



# 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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**LORD'S DAY 15 MAY 2016**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

#### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 105:1-4

Psalm 100

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 85 – *"O Day of Rest and Gladness"*

RHC 38 – *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

*Opening Prayer \**

Peter Koy

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*Gloria Patri & Apostle's Creed \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 12

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 12*  
(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Peter Koy

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 234 – *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

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*Scriptural Text*

Acts 2:1-12

John 18:38

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Sermon Message*

*What Was the Day of Pentecost?*

*Found Faultless*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 233 – *"O Breath of Life"*

RHC 185 – *"Hallelujah, What A Savior!"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

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\* 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*

# **FAITH AND OBEDIENCE**

**Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly, Sunday 24th April 2016**

Rom 1:5 *“By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name”*

Rom 16:26 *“But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith”*

Hebrews 11:1 *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”.*

## **Faith**

What exactly is faith? The on-line Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it as “strong belief or trust in someone or something.” Hebrews 11:1 gives us more details. It is the substance of things hoped for. In other words it is based on someone or something tangible [substance] for what we want but have not received. Therefore, we hoped for it. For example, let’s say that you are preparing for an important assignment. You have confidence in yourself and trust in your abilities that if you work hard and put in effort you will succeed in getting what you want. Confidence is an element of faith and in this case the object of your faith is yourself.

There is a parallel in the spiritual realm and what the author of Hebrews is referring to is persevering or saving faith. The object of our faith is anchored in God who *“is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”* (Eph 3:20). Does this matter? Yes, absolutely. Many times, we hear Christians exhorting one another to have more faith. They may even chide another as faithless when one expresses doubt. But more important than having faith, we need to ask what our faith is based on. For faith to have any value, the object it is based on is important.

I came across an illustration which I found insightful. If you were taking a flight to Paris, you would probably look for an airline with good track records. You want to be sure that the plane would be fueled, mechanically reliable, the pilot trained and the flight would leave at the time you chose. You also want to be sure the airport security is adequate that no terrorists would get on board. Your faith is useful in getting you on the plane; however, is NOT going to get you to Paris. What actually gets you to Paris is the plane, the pilot and good airport security and the fact that you act on it. So what matters is the object of your faith – is it reliable? If our faith is based on the wrong object, it does not matter whether you have faith or not.

Faith has been likened to our muscle. We need to exercise it to build it up. Polycarp was a 2<sup>nd</sup>-century Christian bishop of Smyrna. He was martyred for his Christian beliefs. Tradition and history recorded that this was what he said when burned at the stake. “Eighty and six years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong, how then can I blaspheme my King and Savior?” Polycarp’s faith was built on his King and Savior and he had experienced his goodness and mercy for 86 years of his life. We need to start remembering God’s goodness and mercy in our lives. Pray and thank God in your daily quiet time with Him.

## **Obedience**

In Rom 1: 5 and 16:26, Paul explains how faith and obedience are related. This must be of enormous importance because Paul said this at the beginning and repeated it again at the end of his Epistle. John Piper in his exposition on these two verses said that the gospel produces the obedience that come from faith. Other commentators have taken this to mean that faith produces obedience to Jesus Christ. Our obedience exalts God and glorifies Him. When we live in obedience to God, our lights shine before men and we glorify our Father which is in Heaven (Matt 5:16).

It is not easy to be obedient to our Lord and Savior in a sinful world. We constantly struggle with the world, our flesh and the Devil. Obedience has to be developed and God has promised us help. One of the reasons of our lack of obedience is unbelief. Our first parents doubted God's word and chose to believe what Satan accused God was doing is to deprive them of something good. We will also be tested to keep trusting God especially when bad things happen to us. In Mark 9:14-28, Jesus Christ healed a boy possessed by an impure spirit. Even his disciples were chided because of their lack of prayer and fasting. The father of the child immediately confessed his unbelief, repented in tears and asked Jesus for help. We can ask God for help and He will supply us our needs according to His riches in glory (Phil 4:19).

## **Conclusion**

Every day, we need to live in dependence on our Lord and thank Him for the salvation that He has given to us. Our gratefulness result in faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ and enables us to trust in His goodness. We choose to obey Him and as we do so, we glorify and exalt our God and Heavenly Father.

- Eld. Yap Chee Kian

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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 18th May	7pm	Mid-Week Outreach 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.
Sat 21st May	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Study of Calvin's Institutes	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u><b>TODAY: 15/05/2016</b></u>
<b>Message</b>	Godly Church Discipline	A Royal Insult	
<b>Text</b>	Titus 3:8-11	John 19:1-3	
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, 3pm today:</b> Dr Martin will be leading a series of studies for those wishing to become members of the Church.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Ps Pooyan Mershahi, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene, Douglas Jr, Nana, Grace Lin.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Dr Scott-Pearson, Eyo Benson, Jonathan, Magdalene &amp; Meredith, Fung, Beth Martin, Rev &amp; Mrs Sin.</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 as soon as possible.</li> <li>• <b>Church Maintenance Day: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 11am.</b> All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building. Please see John for more information.</li> </ul>			<b>Chairman:</b> Peter <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Keene <b>Ushers:</b> Joel / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Keene / Hannah <b>Lunch:</b> Nina <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £573.44, Lunch: £45.20 Love Gift from Hope BPC Adelaide: A\$300 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 41 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 5 (C)			<u><b>NEXT WEEK: 22/05/2016</b></u>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Keene <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Keene / Hannah <b>Lunch:</b> Emily <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Josias

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 14

**Q: What is sin?**

*A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the Law of God.*

Comments:

We are here taught that there are two kinds of sins. The first consists in not doing what God commands; the second consists in doing what God forbids. Our first parents committed the latter.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 10:31, Luke 22:61

## MEMORY VERSE

**This Week**

*“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”*

**2 Corinthians 9:8**

**Last Week**

*“Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”*

**Habakkuk 3:18**

**Next Week**

*“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:”*

**Job 19:25**