



# 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>	Psalm 66:1-4	Psalm 108:3-5
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 217 – “Rejoice – the Lord Is King!”	RHC 5 – “Command Thy Blessing From Above”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Apostles' Creed</i>	Apostles' Creed	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 50	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 50 version 2 verses 1-6</i> (to the tune of Beatitudo, RHC 388)	---
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 246 – “Open My Eyes, That I May See”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Malachi 4:5	John 21:25
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>There's a Great Day Coming</i>	<i>Books and the Book</i>
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Dr Carl Martin	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 229 – “Thy Kingdom Come, O God”	RHC 328 – “How Firm a Foundation”
<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***

# **STUDY THE BIBLE (PART 1)**

**Adapted from Lively Hope Newsletter, Hope BP Church, Sunday 5th February 2017**

I am sure that many of us have New Year's resolutions. In the beginning of each year, we are often resolved to read the whole Bible at least one time throughout the year. We also plan to study the Bible as well as to enjoy personal devotional readings. One of the obstacles that may keep us from continuing with personal Bible study habits is that we do not know how to study the Bible. Dr. Michael Barrett offers us a few helpful tips in his book, *Beginning at Moses*. I'd like to share his points with you. I'll divide this article into two parts: the necessity to study the Bible and the methods to study the Bible.

First, why do we need to study the Bible? It sounds like a small and very ordinary question. However, in my opinion, its answer is profound and deeply spiritual. The Bible is the source of our faith, and without faith we cannot please God, and without faith we cannot be saved. What happens to our faith, if we do not have the Bible? Romans 10:17 aptly and pristinely says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The source of our faith is the Word of God. Though there are many kinds of faiths in the world, the Christian faith or the saving faith is inseparable from the Word of God. The faith which does not have its basis on the Word of God is not the same faith as the Biblical Faith. There are two things we need to consider: the relationship between faith and the Bible.

(1) Listen to what Michael Barrett has to say about faith: "Faith is not a subjective exercise of positive thinking that tries to convince that something is true contrary to fact. On the contrary, faith is based on objective truth, and it has value only in proportion to the worth of the object of that faith. This is why faith must always supersede and subdue experience. Experience is entirely subjective and can never be the final and sole judge of anything. This certainly applies to our approach to the Scripture." This statement is important to our understanding of faith and the religion of Christianity. Christian religion is not a man made belief system. Its teachings are not of man but of God through revelations. Christian faith is not to believe in something that we would like to believe or choose to believe. We do not produce what to believe. Instead, we believe what is given by God. Thus, the ground of Christian faith lies in the objective (revealed) truth.

It furthers our thoughts about our faith in the Word of God. If the Bible is not the word of God or there are errors or mistakes in the Bible, then the foundation of our faith becomes shattered and the credibility of our faith becomes incredible. Thus, if we say that we are saved and believe in God but do not believe the Bible as God's inerrant Word, we develop irreconcilable contradictions within our own confession of faith. Biblical faith stands on the doctrine that all the Scripture is inspired and profitable and there is no error in it. Some people may find it difficult to agree with. That's why we know that the Bible requires us to have faith. By faith, we believe in the inspiration of the Bible, with which we affirm its authority. The Bible is not meant to be defined by men. Men do not determine what the Scripture should be. Men simply believe that the Bible is what God declares it to be. People may believe or deny this belief in the Bible, but they cannot alter the Bible.

We believe in the Bible and affirm its authority, infallibility, sufficiency, and effectiveness from cover to cover. Dr. Barrett explains it as following: "By authority, we mean that it is the absolute standard of truth (matters of faith) and the absolute rule for living (matters of practice)." The Westminster Larger Catechism summarizes well: "The holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience" (question 3). "By infallibility, we mean that the Bible is free from error. Truth is absolute, and all truth has its ultimate source in God, who is Truth and the revealer of truth. Infallibility extends to every statement of Scripture, including matters of history and science as well as matters of theology.

The Bible, therefore, is the standard by which all matters of theology, history, and science are to be judged. By sufficiency, we mean that the Bible is all we need to direct us in how to know God and please Him. It is all that we need to direct us safely and surely through this life and to the life to come. The Psalmist declared that “the law of the Lord is perfect” (Psalm 19:7). The word law refers here to the whole body of God’s revealed instruction, the whole of special revelation. The word perfect refers especially to its completeness or wholeness. In simple terms, God’s Word is complete. According to His infinite wisdom and good purpose, God has revealed all that we need for the welfare of our souls. Therefore, the Psalmist concludes that this complete Word converts the soul. There is no need for humanly defined philosophy, psychology, opinion, or experience to supplement the Bible. It may sound trite, but it is true: if God said it, that settles it. By effectiveness, we mean that there is an inherent power in God’s Word to accomplish what it says. The Lord Himself declared, “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11). The Word of God is the hammer that in judgment breaks rocks in pieces (Jeremiah 23:29); it is the means of grace whereby God communicates the message of the gospel that saves all who believe (Romans 10:17).”

Therefore, the Bible is the indispensable means God has given to His people for their faith and all their needs. It must carry a significant meaning to our spiritual journey. For example, we must surrender our thoughts to the Scriptures. Many argue that the Bible is not modern enough. We understand that. However, such thought overlooks one simple truth that truth is changeless. It means that truth has to be constant. Nonetheless, truths have varied applications. Thus, though the writing of the Bible appears to be ancient, it is still useful and workable to us even today. It also contains one unforgettable lesson that the Christian faith stands on the propositional truths as revealed in the Bible. We do not determine the truth we’d like to believe. We even do not define what truth is. Truth is what God has revealed and declared it to be. This truth is given to us, and we have not made it. That’s why we say that our faith lies in God’s propositional truths.

(2) There is an important role of faith when we believe God’s Word and desire to live accordingly. It is because the propositional truth appears to be in tension with what we experience at times. One such example is found in Job’s life. He believed in God as holy, pure, good and mighty, as taught in the divine truth, and at the same time he suffered without any apparent reason. The evil ones still enjoyed peace and prosperity, while he was in pain. He could not explain the seeming discrepancy or tension between the truths about God and his life experience. It is just one of many examples. In such times, faith is the answer to the tension. Job did not know what was happening behind the scene. His wife fell into a state of despair even to bring charges against God and her husband. Knowing the facts of the Bible is one thing, and trusting and believing in Him is another. Bible study without faith will not enrich our spiritual life.

I’ll continue with the methods of how to study the Bible next time.

- Rev Timothy Ki

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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 15th 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 18th Feb    4pm <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>	

<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<b><u>TODAY: 12/02/2017</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	Heart Shaped Parenting	But Whose Day is it?	<b>Chairman:</b> John
<b>Text</b>	Malachi 4:6	Jeremiah 17:19-27	<b>Organist:</b> Anthony

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>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>Study of the Book of Psalms:</b> at 3pm, Dr Martin will lead a Bible Study on the book of Psalms, using the book "<i>The Flow of the Psalms</i>" by Palmer Robertson.</li> <li>• <b>Sunday Evening Video Series:</b> After Evening Service today there will be a Video Series on "<i>Mastering Your Money</i>".</li> <li>• <b>Church Maintenance Fund:</b> The Church needs to undergo some significant repairs in the coming months; a Maintenance Fund has been set up for anyone wishing to offer a love gift to assist with the costs.</li> <li>• <b>Church Maintenance Day: Saturday 18th February, 11am.</b> All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 19/02/2017</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan / Keene  <b>Organist:</b> Anthony  <b>Pianist:</b> Keene  <b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / Joel  <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael  <b>Lunch:</b> Sharon  <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers  <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott / Joel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 19/02/2017</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan / Keene  <b>Organist:</b> Anthony  <b>Pianist:</b> Joel  <b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / Joel  <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael  <b>Lunch:</b> Volunteers  <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers  <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott / Anthony</p>
<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £923.60; Lunch: £36.00  <b>Church Maintenance Fund:</b> £60.00  <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 39 (A) 13 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 4 (C)</p>	<p><b>Church Maintenance Fund Total:</b>  <b>£2,240</b></p>

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 53

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

**A:** *The Third Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

Comments:

This commandment tells how to treat the Name of God, and by his *Name* is meant everything by which he is named to us, or specially made known. To take God's name in vain is to use it for a vain or frivolous purpose; and we break this command by profane swearing, or by irreverently using God's name. We recognise the command when we pray – *Hallowed be thy Name.*

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."</i></p> <p><b>Proverbs 19:21</b></p>	<p><i>"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."</i></p> <p><b>Proverbs 3:13</b></p>	<p><i>"Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.."</i></p> <p><b>Proverbs 12:1</b></p>