

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Pastor

OFFERING: Austin

WORD: Pastor

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).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

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.

The Church Is Not The Building!

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Sunday 14 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

Dial 145480919.rccgbethel.my@lync.webex.com

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The role of the church in the modern age

Text: Ephesians 3:6-19

A mysterious plan was revealed to Paul in this chapter, which is that Jews and Gentiles share equally in the riches and promises of God. To Paul, his number one mission was to preach about this and the limitless, boundless, endless treasures available to us in Christ (v8-9). When we get to know or receive that revelation, we'll know how amazing Christ is and will place him above all other. God's purpose was to display his wisdom through the church to the world and to principalities and powers (v10).

What do principalities and powers see when they see us?

They see how God has triumphed us over sin and has sent heaven's best to redeem the world's worst. How God has conquered his enemies by love and reclaimed us as a bride for Christ. How God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings. And how God's glory is displayed through the body of Christ, the church of God. He made us co-heirs with Christ and the angels are astonished when they see Satan defeated and Christ enthroned.

We can now come boldly into God's presence to worship and pray together (v11-13). So, to answer the question about the church's role today, it is to understand what Daniel, Esther and Joseph understood long ago. Just as God is using his wisdom to display his glory to principalities and powers, he's using us and his church to do the same here on earth.

How can the church be relevant today?

The sons of Issachar had an understanding of the times (1 Chronicles 12:32). The church must manifest the wisdom of God in the same way and be able to discern the times. We must also reflect the same unity like the sons of Issachar, and be relevant, providing Godly responses and solutions.

The church must be able to answer society's questions. Churches today seem to answer their own questions more often than the ones relevant to the society. We should make ourselves indispensable and operate in excellence, acquire knowledge and skills of the age to manifest the wisdom of God, and educate ourselves beyond theological studies.

We see an example of this in Daniel and his friends (Dan 1:17). Serving under four Babylonian kings, Daniel displayed God's wisdom and answered the questions of his time. For example, a prominent preacher went online to say COVID-19 was caused by 5G. It soon became apparent he didn't know much about the subject. When we don't educate ourselves, we become irrelevant, consigned to the fringes of the society.

Filled with wonder at God's plan, Paul fell to his knees and prayed that God strengthens us because none of these can be achieved without empowerment (v14). We need an understanding of **"the love of Christ which passes knowledge"** and **"be filled with all the fullness of God"**. Also, God's spirit is in us and it teaches us about his wisdom (v17-19; John 16:13-15). No challenge can overcome us because Christ overcame (John 16:33).

Bottom line:

We owe ourselves and God the duty to display his wisdom and power to the world around us. Pray that God will give us the grace to identify the challenges we face and how to be relevant to the society, to have an understanding of our roles and display God's power and glory (Rom 8:19; Col 2:2-3).

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