

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yetunde

OFFERING: Remy

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

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8 (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.



**IS BUILT ... NOT
BOUGHT**

Source(s): <https://www.chrysos.org.uk/blog/top-10-tips-for-hr-to-build-effective-relationships>



Sunday 26 July 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 'must-visit' website



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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too

(<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

Google Chrome

1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

Mozilla Firefox

1. Open Firefox. Press **Alt-T** on the keyboard and select **Options** from the drop-down menu or go to **Tools >> Options** from the main menu.
2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
3. Enter or paste the URL: <http://rccgbethel.church/> or click **Use Current Page** if you are already on our website.

Microsoft Edge

1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
3. Enter <http://rccgbethel.church/>. (Click the Plus sign to add more pages if required).
4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Mutually beneficial relationships

Text: Ephesians 6:1-9

As part of our journey through the book of Ephesians, we've started to explore relationships and today we will be going through Paul's advice for children and fathers, slaves and masters. The bible never supported slavery. It was a cultural development that was eventually abolished by Christianity. In our text today, Paul challenged the hierarchical relationship between slaves and their master, calling for adherence to higher standards in service to God.

In the same manner, he asked children to obey their parents. In return, parents should not provoke their children. God testified of Abraham, that he will bring up his children to fear God. The role of the parent is to nurture their children to maturity. But we must understand there are no perfect children or parents. There will be mistakes.

So we must prayerfully discharge these duties and create an environment where both children and parents can thrive. Authority should not be abused. Balance of power in any relationship is vital and relationship is at the heart of Christianity. In Matthew 20:20-28, Jesus used the respectful request from the mother of the two Zebedee sons to teach his disciples that leaders should serve rather than lord over their followers.

Leaders must be concerned for followers / servants, care for them and work towards their wellbeing. Balancing the power within a relationship is for the benefit and success of every member. If there's love, there should be no abuse of whatever power exists. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says two are better than one. When we work together in love to build a healthy relationship, we're all the better for putting in the effort.

One of the emblematic scriptures Jesus left us is in John 13:1-17, where Jesus washed his disciple's feet. It was an example he expected us to follow in all our relationships. In other words, you shouldn't be in a relationship for yourself, but for the other person(s) and should ask yourself daily how you can make their lives better. How can the quality of their lives be better for having you in their lives?

Paul talked about our relationship with God, the Holy Spirit, each other, children, the church and so on, emphasizing that the dynamic in each case must be mutually beneficial. We must not exploit or oppress each other in our relationships.

Bottom line:

As much as we must seek after God, he also desire to spend time with us. It is why he sought Adam and Eve out in the garden and boasted about Job. In the same way, we must establish and nurture mutually beneficial relationships that will enrich our lives.

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