



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

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 43:9-12

Psalm 72:18-19

Opening Hymn *

RHC 65 – *“And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”*

RHC 161 – *“There’s a Song in the Air!”*

Opening Prayer *

John Poh

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Gloria Patri *

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 37

Second Hymn *

Psalm 37 verses 3-7
(to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *

RHC 160 – *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

Scriptural Text

Joshua 22:1-34

Romans 10:1-10

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Keeping the Unity of the Faith

Two Kinds of Righteousness

Closing Hymn *

RHC 262 – *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord!”*

RHC 121 – *“My Redeemer”*

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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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.

EVERY CHRISTIAN A PUBLISHER

- An edited version of *Every Christian a Publisher* by Ernest C. Reisinger

THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERATURE IN THE CHURCH

The church needs to return to the recognition of the importance of the use of edifying literature. We are living in an age of easy access to information through the Internet. Yet, many Christians do not realise that it is effective for spreading God's truth, evangelism, for instruction in Christian truth, and for its role in planting churches.

In Isaiah 1:3, we read, "Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." The people of God were living in sin and wickedness as a result of not 'knowing,' and they did not know because they did not consider.

Books are to be used to dispel darkness and ignorance. If men do not know, then they must acquaint themselves with facts by reading and studying. We need to use books to fight ignorance - the ignorance of Christian truth and doctrine that is so prevalent in our churches today.

Have we forgotten that Christianity is primarily a religion of facts - historical facts? The Bible is a body of divine truth, and to be ignorant of biblical revelation is to be ignorant of Christianity and to be ignorant of God.

Undoubtedly one of the reasons for the deadness and weakness of our churches is ignorance. We will not have Christians who are great in faith and fruitful in experience until we have Christians who are strong in biblical doctrine. Christian experience is nothing less than truth, and its evidence revealed and applied by the Spirit to our minds, to our affections and to our wills. Those who "do not the truth" are those "in darkness" (1 John 1:6).

THE POWER OF THE PRESS

The ministry of books can be used to evangelise, teach, train and expel ignorance as it has done in the past. A glance at history should convince us that God has used books and literature to enlighten blinded peoples and nations.

How were the voices of the Reformers, like Luther and Calvin heard and their doctrines embraced? And how were many of the countries of Europe threw off the yoke of Rome and turned Protestant? It was because books and tracts became, in the hands of God, a mighty reforming and regenerating power.

A book by Richard Sibbes, one of the choicest of the Puritan writers, was read by Richard Baxter, who was greatly blessed by it. Baxter then wrote his "*Call To The Unconverted*" which profoundly influenced Philip Doddridge, who in turn wrote "*The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul*." This brought the young William Wilberforce, subsequent English statesman and foe of slavery, to serious thoughts of eternity.

Wilberforce wrote his "*Practical Book of Christianity*" which fired the soul of Leigh Richmond. Richmond, in turn, wrote "*The Dairyman's Daughter*," a book that brought thousands to the Lord, helping Thomas Chalmers the great preacher, among others.

In the past, the pen has been the hammer to break the errors of centuries. But now the enemies of the truth have learned the value of books. With word processors and printing presses, they have left those who love the biblical Christianity far behind.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

A minister can lead his people to see the importance of the use of excellent and edifying literature just as he leads them in other truths. The ministry of reading will build a spiritually healthy and vibrant church.

Charles H. Spurgeon tells how, when he was a child, his mother would often read a piece of Alleine's *Alarm To The Unconverted* to the family as they sat round the fire on a Sunday evening and, when brought under conviction of sin, it was to this old book that he turned. "I remember," he writes, "when I used to awake in the morning, the first thing I took up was Alleine's *Alarm*, or Baxter's *Call To The Unconverted*. Oh those books, those books! I read and devoured them...'

BUNYAN'S PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Without doubt, next to the Bible, *Pilgrim's Progress* has been used to bless more people than any other single book. You should not rest until every family in your church has a copy. Use it in your sermons!

William Chalmers Burns, the first Presbyterian missionary to go to China, translated *Pilgrim's Progress* as a means of evangelising. Later, when he worked farther back into the interior of that nation, he translated it into the local dialects.

Where the Bible goes, we may say, *The Pilgrim's Progress* will follow! Bunyan and his book have no appeal, at first, to the men and women of this world. The men and women who are too wrapped up in this world either do not understand it or see no great depth of spiritual truth in it.

"TWENTY-SIX SOLDIERS"

There is power in those twenty-six soldiers - the letters of our alphabet upon the printed page.

Francis Bacon said, "If I might control the literature of the household, I would guarantee the wellbeing of the church and state." Martin Luther said, "We must throw the printer's inkpot at the devil." Robert Murray M'Cheyne said, "The smallest tract may be the stone in David's sling. In the hands of Christ, it may bring down a giant's soul." John Trapp said, "Be careful what books you read, for as water tastes of the soil it runs through, so does the soul taste of the authors that a man reads." Samuel Zwemmer said, "No other agency can penetrate so deeply, witness so daringly, abide so persistently and influence so irresistibly as the printed page."

The printed page never flinches; it never shows cowardice; it is never tempted to compromise. The printed page never gets tired; it never gets disheartened. The printed page travels cheaply - you can be a missionary for the price of a stamp. It requires no buildings in which to operate. The printed page works while you sleep. It never loses its temper in a discussion. And it works when you are gone from the scene. The printed page is a visitor that gets inside the home and stays there. It always catches a man in the right mood; it speaks to him only when he is reading it. It never answers back, and it sticks to the point.

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:00 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Please stay back for fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the afternoon service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK		WELCOME
Weds 11 th Dec	No Mid-week Bible Study on 11 th Dec. Next study to be held 18 th Dec, 7pm.	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.
Sun 15 th Dec, 10am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service Afternoon Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Pr Mok Chee Cheong Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<u>TODAY: 08/12/2019</u>
Message	TBC TBC	Chairman: John
Text	TBC TBC	Organist: Matthew
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pianist: Matthew
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Sunday Lunch, 22/12/19: The church will hold a traditional roast lunch on that day. If you would like to help make a contribution for the lunch, please inform Daniel, Jonathan or John. • Christmas Day Service, 25/12/19: The service will start at 11 am. Offering collected on that day will be used for Missions. There will also be a carry-in lunch – if you would like to contribute, please inform Daniel, Jonathan or John. 		Ushers: Daniel / Tom
		Lunch: Sharon
		Washing Up: Volunteers
		PA Crew: Mark / Jason
		<u>NEXT WEEK: 15/12/2019</u>
		Chairman: Jonathan
		Organist: TBC
		Pianist: TBC
		Ushers: Daniel / Tom
		Lunch: Volunteers
		Washing Up: Volunteers
		PA Crew: Jason
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £663.00, Lunch: £28.20, Maintenance Fund: £50.00 Attendance - Morning: 22 (A) 6 (C), Afternoon: 12 (A) 3 (C)		Church Maintenance Fund Total: £5,960.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 95

Q: To whom is Baptism to be administered?

A: Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible Church – till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Comments:

We are here taught the persons who may be baptized. They consist of two classes – *adults* who are Christians, but who may not have been already baptized; and the *infants* of church members. The former are baptized because the meaning of the ordinance is to declare that the persons baptized profess themselves to be Christians; and the latter are baptized because the promises of God to his people extend to their children as well as to themselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 2:41, Acts 2:39

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23	“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” 1 Timothy 1:15	“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16