

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yomi

OFFERING: Michael

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

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing?

John 15:5 (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.



Sunday 21 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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When it is time for service(s), please join our Webex platform as follows:

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Meeting number (access code): 145 480 919

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Brokenness (Hebrews 1:5-9)

God gave Jesus powerful endorsements in today's text. We know Jesus is powerful and victorious, but to have that power or victorious living demonstrated in us, we must have the right relationship with Jesus. The essence of revival is to have a life that is compatible with that of Jesus. **John 15:1-6** tells us the Christian that isn't grafted or doesn't remain in Christ and allow themselves to be pruned can bear no fruit.

However, something must occur in us first before we're grafted. Roy Hession explained in "The Calvary road" that we must be broken and live a broken life. This means that our will must be subdued totally in the will of Jesus. It is when "I" and "self" have become subservient to Jesus and "self" has been dealt with (Gal 2:20).

What are some of the characteristics of self?

Self is hard and can be unyielding. It manifests by justifying its own action, have its own way, stand up for its own right and seek its own glory. It does not bow to the will of Jesus. In fact, Galatians 5:17 tells us self is in conflict with the will of Jesus. Many of us live our lives in service to self; judgmental and selfish. The word of God tells us we're saved by grace (Eph 2:8-9). We must live in submission to that grace.

How does brokenness occur?

Brokenness comes in two ways: the work that God does and what we must do in our response. The spirit of God is in the life of a Christian, but a relationship needs to be cultivated. For example, Jonah yielded to the flesh and fled when God called him to service (Jonah 1:1-3). But after God applied some pressure, Jonah learnt to bend his will to the will of God and obeyed the calling (Jonah 1:4-3:10).

The same occurred to Nebuchadnezzar until his "self" submitted to the will of God (Dan 4:19-37). In 2 Chronicles 15:1-19; 16:1-40, King Asa provides a contrasting example. He started well, but he began to look for help by other means and stopped trusting in God. God sent prophets to warn him, but he failed to respond. The bible said he never sought God even when he became ill (2 Chro 16:12).

So, brokenness is when our will is subdued totally to the will of God and that has to be a daily occurrence. As the light of God's word is revealed to us, we should apply it to ourselves first and ask how it relates to us. It can be costly because we have to give up our rights; be quiet when we can talk, allow others to overrule us, take the back step when we want to be first and so on. It can be challenging, but it can also be rewarding.

Brokenness can also take place at the cross. In Philippians 2:6-11, Jesus demonstrated this for us. He humbled himself, even unto death, and ultimately became exalted (Heb 1:8-9). Let's remember that he did this so that you and I can be saved.

Bottom line:

We must have the same mind set as Christ (Phil 2:5). Christ submitted himself to pain, ridicule and even death on the cross. So must we. Our "self" must be put to **death** so we can **live** in Christ (2 Cor 4:10-11; Gal 2:20). Don't let whatever challenges you may be going through right now or your circumstances define who you are or your Christianity. Let your focus be on God and trust that he will finish the work he has started in you (Phil 1:6).

Recommended text: "The Calvary road" by Roy Hession

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