



# 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 10 NOVEMBER 2019**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 27:1-4	Isaiah 64:8
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 229 – “Thy Kingdom Come, O God”	RHC 47 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 33	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 33 verses 1-5</i> (to the tune of Irish)	---
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 352 – “All The Way My Saviour Leads Me”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Joshua 17-18:10	Romans 9:19-24
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Spiritual Complacency, Pride and Indifference</i>	<i>The Divine Potter and the Clay</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 442 – “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”	RHC 421 – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	
<i>* Congregation Stands</i>		

#### 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.

# What Scientists Ignore About Climate Change – Part 1

by Dr. Alan White - Answers In Genesis, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

*We cannot understand the climate change issue unless we ground our perspective in God's Word.*

All-time record temperatures in Paris, fires in the Amazon, Mississippi River flooding, the Maldives underwater . . .

Everywhere we turn, we hear warnings about serious threats to life on earth. With each report, extremists demand immediate, drastic government measures to slow down climate change before it is too late.

Most stories lay the blame squarely on us humans, particularly on carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), a greenhouse gas produced by our burning coal, oil, or natural gas. In their zeal to protect the environment, however, few activists stop to question the data that supposedly links human activity to a rise in global temperature or to a rise in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. Even fewer have taken the time to consider how proposed restrictions on fossil fuels could make life more difficult, especially for the poor.

Those of us in affluent societies tend to forget that the standard of living all over the world is directly related to the availability of affordable energy. While the cost of renewable energy like solar panels and wind turbines is declining rapidly, it will be years before they are widely available at a reasonable cost.

With so much at stake, we must analyze the scientific data evenhandedly. If a problem exists with human production of CO<sub>2</sub>, we must carefully consider the consequences of our proposed actions.

To be sure, a dramatic increase in global temperatures and extreme weather events—drought, fires, hurricanes, floods, and the like—would be devastating for life on planet earth, causing loss of human life, property, and crops. But before we join the stampede to restructure how the world generates energy, Christians need to weigh factors that secular experts often overlook because they don't share our biblical worldview.

## **God Has a Plan and a Purpose for the Earth**

It is easy for us as Christians to get so tied up in our daily trials that we forget about the higher purposes of the One who created this world. God cares deeply about the earth and its climate. The earth is actually mentioned in the Bible's very first verse: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

God had a plan and a purpose for the earth long before he created anything, but he placed mankind at the center of his plan (Acts 17:24–27). While the earth and its climate are important, human beings made in his own image are of much greater importance to God. The earth was created to be a safe home for human beings and a place where we would share with God the responsibility of caring for the earth (Genesis 1:27–28).

But God didn't create everything and then go on vacation. He is actively holding his creation together all the time (Colossians 1:16–17). After Noah's flood, God promised the earth would remain habitable until the end of time: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

So before we begin weighing the complexities of what might cause global warming or extreme weather events, we must first recognize several fundamental truths: God's supernatural creation of the earth and those created in his image; his promise that the earth will remain habitable; and his intention to fulfill his higher purposes.

## **Our Limited Understanding of God's Ordained Cycles**

According to the secular "no God" story, the earth somehow was formed about 4.5 billion years ago as a molten mass, and it cooled over about 200 million years. Secular scientists still struggle to explain the source of the water in earth's life-giving oceans, since it could not have been there in the beginning. According to their view, all the changes necessary to evolve a watery world suitable for life were unguided and completely random. Consequently, they fear the earth's life-support systems could easily get out of control and become hostile to life.

In contrast, God's Word says the earth was covered with water from creation, and the water obeyed God's command (Genesis 1:2; Proverbs 8:28–29; 2 Peter 3:5). Unlike other celestial objects, our planet is covered with about 326 quintillion gallons of life-sustaining water on its surface, regulating our climate and providing for our needs. The prophet Isaiah describes the water cycle beautifully, as it fulfills God's wish to nourish life (Isaiah 55:10–11).

The water cycle explains much of how our climate works, but we still don't understand many details even today. The most advanced climate models still cannot accurately predict how clouds affect earth's temperature. Thousands of years ago, Job acknowledged this challenge:

*Behold, God is great, and we know him not; the number of his years is unsearchable. For he draws up the drops of water; they distill his mist in rain, which the skies pour down and drop on mankind abundantly. Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds, the thunderings of his pavilion? (Job 36:26–30)*

We have long understood that water is integral to moderating the earth's climate by readily transferring the heat from the sun around our planet. However, until very recently, water's role as a greenhouse gas has been a well-kept secret in contemporary climate debates. The naturally occurring water vapor in the atmosphere has a much greater greenhouse gas effect than the CO<sub>2</sub> from our cars and factories.

In simple terms, greenhouse gases act like a winter blanket over the earth, holding in some of the heat that would otherwise be lost. Without the presence of water in our atmosphere and its greenhouse effect, earth's climate would likely be too cold to sustain life.

This inconvenient fact weakens the argument for immediate action on climate change. Water molecules are brilliantly designed for maintaining a temperate climate. Before we look at the influence of man-made CO<sub>2</sub> on climate, we must first recognize that the earth has many complex systems in place clearly designed to keep us warm. Our climate is miraculously stable, given that the earth is surrounded by cold, empty space.

## **What Is Our Responsibility?**

Just because God has designed a marvelous system to maintain a warm earth doesn't absolve humans of their responsibilities. What is our duty? According to the Bible, we are to have dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26, 28). Most take this to mean that we have stewardship over the earth. In this case, it is prudent that we do scientific investigations to know how our climate is changing. We should evaluate these facts from a biblical perspective. If we find that our actions are truly detrimental to the earth, and particularly to its inhabitants, we should change what we are doing.

*....to be continued*

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **3.00 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

Sat 16th November	<b>No Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>
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## WELCOME

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.

<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Afternoon Service</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen
<i>Message</i>	TBC	TBC
<i>Text</i>	TBC	TBC

## LORD'S DAY DUTIES

### TODAY: 10/11/2019

*Chairman:* John  
*Organist:* Anthony  
*Pianist:* Anthony  
*Ushers:* Tom / Margaret  
*Lunch:* Jonathan  
*Washing Up:* Volunteers  
*PA Crew:* Mark / Jason

### NEXT WEEK: 17/11/2019

*Chairman:* Jonathan  
*Organist:* Anthony  
*Pianist:* Venise  
*Ushers:* Daniel / Yetta  
*Lunch:* Maureen  
*Washing Up:* Volunteers  
*PA Crew:* Mark / Jason

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday School:** Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend
- **Lord's Day Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting @ 10am:** This will start 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please do come and join us for a time of prayer.
- **Mid Week Bible Study:** This will be held fortnightly on Wednesday evening starting mid November.
- **Please note that this Lords Day is Remembrance Sunday and we will be observing 2 minutes silence at 11am, please be seated early.**

**Worship Service Collections** - Last Sunday: £1192.10, Lunch: £51.20  
**Attendance** - Morning: 37 (A) 9 (C), Afternoon: 20 (A) 8 (C)

**Church Maintenance Fund**  
**Total: £5,810.50**

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 91

**Q: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?**

*A: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation - not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them - but only by the  **blessing of Christ**, and the  **working of his Spirit** in them that by faith receive them.*

Comments:

We are here taught the proper way of using the sacraments. We must pray for the blessing of Christ on them. It was he who appointed them and it is he alone who can make them of benefit to our souls. In themselves the sacraments are of no value, nor can the minister (notwithstanding what the Roman Catholic Church says) give them any power whatever apart from Christ.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 11:29, 1 Corinthians 3:7

## MEMORY VERSE

### Last Week

*“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*  
**2 Timothy 3:15**

### This Week

*“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.”*  
**Psalm 37:23-24**

### Next Week

*“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.”*  
**Psalm 31:24**