

*** GIVE THANKS ***

Thanksgiving Service

WELCOME

We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

NEED A HAND?



The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

– 1 CORINTHIANS 12:21 NIV

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VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

To build a church that is **growing, healthy and full of love**, do you have comments, ideas or suggestions? If so, please talk to the Pastor or a minister.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you could join most of our services online when you are unable to attend? Talk to the technical team or the Pastor to find out how.



Sunday 7 June 2020

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our main service occurs every Sunday effective from 15 March 2020 until further notice; from 10:00 to 12:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London. We may hold other meetings during the week. Links to these will be sent out to members or posted on our website.

When it is time for service(s), please join our Webex platform as follows:

If joining online, copy and paste the meeting link below into your browser:
<https://rccgbethel.my.webex.com/webappng/sites/rccgbethel.my/meeting/download/7c2a148a6a6f4c678d2cad460a7d36f3?siteurl=rccgbethel.my&MTID=ma34d26296c523f45b7c8ce7e2bc5324c>

The link should take you directly to the meeting, but if necessary, use the following details.

Meeting number (access code): 145 480 919

Meeting password: BethelDR

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Tap to call in from a mobile device

+44-20-3478-5289 United Kingdom Toll

Global call-in numbers

Join from a video system or application

Dial 145480919@rccgbethel.my.webex.com

You can also dial 62.109.219.4 and enter your meeting number.

Join using Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business

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If you need help, please contact the Pastor on **07889906677**.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Gifts and abilities (Eph 4:7-8; 11-14)

Last week we started looking at Ephesians 4 and explored the 7 things that unite us. To recap, they're **one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism** and **one God** (Eph 4:4-6). It means at the time of conception, every one of us gets a touch that links us. At the heart of Christianity is relationship. During this lockdown, people can be short-tempered or impatient, but it is important we bear with one another and maintain our relationships.

In our text today, Paul concentrates on the individual, telling us God has given each of us gifts or abilities. The word used, translated grace in some versions, is the same for charisma in other places. It is what we see when we admire a celebrity or someone; the extra-special quality that makes us want to copy or be like them.

Gifts beautify us (Acts 24:13; 18:24-28), making us attractive. Therefore, they could lead to hero worship. Sometimes, it may look like what separates us is denominations or doctrines, but often it is hero worship for a cult or character in the church. We tend to obey a person or leader, perhaps for the gifts that God has given them, rather than do what God says.

Some of these gifts can be found in 1 Cor 12:4-11. They're different and not exhaustive, making us stand out. But their source is the same Spirit and ultimately, they should be used to serve the Lord. Some leaders may have strong personalities, influencing individuals, giving wise advice, compelling people to follow them etc. We must not to hero worship them for these gifts or any other reason.

Also, we must take our gifts seriously and use them in service to the glory of God, as the Holy Spirit decides who has them (Rom 12:1; 6-8; Acts 9:36-49). Services, through the special gifts of God; our abilities and passions, are vital in the church, for the benefit of the church. Sometimes, we don't see them, but the church cannot exist without them (Eph 4:11-13).

As you identify your gifts, be careful to use them to glorify God and understand it is not primarily for your benefit alone (Luke 8:1-3). We must also be careful not to encourage any hero worship or admirations as a result of whatever gift God has given us. In Gal 2:11-14, we see how Peter was seduced, leading Barnabas and others astray. It is a dangerous position to be in and we must watch out that we're not seduced or become influenced by our gifts.

Bottom line:

Gifts and abilities of God must lead people to God and glorify God (Matthew 5:16). Be careful not to take credit for it or share in God's glory (Isaiah 42:8). Also, you don't know what you may do that will bring others to Christ or lead them astray.

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