

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Austin

**OFFERING:** Bola

**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

But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

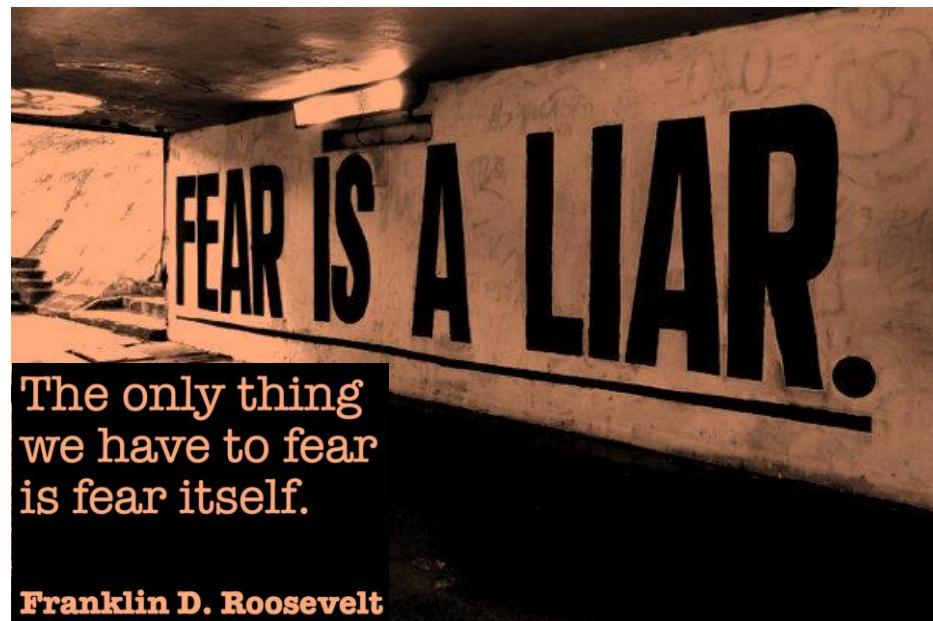
*Isaiah 43:1 (NIV)*

## 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.



Source(s): <https://www.humanunlimited.com/blogs/blog/the-falsehood-of-fear/>

<https://www.ideasonstage.com/news/2018/04/09/2018-04-10-7-tips-for-overcoming-the-fear-of-presenting/>



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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

### Spiritual warfare (Part 3)

#### Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

We must be convinced by now that our enemies are not physical, but spiritual. When Peter counselled Jesus not to go to the cross, Jesus rebuked Satan in response, not Peter (Matt 16:21-23). Paul confirmed this in our passage for today and Satan's intent is to destroy our souls. The battle field is our minds and one of the enemy's key strategies is to hijack our thoughts and bend it to his will by lying to us.

Another key strategy is to fill us with fear. Fear can keep us up at night and leave us confused. With God as our protector, the devil has no power over us, but we often let fear paralyse us. However, there are several scriptures that can set us free (2 Tim 1:5-7; Acts 4:31; Heb 2:14-18) and 1 John 4:18 tells us "**perfect love drives out fear**".

Whenever you find yourself paralysed with fear when facing a situation, address the fear. The power behind fear is death (Heb 2:14-16). We don't have to be afraid. On the contrary, we should own the spirit realm and be in control (2 Tim 1:7). Today, we're going to start exploring how we can do that and avoid becoming casualties of war.

The armour Paul was talking about is like the one used by the Roman Empire soldiers. It protects every vital part of the body. While in captivity, Paul was able to observe the Roman army's prowess, bravery, efficiency and confidence. They never gave up and won many battles because they trusted in their armour and weapons of war.

Using what he learnt in his observations, Paul explained why he was able to write like a man victorious although he was still held captive and imprisoned at the time. Paul knew he was protected by someone more powerful. That's why he gave thanks to God who has made us his captives (2 Cor 2:14).

Regardless of what's going on, joy must be an active part of our lives. When he was distressed, this was the core of David's prayer, that God restore the joy of his salvation (Psa 51:12). A friend of mine once lied to his father. Afterwards, the enemy dropped a question in his mind: How can you be a Christian and lie?

Making him question his salvation was only a start. From that point on, the enemy worked to convince him he was no longer a Christian and there wasn't any point to refrain from sin. However, the Holy Spirit eventually reached my friend, pulling him back.

The first part of the armour is the breastplate of righteousness which is right standing with God. It is the feeling we have that everything's alright, but it isn't earned by anything we did or can do. Once the enemy convinced my friend he was no longer a Christian, he took off his breastplate protection and the helmet of his salvation. He became exposed to the enemy, completely defenseless and almost becoming a casualty. We'll continue next by exploring the armour in more details.

#### Bottom line:

The only way we can become casualties is when we willingly take off the armour designed to protect us from the enemy. That leaves us open and exposed to further attacks, which can be relentless and let's remember that the battleground is our minds.

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