



# 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 02 FEBRUARY 2020

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### Morning Service – 11am

#### Afternoon Service – 3pm

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 135:1-3

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 86 – “Safely Through Another Week”

RHC 63 – “Jesus, The Glories of Thy Face”

*Opening Prayer \**

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 45

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 45 1<sup>st</sup> version, verses 1-4*  
(to the tune of St. Peter, RHC 456)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 318 – “Blessed Assurance”

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*Scriptural Text*

Colossians 1:24-2:3

Romans 11:25-32

*Pastoral Prayer*

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Sermon Message*

*The Pre-eminence of Christ in Paul’s ministry*

*The Mystery of Israel’s Blindness Solved*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 212 – “Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus”

RHC 73 – “All Hail the Power”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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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.

#### 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.

# **EXPERIENCING JUSTIFICATION AND ADOPTION**

## **Introduction**

John Calvin once said that justification is the central hinge on which religion turns. According to him, "justified by faith is he who, excluded from the righteousness of works, grasps the righteousness of Christ through, and clothed in it, appears in God's sight not as a sinner but as a righteous man."

## **The Nature of Justification and Adoption**

Another glorious doctrine that is closely related to the doctrine of justification is adoption. Those who are justified by faith are also adopted by God as members of His family. It is through adoption that we are brought into an even more fruitful relationship with God than justification. Justification has to do with our legal relationship with God. In justification, God as Judge declares the sinner who by faith, believes in Christ free from the demands of the law because another Surety has met those demands. In adoption, however, God is not only our pacified Judge but our reconciled heavenly Father. "*Behold,*" says John the apostle, "*what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God*" (1 John 3:1).

## **The Blessings of Justification and Adoption**

Why is this superior blessing not experienced more often in its richness by believers? Why do believers not enjoying more the privileges of sonship as they should? There are valid reasons for such laments. All God's people have times when fears and doubts beset them. When they realise who and what they are before a holy God, they can find it challenging to appropriate such great blessings to themselves. Many possess the essential marks of grace and yet often hesitate to pray, "Abba, Father!" They may believe that Christ is their only Hope and Refuge and there are times "when peace like a river attends [their] way," but they can also go through period when they do not have the full assurance of their sonship as they wish.

## **The way to enjoying the blessings of Justification and Adoption**

If the above-mentioned described you, what do you do? You must learn to fix your mind on this truth: children of God are adopted through grace, for Christ's sake. Our sonship grows out of Christ's sonship! It is based on what He has done to earn the blessing of sonship for us. God rejected him for a time and so deprived of His Father's love that He cried out, "*My God*" - not my Father, but my God - "*why hast thou forsaken me?*" He did this in order "that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken of Him" (Form for Administration of the Lord's Supper).

## **Conclusion**

How marvellous is God's way of salvation! Does not your heart burn within you when you hear these wonderful truths of the Word of God (Luke 24:32)? Are you still afraid to call God your Father, even if you cannot deny that you believe on His Son? Your heavenly Father wants you to call Him by His rightful name. When the prodigal son returned to his father's house with a repentant heart, he was no doubt afraid that he would find the door to that house closed. Having sinned against heaven and his father, he could not expect to be received as a son. But his father had other plans for him. Picture the scene: the father running toward his long-lost son, followed by a hearty embrace and an ardent kiss, then the best robe, the ring, the shoes, and the feast - and all for a son who had been dead but was alive again.

- adapted from *The Reformation Heritage KJV Study Bible*

## THE CHILD COMING TO JESUS

*(Robert Murraray M'Cheyne)*

Suffer to me to come to Jesus,  
Mother, dear, forbid me not;  
By his blood from hell he frees us;  
Make us fair without a spot.

Suffer me, my earthly father,  
At his pierced feet to fall;  
Why forbid me? help me, rather;  
Jesus is my all in all.

Suffer me to run unto him;  
Gentle sisters come with me;  
Oh that all I love but knew him,  
Then my home a heaven would be.

Loving playmates, gay and smiling,  
Bid me not forsake the cross;  
Hard to bear is your reviling,  
Yet for Jesus all is dross.

Yea, though all the world have chid me,  
Father, mother, sister, friend -  
Jesus never will forbid me!  
Jesus loves me to the end!

Gentle Shepherd, on thy shoulder  
Carry me, a sinful lamb;  
Give me faith, and make me bolder  
Till with thee in heaven I am

*July, 1841*

# 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  |
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| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb       | No Mid-Week 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. |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am | Pre-worship Prayer Meeting                      |  |
| <i>Next Lord's Day</i>        | <i>Morning Service</i> <i>Afternoon Service</i> | <b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>   |
| <i>Preacher</i>               | Pr Mok Chee Cheong      Pr Mok Chee Cheong      | <b><u>TODAY: 02/02/2020</u></b>  |
| <i>Message</i>                | TBC      TBC                                    | <i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan K  |
| <i>Text</i>                   | TBC      TBC                                    | <i>Organist:</i> Anthony   |

| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS   |  | LORD'S DAY DUTIES |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday School:</b> Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend.</li> <li>• <b>Catechism Class:</b> For those seeking baptism or church membership, the catechism classes will commence today at 2pm. Please inform Pr Mok if you would like to join the classes.</li> <li>• <b>Mid Week Bible Study:</b> This will be held fortnightly in the manse on Wednesday evening, 7pm. The next bible study will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.</li> <li>• <b>Library Ministry:</b> The Church library is now open, please see Pr Mok if you wish to borrow any books.</li> </ul> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 09/02/2020</u></b></p> <i>Chairman:</i> John<br><i>Organist:</i> Anthony<br><i>Pianist:</i> Anthony<br><i>Ushers:</i> Tom/Jonathan K<br><i>Lunch:</i> Maureen<br><i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers<br><i>PA Crew:</i> Mark / Jason |                   |

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| <b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £639.59<br><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 29 (A) 13 (C), Afternoon: 17 (A) 8 (C) | <b>Church Maintenance Fund</b><br><b>Total: £6,160.50</b> |
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| SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 103  |
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| <p><b>Q: What do we pray for in the Third Petition?</b><br/> <i>A: In the Third Petition – (which is, <b>THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN</b>) – we pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to <u>know, obey, and submit to his will</u> in all things, as the angels do in heaven.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u><br/>                     God's <i>will</i> means what he wishes to be done. This will is obeyed perfectly in heaven, and in this petition we pray that it may be obeyed as perfectly on earth. This can never be done in our own strength, and therefore we ask that God would help us to know perfectly what his will is, and having learned it, to do and suffer it.</p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u><br/>                     Psalm 119:34, Matthew 26:39</p> |

| MEMORY VERSE  |  |  |
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| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”</i><br><b>Romans 8:6</b> | <b>This Week</b><br><i>“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”</i><br><b>Hebrews 12:14</b> | <b>Next Week</b><br><i>“A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.”</i><br><b>Proverbs 16:9</b> |