



# 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*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 84:1-4

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 81 – “*Lord of the Sabbath*”

*Opening Prayer*

Jonathan Kim

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 37

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 37:1-7*

*(to the tune of All Saints New, RHC 438)*

*Scriptural Text*

Job 42:1-6

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Wes Bredenhof

*Sermon Message*

*Should we question the Almighty God's wise purposes?*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 328 – “*How Firm a Foundation*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Wes Bredenhof

*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 96**

**Q: What is the Lord's Supper?**

*A: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his DEATH is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are – not after a corporal and carnal manner – but by faith made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.*

Comments:

The Lord's Supper is so called because it is a feast instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. It is likewise called the Communion. The outward act in it is eating bread and drinking wine, according to Christ's appointment; and the inward meaning of it is the sacrifice of Christ – the broken bread telling of his broken body, and the poured-out wine telling of his shed blood. In itself it is of no value whatsoever, but when received in faith it quickens our love to God, deepens our faith in Christ, and promotes the welfare of our souls. The Roman Catholic Church teaches that the bread in the Communion is changed into the actual flesh of our Lord; but this is an error. We can only receive Christ by faith.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 11:23, 1 Corinthians 10:16

Dear brethren, for the next 5 weeks, we will be publishing the series of articles entitled “What time is it?” written by Rev Okman Ki, Pastor Emeritus of Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church in Australia. These articles were published in Lively Hope between 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025. They are now reproduced for our edification.

## **What time is it? – Part 1**

Romans 13:12 says, *“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.”*

There is a story of Paul’s shipwreck in Acts 27. The apostle and his companions were exceedingly tossed with a tempest for 13 days. There was neither sun or stars for many days. All hope that they would be saved was taken away. Then, on the fourteenth night, around midnight, the shipmen deemed that they were drawing near to land. They measured the depth of the water and found it was 20 fathoms [about 36.5 metres], and then 15 fathoms [about 27 metres]. They began to fear that the ship might fall upon rocks, so they cast 4 anchors out of the stern and “wished for the day” (Acts 28:29). Just imagine how fearful the night was to all souls on the boat. Many times they must have asked, “what time is it?”

Though our situations may be different, we too may have faced critical moments in life, including our loved ones in critical conditions, desperately waiting for the result of job interviews, or like a general waiting for supporting additional troops to come while engaged in serious battle. Will the morning come? Will the physician come? Will the help come? In such times, time travels slowly, and clocks and watches seem to stand still. We keep asking “What time is it?”

There is an hour before us all when the earth and its works shall be burned up, and the inhabitants of this planet shall all stand before the judgment of Christ. The world is rapidly rolling on towards the day of judgment. Are we ready for it? Is it near, or is it far off? What time is it?

Paul says in Romans 13:12, *“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.”* These words ought to rouse our sleeping minds to a sense of the eternal realities which are before us. They call us to lay aside all trifling, lingering and carelessness about our Christianity. They summon us to a close walk with God. There are 4 thoughts in regard to the question, “What time is it?”

First, we should be reminded of the present condition of the world. It is night. In the verse, Paul added a few more words to describe the night, “the night is far spent.” Some may think it strange to call this present age “night.” After all, they are living in days of learning, science, civilisation, commerce, freedom, and knowledge. They see around them things which their forefathers never dreamed of – airplanes, gas, electricity, digital devices, internet, and even AI (artificial intelligence). Despite the availability of such incredible knowledge and technology, in the things of God, the world is still in a state of “night.” The majority of people in the world rebel against

God, even deny His existence. In many regions, even possessing a Bible is forbidden, and believing in Jesus is a deadly crime. People are living in cruel, deceitful, immoral, unclean, sensual, devilish, idolatrous, and superstitious lives. That is night.

I am not just talking about a non-Christian world. Many of the professing Christians have unsound faith. Their religion is simply not biblical. They have added many things to Christianity which are not found in the Bible. They have left out many things which the Bible has plainly commanded. There are people who get baptised without even knowing the Bible or having the slightest idea of salvation as revealed in the Gospel. Even many of the so-called once Christian nations have fallen into infidelity. The citizens of such countries do not regard God as the supreme object of worship. They do not go to a place of worship. Some go to church only for appearances without inner conversion. Not many people show any evidence of a saving faith in Christ and a real work of the Spirit in their hearts. Even Christian churches, a dark cloud looms over them as if a deep night is about to overtake them.

If you ever doubt what I have said so far, then go to the godliest people you have known of and ask for their opinions of this present day. I am sure that they will say the same thing as Paul says, "it is night." I understand that the unconverted would not agree with me that the present time is night. They say so because they would not perceive it. If a man does not have eyes to see, how can he know the difference between the day and the night?

One of the characteristics of the night is that it is often cold and damp. We all know what it is especially during the winter season. In Adelaide, I have felt that at least half of the Spring and Autumn seasons are cold and damp nights, in addition to Winter. Many believers have only cold and dampened zeal for the Lord, and their hearts are only lukewarm at the most. Their love for God has become cold. Why is it so? Because it is night.

If I turn my attention to the true believers who love the Lord with their whole mind, soul, and body, they do experience a few things in the night. I have noticed that such individuals often encounter spiritual loneliness. They find little company on the way that leads them to heaven. Here and there they fall in with someone who loves the Lord as they do and lives by faith. It seems that a few preserved sheep of God are scattered in a wilderness. Because it is night.

They also face dangers both in body and soul. It is not too hard to understand that they may fall into spiritual dangers. They are surrounded by false teachers and preachers, temptation, devilish attacks, discouragements, and so on. The Lord Jesus even warned His own men to watch and pray. Rather, believers are exhorted to be soldiers for Christ. Why do they have to be Christ's soldiers in this world? It is because they are living in an enemy's territory and must always be on guard. It is night. The dangers against their body are in relation to their living environments.

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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 Wes Bredenhof to minister to us this Lord's Day and for the past two months.** Rev Bredenhof and his wife, Rose, returning to Australia on Tuesday. Please pray for their journey mercies.

Next week, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson will be ministering to us.

**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 Bredenhof will conduct the study on “How not to respond when the Owner of the vineyard sends his Son” taken from Mark 12:1-12.

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

## MEMORY VERSE

### This Week

*“Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.”*

**Job 46:1-2**

### Last Week

*“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:”*

**Job 19:25**

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For example, their countries' rules, laws, and policies may be against their values. Their children are going to school where they learn things set up by ungodly and unbiblical guidelines. Freedom of speech and expressions could be distorted and perverted, and they may have to live under twisted public moral values and ideologies. It will affect their social life, work, and employments. It is night.

Maybe we need to sit down and ask ourselves whether we consider this world in which we live to be night or day. Is the present time a time of conflict or a time of ease? Do we feel that our best things are here in this life, or that our best things are yet to come? True believers will find the words of His crucified Lord to be true, “In the world ye shall have tribulation” (John 16:33). They, like their Lord, will be made perfect through suffering. They will mourn over the world they live in as a world in rebellion against its rightful king. Sin will grieve them. Ungodliness will make them heavy of heart. Like Lot in Sodom, their righteous souls will be daily vexed with much that they see and hear. They will long for the time when the day shall dawn, and the shadows flee away. It is all because they feel the present time is night.