

*** GIVE THANKS ***

Thanksgiving Service

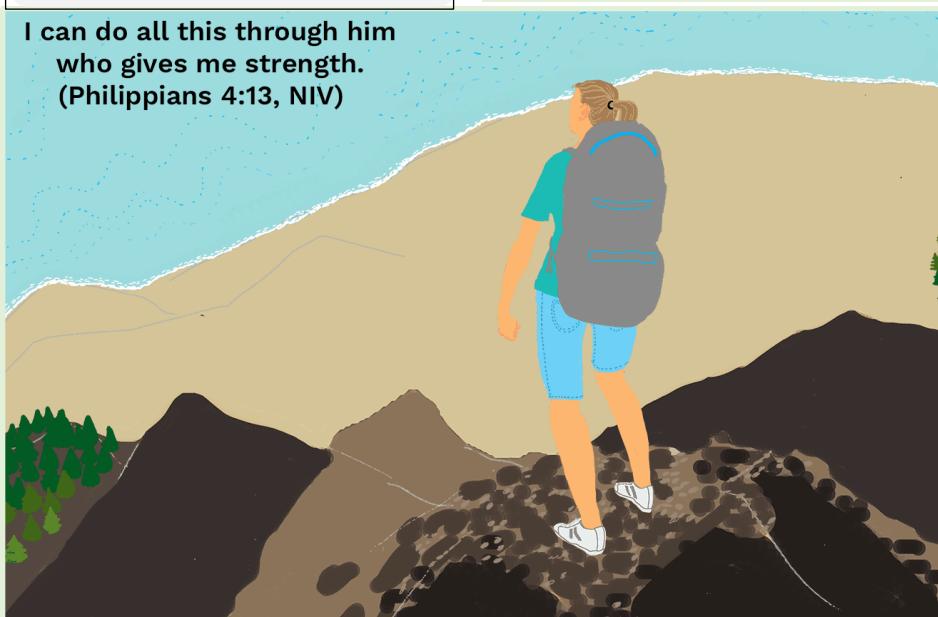
WELCOME

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).

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
(Philippians 4:13, NIV)



Source(s): <https://www.learnreligions.com/bible-verses-on-self-confidence-712108>

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (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.



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

How should grace be handled?

Text: Hebrews 10:29

For a long time, multiple interpretations was restricted for the bible which makes it only accessible to the rich and educated, in Hebrew, Latin and Aramaic. So, those who translated the bible into English were made to feel guilty for supposedly reducing down the word of God and killed. However, today, we all have access largely because of their sacrifice. That means we should all be students of the bible, especially when we need to confirm what's true.

We've learnt that the word translated grace "**charis**" in the New Testament means much more than the word "**chen**" in the Old Testament. Today, we will focus on the Holy Spirit, who is the executor of God's grace. He's the power or fuel or energy that makes us to be alive in Christ and live for God and without him, there can be no Christianity (Eph 1:13-14; 19-20; Rom 8:9-11; Eph 2:18; 22).

How do the Holy Spirit dispense grace?

The first thing is to know as much as we can about the Holy Spirit and understanding we can do nothing without having a relationship with the Holy Spirit (Zech 4:6). Some of the Holy Spirit's characteristics include the following:

Informer / revealer of God's secrets (Eph 3:5). The hidden things of God's power and will can only be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:26-29; 13:1-3; 16:6-10; Deut 29:29).

Enforcer of God's will (Eph 3:16). A lot of times when we've reached the end of our resilience and strength, the Holy Spirit gives us the grace to endure and continue (Acts 10:38; 1 Sam 30:6).

Our guarantor (Eph 4:30). He's the one "*by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption*". In other words, even when we do something wrong, the Holy Spirit still guarantees our salvation by grace.

The occupier (Eph 5:18-20). The scripture says our body is the temple of God (1 Cor 6:19). Instead of being filled with wine or other things, we should be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our intercessor (Eph 6:18). This verse should be interpreted as "*pray in the power of the Holy Spirit*". He not only intercedes for us, but he raises others to pray on our behalf, working behind the scenes. Therefore, whenever the Holy Spirit urges you to pray, don't ignore him (Acts 2:4).

The enabler (Rom 8:26). He's the one that tells us what to pray for and enables us to pray, even when we're too weak or don't know what to pray for. Paul said when he's weak, he's strong because of God's grace (2 Cor 11:30; 12:9).

Bottom line:

It is only grace that can transform a timid man into a bold and inspired speaker or transform lives by mere words of men and so much more. We must understand that we cannot do without grace and the Holy Spirit enabling and empowering us.

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