



# 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 28 SEPTEMBER 2025**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 96:7-9

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s Aweful Throne”

*Opening Prayer*

John Poh

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 20

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 20:1-7*

*(to the tune of Bethlehem, RHC 15)*

*Scriptural Text*

Matthew 7:1-6, Romans 14:1-13

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Mathews Abraham

*Sermon Message*

*Overcoming a Judgmental Spirit*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Mathews Abraham

*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.

#### **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.

### **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 78**

**Q: What is forbidden in the Ninth Commandment?**

*A: The Ninth Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbour’s good name.*

Comment:

This commandment refers to our *words*. It commands us to be careful to speak the *truth* at all times, to stand up for it when it is assailed, and to seek to advance it by all means in our power. And it forbids us to do anything which might make others believe what is not true – which is *lying*; and especially where anyone’s character is concerned – which is *slander*. In ordinary intercourse the rule is, Speak the truth in love. In witness-bearing the rule is, Speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Scriptural Reference:

Ephesians 4:31, Psalm 15:3

Dear brethren, this week article has been written by Rev Mathews specially for the edification of our church congregation:

# **The Living Word: A Sure Foundation**

Our church is built on the sure foundation of God's Word—the inerrant, infallible, and authoritative Bible. For generations, we've experienced the boundless blessings it provides. The Bible is not merely a book of human writings; it is the Word of God, as confirmed in 2 Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

As believers, our lives are governed by God's Word alone. It is the sole rule for our faith and daily practice. To live for Christ, we must faithfully discipline ourselves to search the Scriptures, read them, meditate on them, and apply their truths to our lives. But how do we truly regard God's Word? Do we approach it with the right attitude? A proper attitude toward Scripture will undoubtedly transform our lives and empower us to live for Christ.

## **The Right Attitude Toward God's Word**

The Bible offers many examples that teach us the correct attitude toward God's Word. A prime example is found in the believers of the Thessalonian church. The Apostle Paul commended them in 1 Thessalonians 2:13: "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

The Thessalonians' lives were transformed because they genuinely believed that the words Paul spoke were God's inspired Word, not just human teachings. This belief allowed God to work powerfully within them, enabling them to live for Christ. In the same way, we must honestly believe that the Bible is the very Word of God. We must be willing to submit to its authority and obey its commands. Only then can we live for Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Take a moment to check your own heart:

- Do you honestly believe the Bible is the Word of God?
- How do you demonstrate this belief?
- Do you dedicate time to studying the Scriptures and attending church Bible studies?

## **The Impact of God's Word in Our Lives**

When we are truly thankful for God's Word, it will produce visible change in our lives. Consider the promise in Psalm 119:165: "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." When we love God's Word, we experience a profound peace that transcends our daily circumstances. This peace comes from heeding the warnings against sin and trusting in God's sovereign control over everything.

Our spiritual health is directly tied to our hunger for God's Word. A thriving appetite for Scripture indicates a healthy heart. If you find you have no desire for God's Word, it may be a sign of spiritual sickness, much like a child who has no appetite for food. The solution is to turn to Jesus, our Great Physician, and seek forgiveness and cleansing from sin. Sin can create a distance between us and God's Word, but being in right relationship with God restores our peace and our spiritual hunger.

## **Victory Through God's Word**

Even as saved believers, we tend to drift away from God if we do not stay close to Him. The struggle against our own will is very real. Our carnal minds can easily give in to the "lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

The only way to achieve victory over these temptations is through the Word of God. The Bible acts as a spiritual yardstick, showing us our weaknesses, convicting us of our sins, prompting us to repent, and then comforting and strengthening us as we obey.

God did not give us His Word simply to increase our knowledge; He gave it to transform our lives. We must be "doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). Our ultimate purpose is to be conformed into the image of Jesus Christ—to live for Him, glorify Him, and serve Him.

## **A Call to Action**

Let us pray for a deeper hunger and thirst for God's Word. Consider the example of George Müller, a 19th-century evangelist and philanthropist. He dedicated his life to caring for thousands of orphans, and his ministry was entirely dependent on prayer and the promises of God in Scripture. Müller never made a public appeal for funds, yet all the needs of his orphanages were met because he trusted in God alone, as revealed in the Bible. His life was a powerful demonstration of the transformative power of God's Word when it is truly believed and lived out.

Beyond personal study, let us not neglect the privilege of gathering together to hear God's Word. Hebrews 10:25 reminds us: "Not forsaking the assembling of..."

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# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

**We thank God for providing Rev Mathews Abraham to minister to us this Lord's Day.** Rev Abraham will be ministering to us until mid-November.

**Tithes & Offerings** – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

**After-Service Fellowship** – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

**Afternoon Bible Study** – Rev Mathews will continue the study on the topic of "The Fruit of the Spirit" taken from Galatians 5:22-23.

**Children's Sunday School** – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

## MEMORY VERSE

### This Week

*"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."*

**Romans 14:11-12**

### Last Week

*"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."*

**James 1:12**

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ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." We must make every effort to participate in church gatherings, Bible studies, and prayer meetings.

Ultimately, the only way to live a victorious life for God is through total surrender to Him and obedience to His Word. We must be humble enough to continue listening to God's truth and putting our trust in Him. As 2 Peter 3:18 encourages, we are to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."