

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Wunmi

OFFERING: Yomi

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

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

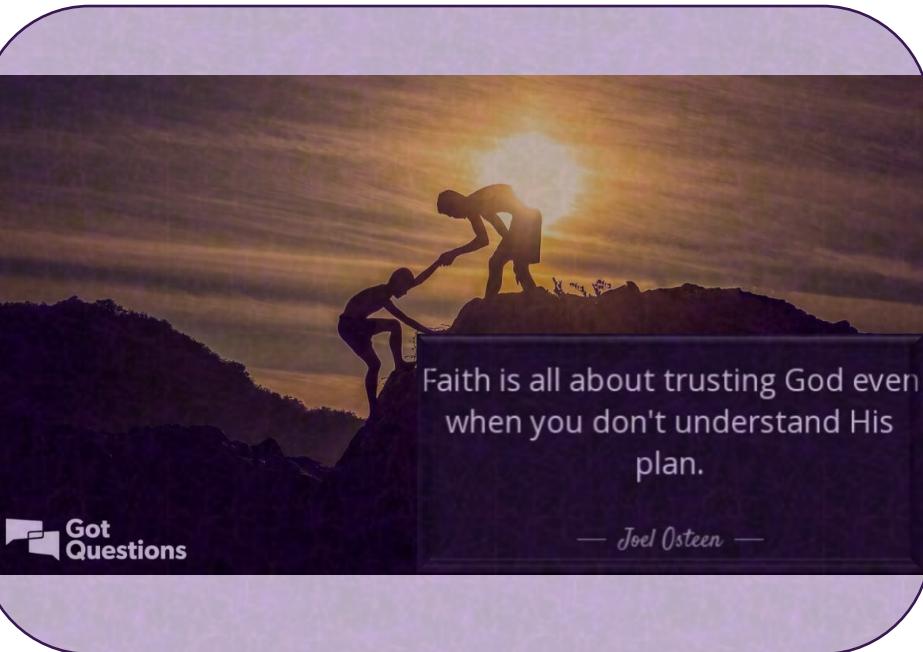
Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

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.



Got
Questions

Image source(s): <https://www.gotquestions.org/trust-in-Jesus.html> / <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/576025>



Sunday 28 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 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

The privilege of trusting in Christ

Text: Philippians 1:28-29

Paul wrote this scriptures at a time when Christians were being persecuted and hunted. Some were set on fire, stoned, fed to wild animals and so on. He told the Philippians they've been given two privileges in the New Living Translation: of trusting in Christ and suffering for him. We will be exploring the former today.

In 2 Timothy 1:8-12, Paul said he's not ashamed to preach the gospel because of his trust in Christ. When we trust in someone, even if there's a possibility they may cheat or hurt us in some way, we continue to rely on them not to. Trust is when we're willing to make ourselves vulnerable or turn our back on someone, because we're convinced they'll never do us harm (Isa 26:3; Jn 6:66-68).

Great acts of trust are common in the scriptures. For example, Abraham trusted God knew best when he was asked to sacrifice his only son Isaac (Gen 22:1-14). Sometimes we may see these level of trusting unattainable. But this scripture tells us we were bestowed the privilege of trusting. That tells us only God can give a man the ability to trust and we see this in the rich young ruler's inability to abandon all and follow Jesus (Mk 10:17-27).

It is curious that Jesus had different responses to requests to follow him. In John 1:35-39, Jesus said "**come and see**" to two a couple of disciples, but in Matthew 8:18-22, he told others there was no resting place around him. Regardless of these responses, we can be sure that if God says trust me, he will always deliver.

Sometimes, in attempts to understand these seeming contradictions, we often speak or perceive God in humanly terms, expecting him behave like us. Rather, we need to model ourselves on him, because the truth is God's ways is not our ways (Isa 55:8-9).

So, trusting in God is not about proof. It is about knowing who we trust. For example, when Abraham was worried about his nephew Lot and pleaded with God to save at least a few from Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18:16-33), he had no way of knowing if Lot was saved as he observed the destruction (Gen 19:27-29). The bible tells us Jesus was a man like us. We can trust him to know our needs (Heb 4:15-16).

Bottom line:

If you trust in God, it's because God gave you the privilege to. We've been given that privilege in Christ Jesus and God does not ask us to trust him in vain. So when you go through challenging times, know that in Christ, we have an anchor for our souls and faithful is he who promised (Heb 10:23).

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