

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Austin

OFFERING: Bimmy

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 appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.
1 Corinthians 1:10 (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.

Above all,
KEEP LOVING ONE ANOTHER
earnestly, since
LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS.
1 PETER 4:8

Source: <https://ukmidcopts.org/resources/contemplations/>



Sunday 31 May 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 things that unite us as Christians (Ephesians 4:1-6)

We've been exploring Ephesians and learnt about Paul's prayers last week, asking for comprehension of God's love and for us to have *"the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit"*. Today, we'll be going on to Chapter 4. So much is packed into the first six verses we may not be able to explore it all today.

First, Paul talked about being a prisoner of the Lord and asked them to walk worthy of God's calling. When we read about the calling of God, it is sometimes a fearful / dramatic event as it was for Paul and Moses, but it is always life-changing. Your calling may not be as dramatic or remarkable, but that doesn't make it any less one.

Then he asked them to always be humble and gentle, making allowances for each other's fault. We see that the leadership took collective responsibility when things went wrong in Joshua 7:3-7, even though Joshua had taken counsel from the people. Joshua called on them to be united in the Spirit also.

What unites us?

Right now, we seem physically divided and distanced by our response to the pandemic, but I can see we're closer together as a nation, reacting as one and connected to each other in several other ways. I think that's what Paul meant when he asked the Ephesians to make allowances for each other and stay united in Ephesians 4:2. When we act as one, we're stronger and can achieve greater things, drawing strength from one another. Paul said divisions should not exist in the church (1 Cor 1:10-17). Many things could divide and separate us, but they make us weaker. Everyone needs someone to support them.

In the text, Paul listed seven things that unite us:

1. **One body:** We are one body and interconnected, just as every part of our physical body is. We can't allow things like denomination, doctrinal position etc., to separate that body. We're the same, regardless of what we may divide us.
2. **One Spirit:** The Holy Spirit connects us because it is the spirit of God (John 6:63).
3. **One glorious hope of our calling for the future:** We may have different things we hope for individually, but there's one hope that connects us and that's the hope that we will be together with Christ in the end (1 Cor 15:19). When we're hoping for something, there's excitement until we get it, but the hope we have in Christ will surpass our expectations (2 Cor 12:1-10).
4. **One Lord:** We have the same one Lord and that is our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. **One faith:** We have the same faith in Christ Jesus.
6. **One baptism:** Baptism is not denomination-led. It is the same everywhere and it signifies that we die with Christ and are raised with him.
7. **One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all:** In God we live, move and have our being (Acts 17:28). He's the one who unites us, ultimately. We may be unique. But in each of us, there's an expression of God and that connects us.

Also, we've all fallen short of Christ's grace and we all need a saviour (Rom 3:21-26). We can draw strength from all of these, but each of us needs the salvation of our soul as a starting point. So, if in doubt, pray now and accept God's salvation, so we can begin the journey of faith together.

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