



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 09 JULY 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 8

Psalm 91:1-4

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 29 – *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

RHC 321 – *"He Hideth My Soul"*

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

*Apostle's Creed **

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 71

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 71 verses 1-8
(to the tune of Bethlehem, RHC 251)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 320 – *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

Scriptural Text

1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Jeremiah 25:8-14

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Kingdom Power

A Seventy Year Gap

The Lord's Supper

Dr Carl Martin

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 200 – *"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"*

RHC 257 – *"Holy Bible, Book Divine"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

Adapted from New Life BP Singapore Weekly, Sunday 25th June 2017

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11)

Nowadays, we can easily turn to our print Bibles or online Bibles in our mobile phones or iPads and tablet PCs to refer to God's Word. However, what if we are without our Bibles and there is no Internet network available? In such situations, are we able to recite some Bible verses without anything to aid us?

Memorizing God's Word may be tough as we grow older. I am one who will be the first to admit it. Even among our youngsters, some would jokingly admit that they can recite two verses easily, and these are John 3:16 and of course, John 11:35!

Admittedly, it might be easier to memorize Bible verses when we were young. A number of verses I could recite from memory today were those I learnt during my Sunday School days as a young boy and then as a teenager. Back then, the Sunday School teachers and Junior Fellowship leaders actually made verse memorization as one of those things one has to pass in order to earn a badge. It was not easy to do it but some of us actually managed to memorize dozens of verses and even entire portions of Psalms, such as Psalm 23 and Psalm 100 over the course of two to three years.

All of us have different sets of gifts that God gave us. Some are good at Mathematics while others are bad at it. Conversely, some are good at History while others would steer clear from the subject. However, God's Word in Psalm 119:11 and Psalm 119:105 give us two reasons why we should memorize verses – to keep us from sinning and to show us the right way.

Another reason for keeping God's Word in our hearts – to serve as an indication of the extent of our love for God's law. Psalm 119:97 says "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day." In other words, do we really love God's Word to the extent that we are prepared to memorize what He has said in the Bible? Even the Devil, who hates God, can recite (and twist) God's Word to his advantage, as was evident when he tried to tempt Christ in the desert. (Matt 4:1-11) Besides, there is anecdotal evidence that members of the Jehovah's Witnesses, a cult group, actually spend a year or two memorizing most, if not the entire Bible!

On our part, do we know God's Word enough to be able to detect when doctrinal lies coated with half-truths are presented to us by cults? Without knowing God's Word, it would be hard to do so, especially when we are challenged to quote the verses, if not the scriptural texts, from which we draw our positions on doctrinal issues.

Years ago, when the Internet was unheard of, a friend of mine leaving for Bob Jones University for further studies said this to me before he left, "Ronnie, make sure you write to me as often as you can." I kept my word and in one of his replies, he told me that when he was homesick, he would "religiously" re-read the letters which I and others had sent him because they meant a lot to him. Even as I recalled what he said, it dawned on me that if someone's letter means a lot to another person, does God's Word mean anything to us? Do we love God's Word enough to try to keep His word in our hearts?

To keep us from sinning should be a good motivation for us to memorize God's Word too. During my NS days, my officer once told me, "Tan, go and help me buy a pack of cigarettes." His request was, in a way, an order I had to obey. I then recalled a fellow Christian testifying how he refused to obey a similar order from his officer because he recalled the latter part of 1 Tim 5:22 saying, "...neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." I thanked God for recalling this verse and I said, "Sir, I cannot buy for you." He was bemused by my response and asked, "Why not?" I replied rather innocently, "Sir, how can I help poison my officer?" To cut a long story short, my officer chuckled and shared my response with his fellow officers, two of whom were Christians, and they all had a good laugh. After that, my officer never asked me to buy cigarettes for him again. In this instance, God's Word hidden in my heart stopped me from sinning against Him.

It is not easy to memorize verses, especially the long ones or even entire Psalms. However, if we set our hearts to achieve that which seems tough, or even impossible, God will help us, (Philippians 4:13), especially if His word means a great deal to us!

- Dn Ronnie Tan

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 12th July 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 15th July 4pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 09/07/2017</u>
Message	Morality and Spiritual Power	The Blessings of Persecution	
Text	1 Corinthians 5	Jeremiah 26	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pre-lunch Bible Study:** This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "*Building Firm Foundations*".
- **Study of the Book of Psalms (3pm):** Dr Martin will lead the study using the book "*The Flow of the Psalms*" by Palmer Robertson.
- **Pulpit Ministry:** Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies.

Chairman: John
Organist: Anthony
Pianist: Matthew
Ushers: Tom / Joel
Sunday School: Rachael
Lunch: Joseph
Washing Up: Volunteers
PA Crew: Scott / Anthony

NEXT WEEK: 16/07/2017

Chairman: Jonathan
Organist: Anthony
Pianist: Anthony
Ushers: John / Yetta
Sunday School: Rachael
Lunch: Elizabeth
Washing Up: Volunteers
PA Crew: Scott / Joel

Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £560.40; Lunch: £40.87 Attendance - Morning: 29 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 5 (C)	Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,490.50
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 74

Q: What is required in the Eighth Commandment?

A: *The Eight Commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.*

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 12:17, Ephesians 4:28

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Luke 11:10	"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion." Psalm 71:1	"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