



# 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

	<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 43:5-11	Psalms 5:11-12
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 18 – “Come, Thou Almighty King”	RHC 77 – “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Christology Creed *</i>	Christology Creed	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalms 67	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalms 67 First Version</i> (to the tune of Trentham, RHC 240)	---
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 553 – “Love Found a Way”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 3:18-23	Jeremiah 23:9-40
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Rich Christians in a Consumer Age</i>	<i>The Urgency of Spending Time with God</i>
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Dr Carl Martin	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 178 – “At the Cross”	RHC 409 – “Take Time to Be Holy”
<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.

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

# **WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER**

**Adapted from New Life BP Singapore Weekly, Sunday 28th May 2017**

Romans 14:7 reminds us that we do not live for ourselves.

Has it ever dawned on us that we are responsible spiritually to God for other people? For instance, if we allow any turning away from God in our private life, everyone around us suffers. *Ephesians 2:6* says, 'And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.' And *1 Corinthians 12:26* says, "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." If we allow physical selfishness, mental carelessness, moral insensitivity, or spiritual weakness, everyone in contact with us will suffer. We may ask whether we can do this work ourselves. The answer is it is God alone who makes us able to do all that we do (*2 Corinthians 3:5*).

The phrase "my brother's keeper" occurs in the context of the story of Cain and Abel in *Genesis 4:1-9*. After the Lord God had expelled Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden for their disobedience, Cain killed his brother Abel out of jealousy because God had found Abel's sacrifice acceptable, but had rejected Cain's. After the murder, the Lord, knowing full well what had happened, asked Cain where Abel was. Cain's response was "*I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?*"(*Genesis 4:9*).

Every man is his brother's keeper in that we are not to commit violent acts against them or allow others to do so if we can prevent it. This sort of "keeping" is something God rightfully demands of everyone, on the grounds of both justice and love. But Cain's reply indicates a total lack of any kind of feeling for another human being. Basically, in the absence of brotherly love, and the overriding presence of selfishness, it kills affection and gives rise to hatred.

Christians are to be the keepers of other Christians in two ways. First we are not to commit acts of violence against one another. This includes violence of the tongue in the form of quarrelling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorderly behaviour (*2 Corinthians 12:20*). Second, we are to exhibit brotherly love toward our brothers and sisters in Christ with a tender heart and a humble mind (*1 Peter 3:8*). In this way, we "keep" those for whom Christ gave His life.

God calls us to a way of life exemplified by Him and His Son, Lord Jesus, as recorded in *Romans 5:7-8*, "*For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*"

We can come to understand and apply the kind of love and sacrifice our Lord Jesus made for all humanity. The Bible describes it as being our brother's keeper, one who unfailingly "keeps" his brother or sister. Such constancy is more than an immediate and unplanned sacrifice for others, commendable as that is. To be your brother's keeper means to consider your neighbor's needs at all times, whether he is present or not.

A brother's keeper is one who understands godly love as expressed in Christ's sacrifice (*John 3:16-17*). That kind of love is embodied in the final words of Lord Jesus as He hung dying on the stake: "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do*" (*Luke 23:34*). This is what Lord Jesus asked of the Father for His murderers.

This kind of love for others is not a part-time job but a way of life. It follows the example of the Good Samaritan at all times. Ultimately the way of life God desires for us involves God's calling (*John 6:44*), repentance from dead works and faith toward God (*Hebrews 6:1-2*).

So, as Christians, we are to be our brother's keeper. As Paul wrote in *Romans 14:19*, "*Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another*".

- Elder Sivaraj Prasad

## **The Word Made Flesh**

*The Ligonier Statement on Christology*

We confess the mystery and wonder  
of God made flesh  
and rejoice in our great salvation  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
the Son created all things,  
sustains all things,  
and makes all things new.  
Truly God,  
He became truly man,  
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary  
and lived among us.  
Crucified, dead, and buried,  
He rose on the third day,  
ascended to heaven,  
and will come again  
in glory and judgment.

For us,  
He kept the Law,  
atoned for sin,  
and satisfied God's wrath.  
He took our filthy rags  
and gave us  
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,  
building His church,  
interceding for us,  
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;  
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

# 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 14th June	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 17th June	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<b><u>TODAY: 11/06/2017</u></b>
<i>Message</i>	Measuring Faithfulness	Of Baskets and Figs Under Review	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan
<i>Text</i>	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Jeremiah 24:1-10	<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<i>Pianist:</i> Keene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>".</li> <li>• <b>Study of the Book of Psalms (3pm):</b> Dr Martin will lead the study using the book "<i>The Flow of the Psalms</i>" by Palmer Robertson.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>Church Maintenance Day: Saturday 17th June, 11am.</b> All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building.</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology:</b> 4th-6th July 2017. The theme this year is "<i>Our Glorious Reformation Legacy - 500th Anniversary</i>"</li> </ul>			<i>Ushers:</i> John / Joel
			<i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Rachael
			<i>Lunch:</i> Sharon
			<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
			<i>PA Crew:</i> Scott / Anthony
			<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 18/06/2017</u></b>
			<i>Chairman:</i> John / Keene
			<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
			<i>Pianist:</i> Joel
			<i>Ushers:</i> Jonathan / Yetta
			<i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Rachael
			<i>Lunch:</i> Volunteers
			<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
			<i>PA Crew:</i> Scott / John
<b>Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £216.00; Lunch: £31.00; Addendum 28/05: Offering: £1125.11</b>			<b>Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,390.50</b>

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 70

**Q: Which is the Seventh Commandment?**

*A: The Seventh Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.*

Scriptural Reference:

*"Thou shalt not commit adultery."* Exodus 20:14

## MEMORY VERSE

### Last Week

*"In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,"*  
**Titus 2:7**

### This Week

*"But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."*  
**1 Timothy 4:7**

### Next Week

*"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."*  
**John 5:39**