Odelia.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana, Keene.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Margaret, Dr Martin, Prema.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister and as he continues his PhD studies.</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>Please note that there will be no prayer meeting on Sat 13th Feb.</b> Instead members of the church will be attending the TBS Thanksgiving Service. Please see Sis. Rachael or Hannah for more details.</li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Evelyn
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Hannah / Keene
			<b>Lunch:</b> CNY Carry-In
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Joel
			<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 14/02/2016</u></b>
<b>Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £900.91, Lunch: £44.10</b> <b>Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 10 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 7 (C)</b>			<b>Chairman:</b> John
			<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Pianist:</b> Matthew
			<b>Ushers:</b> Joel / Yetta
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Hannah / Keene
			<b>Lunch:</b> Emily
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Scott

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 107

**Q: What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?**

**A:** *The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer – (which is, FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER, AMEN) – teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from GOD ONLY, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to him. – And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, AMEN.*

Comments:

The conclusion means the *end*. And the concluding part of the Lord's Prayer teaches us three things: 1. That we should look to God alone for help; 2. That we should give all praise to him who alone can answer our prayers; 3. And that we should end all our prayers with some such word as Amen, which means, *May it be so*, or *May our prayer be heard*.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 65:2, 1 Chronicles 29:11, Psalm 106:48

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”</i></p> <p><b>Hebrews 4:12</b></p>	<p><i>“The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.”</i></p> <p><b>Nahum 1:7</b></p>	<p><i>“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”</i></p> <p><b>Matthew 11:28</b></p>