

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Bola

OFFERING: Michael

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

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

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.

Why do people stop thinking when faced with an inconvenient truth, never stop thinking, and never stop reasoning, because it was the great lie that made the absolute truth inconvenient.

-Miguel Rodriguez

[Ownquotes.com/quote/9552](https://ownquotes.com/quote/9552)



Sunday 21 March 2021

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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

An inconvenient truth

Text: 1 Peter 3:1-7

"Some men are so indoctrinated that they sincerely believe other than cooking and cleaning, the only thing that a woman can do better than them is being a woman." ~ Mokokoma Mokhonoana

The keyword in the above quotation is indoctrinated. Societies / communities have been conditioned to believe in certain things and this is one of them. It is easy for people who want to justify their preferred beliefs and actions to use our text today or similar scriptures to back themselves up. But Paul gave us two perspectives in our scripture today. One of them is the expectation of a woman.

Beyond encouraging having the fear of God in their submissiveness to their husbands, wives can expect understanding and honour in return. Paul said a man is the head of a woman as Christ is the head of the church (1 Cor 11:3), but expects men care for and respect women.

Churches have hierarchies and men are usually at the top. That may have been made easy by some scriptures, but in **Genesis 5:2**, we read that when God created mankind, it was "**male and female**". The truth is, a man and a woman have a partnership of equals in a marriage, each with differing but complimentary functions.

The society is expected to evolve in their thinking to this ideal and we can see a basis for such evolution in slavery (Col 3:22-25). Today, society and the church has accepted slavery is wrong. If that can happen, why are we still holding to the belief that a woman is less than a man in rank? Sometimes, the language we use in the church, our homes and the society may still be perpetrating that myth and that should stop.

Let's ask ourselves tough questions today. Feminine characteristics and weakness do not make them inferior. They're just God's creation in their own right. The church is expected to lead the way in changing erroneous thinking within a society and not conform (Rom 12:2). But if we look at our churches today, we may notice they reflect the indoctrination within the society in the way women are treated.

Jesus was once challenged by the Sadducees who didn't believe in resurrection. They told him a story about a woman who had married seven brothers. They wanted to know whose wife she would be when resurrected. In response, Jesus said "**in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven**" (Matt 22:23-30). And Paul later told the Galatians that there was neither slave nor free, male nor female in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28).

Bottom line:

The greatest form of partnership in this world is the partnership of marriage. God created men and women as equals in the beginning. Let's work towards this ideal in our relationships and in our communities.

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