

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Bimmy

OFFERING: TBA

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

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

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.

His Yoke Is Easy

rest
find yoke
learn give
burden light
heart weary
humble
Take
gentle
souls
easy

THE GREEK WORD FOR "EASY" CAN ALSO MEAN "WELL-FITTING". YOKES WERE TAILOR-MADE TO FIT THE OXEN WELL. WE ARE COMMANDED TO PUT ON THE "SWEET YOKE OF JESUS" AND TO LIVE THE "HEAVENLY WAY OF LIFE AND HAPPINESS".

The yoke of Christ's kingdom, His kingly rule and way of life, liberates us from the burden of guilt & disobedience. Only Jesus can lift the burden of sin & the weight of hopelessness from us.



Source(s): <https://www.biblemoney matters.com/bible-verses-about-worry-how-to-cast-your-cares-on-him-in-the-midst-of-trouble/> / <http://his-ways-better-than-our-ways.blogspot.com/2012/12/dec-12-2012-wednesday-meditation-his.html>



Sunday 29 November 2020

WELCOME

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 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

Portraits of Jesus: Rest

Text: Matthew 12:1-8 (NLT)

We see here that the disciples appeared to have broken God's law. Here and in other places in the gospels, Jesus gave examples of where God's laws may have been broken or people met a gruesome end. The Galileans killed by Pilate for example or the eighteen who died when a tower in Siloam fell on them or when David got hungry and ate the prohibited showbread in the temple (Luke 13:1-4; Matt 12:3-4 cf. 1 Samuel 21:1-6). He concluded by saying: "**For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**" (Matt 12:8)

A lot of times we see things in black and white, but this passage tells us that principles are what matters. For example at one time, Jesus' enemies laid in wait, watching to see if he would heal someone on Sabbath day. Jesus, knowing what they planned asked them a question they couldn't answer: "**Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?**" (Mark 3:1-4)

Sabbath is a day of rest, but Jesus told us rest can only be found in him (Matt 11:25-30). Christmas is usually the busiest time of the year, preparing, shopping and so on, so much so that by the time Christmas comes, we're exhausted. But Jesus is saying come to me and I'll give you rest.

However, if we look at Jesus' ministry, we might notice he was one of the busiest people of his time, cramming a lifetime into three years. And this was recorded about him several times (Mark 3:20-21; 31-35). So, while we may perceive "**rest**" as absence of activities, real rest is much more; a contentment even when everything seemed wrong. Therefore, the rest Jesus offered is a spiritual one, to sustaining you even within an abundance of activities.

For instance, Jesus was never too busy to help others and reach out to people. That must have been why he stayed to witness to the woman of Samaria in **John 4:1-26** when he was tired and hungry. Even when it was dark, he still had time for Nicodemus in **John 3:1-20**. He had time too, for the children who wanted so much to see him in **Matt 19:13-15**.

We can never bother or stress him out. Whatever our problems and however inane or unworthy they may be, he would always have time for us. The scripture said even the hairs on our heads are precious to God (Luke 12:7).

Remember the story of Zacchaeus in **Luke 19:1-5**. He was rich, a tax collector and considered wicked. He needed the good in him to come out and Jesus knew that. Meanwhile, curious about Jesus and a short man, he climbed a tree to see better. And Jesus took the time to notice him. That day, he was a guest at Zacchaeus' home and that encounter changed Zacchaeus.

In the same way, Jesus took the time to find and recognise Nathanael (John 1:43-49). Whatever you may be going through, he could see and know you right now too. That's why the scripture said God was the one that chose us (John 15:16). It wasn't an accident that you found him. He knew where you were and found you so he could save you.

Bottom line:

The portrait of Jesus in these texts is about a God that knows us and where we are. So when he says come to me and I will give you rest, don't resist.

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