

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yomi

OFFERING: Otunsha

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

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:12 (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.



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Sunday 20 December 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 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: The light of the world

Text: John 1:1; 3-7; 9-18 (NLT)

We have books in the bible like Genesis with verses that are quoted over and over again. But the dramatic first chapter in John is one of the most gripping books of the bible. Reading the today texts, cast your mind to Matthew 6:23, where the scripture talks about a great blinding darkness even when there's light in the body. It was symbolic that the one thing that guided the three wise men was a star.

John said in the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. We can ponder on this verse with many questions. But an overriding one may be: When does life really begin?

The scripture said the word was God, yet he already existed. David believed God knew him from the womb (Psalm 139:6; 12-16). In Isaiah 45:1, God said sent a message to Cyrus and described him as "**his anointed ... whose right hand**" he's "**held**" (NKJV). That may imply that Cyrus has always existed too.

In John 1:5, the scripture talked about "**the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it**". This tells us that at the point of entry into the world and creation, God's light touches us. We carry that light and become a reflection of the light. But we lost this light. It became distorted and dim (Matt 4:16).

Then Jesus came into the world. He's the great light that now infill us when we receive the gospel. As we receive the gospel, the light of God begins to purify us. The more of his light in us, the more we reflect to others (Luke 11:33-36; 2 Cor 4:1-4). And the scripture tells us that God is able to complete his work in us (Phil 1:6).

Note that people who don't know Christ still carry his light and that's why we see some people who may be depraved and yet they sometimes reflect his light.

Bottom line:

Pray that the light of God will dispel the darkness around you so that you can reflect that light to others around you.



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