



# 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**

#### **Evening Service – 4pm**

**Prelude**

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

**Call to Worship**

Luke 1:26-33

Psalm 145:17-21

**Opening Hymn \***

RHC 216 – “Jesus Shall Reign”

RHC 312 – “We Bless the Name of Christ, the Lord”

**Opening Prayer \***

Jonathan Kim

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**Gloria Patri \***

*Glory Be to the Father*

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**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 80

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**Second Hymn \***

RHC 289 – “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

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**Announcements & Memory Verse**

Jonathan Kim

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**Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \***

RHC 268 – “Lord, I'm Coming Home”

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**Scriptural Text**

Luke 14:16-24

John 8:1-11

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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**Sermon Message**

*The Great Supper*

*The Woman Taken in Adultery*

**The Lord's Supper**

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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**Closing Hymn \***

RHC 196 – “Blessed Redeemer”

RHC 292 – “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

**Benediction/3-Fold Amen \***

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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**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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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**

# **REJOICING AND BEING THANKFUL IN THE LORD**

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 20th August 2017

## **Philippians 4:1-7**

The Apostle Paul, having explained his life ambition and purpose in the Lord Jesus Christ, now challenges the Philippians to show forth from their lives a commitment worthy of their calling. In difficult situations in life, Paul trusted in the Lord and was steadfast in his faith in Him. Therefore, he could say with confidence in the Lord, ‘*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*’ (Philippians 4:6-7).

### **1. Be Steadfast (v 1)**

This is a call to stand fast in the Lord. This refers to what Paul has just taught in 3:20-21. The way to stand firm is to keep our eyes on Christ, to remember that this world is not our home, and to focus on the fact that Christ will bring everything under His control.

It is a call to be sincere and earnest in their devotion to God, to be triumph over the world, the flesh, and the devil. For Paul, his own life was characterized by steadfastness. Even when he was in prison, he was steadfast for the Lord.

The idea of steadfastness is embodied in the Lord, who was Himself a supreme example of unfaltering obedience and love. Steadfastness is a test of genuine devotedness. Those who endure will finally conquer.

### **2. Be Reconciled (vv 2-3)**

These two women, Euodias and Syntyche, were prominent in the church who helped Paul during his ministry in Philippi. Their broken relationship was a matter of concern for Paul. He wanted them to be reconciled.

Discord and disunion will often affect the testimony of the church. Therefore it is important that the members of the church are united for the cause of the gospel, with one mind and heart.

It is of great importance, when we think that in heaven we have to live together as our names are in the book of life (v 3).

### **3. Be Rejoicing (vv 4-5)**

Paul, though imprisoned in a Roman prison, is able to challenge the Philippians to rejoice in the Lord. Paul's attitude teaches us an important lesson: our inner attitudes do not have to reflect our outward circumstances. Paul was full of joy because he knew that no matter what happened to him, the Lord was with him.

Believers should rejoice in the Lord because:

- Joy is commanded as a duty
- It is mentioned as a fruit of the Spirit
- It is a feature of the Christian, portrayed in the Scriptures (Acts 2:46, 47)
- Joy is the natural result of peace with God.

We should rejoice ever more because the Lord is at hand, i.e. near (v 5). This means two things:

- (1) His imminent return; (2) He is near spiritually; His presence is with us.

### **4. Be Thankful (vv 6-7)**

The exhortation is not to be anxious about anything. This is because of the imminent return and nearness of Christ.

We all have worries and concerns. But Paul's advice is to turn our worries into prayers. The solution to undue anxiety is prayer in everything. We should cast our care on God because He is our Father in Heaven.

When we pray with thanksgiving, God blesses us with peace of heart. The peace of God in the heart will effectually banish all care. God's peace is different from the world's peace (John 14:27). True peace is not found in positive thinking, in absence of conflict, or in good feelings. It comes from knowing that God is in control. Our citizenship in Christ's kingdom is sure, our destiny is set, and we can have victory over sin. Let God's peace guard our hearts against anxiety.

### **Conclusion**

This practical advices from Paul is essential for us to have a life rested in God.

- *Rev Dr George Skariah*  
Covenant BP Church, Bangalore, India

# 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 13th September 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 16th September 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	<b>TODAY: 10/09/2017</b>
<b>Message</b>	Matters of Conscience - Part 1	Hope for the Faithful	<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan
<b>Text</b>	1 Corinthians 8	Jeremiah 30	<b>Organist:</b> Michael
<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			<b>Pianist:</b> Venise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No Pre-lunch Bible Study.</b></li> <li><b>Sunday School:</b> This afternoon at 2:45pm the church will be starting a new Sunday School for young children and toddlers, led by Elizabeth, Nina and Barbara.</li> <li><b>Church Maintenance Day:</b> Saturday 16th September, 11am. All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building.</li> <li><b>Church Pulpit Ministry:</b> We thank God for the provision of Dr Carl Martin to serve as our Interim Minister. As his tenure will conclude on 30<sup>th</sup> September, please pray for God's leading and guidance as he progresses with his PhD study at Greenwich School of Theology. Also, pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for Rev Lim Chee Boon who will be ministering to us from 8<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> Tom / John
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £807.10; Lunch: £44.10 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 30 (A) 13 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 11 (C)			<b>Lunch:</b> Tan Family
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Scott / John
			<b>NEXT WEEK: 17/09/2017</b>
			<b>Chairman:</b> John
			<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Pianist:</b> Matthew
			<b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / Yetta
			<b>Lunch:</b> Volunteers
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Scott / Jonathan
			<b>Church Maintenance Fund Total:</b>
			<b>£3,720.50</b>

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 83

**Q: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?**

*A: Some sins, in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are MORE HEINOUS in the sight of God than others.*

Comments:

This answer tells us that some sins are worse than others. It says that some sins are worse by reason of their own nature, as it is worse to sin against God than against man; and some are worse by reason of certain circumstances, as it is worse to sin deliberately than when hurried by passion.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 12:47-48

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." <b>1 John 4:8</b>	"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." <b>1 John 4:9</b>	"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." <b>1 John 4:10</b>