

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Remy

OFFERING: Austin

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

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

Matthew 25:40-41 (NIV)

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.

Which will YOU choose?

HEAVEN

HELL

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Sunday 9 May 2021

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

Heaven or hell: a destination awaits you

Text: Luke 16:19-31

We're confronted with a binary choice everyday: life with God or the devil – and the choices we make today will influence tomorrow. As Christians, we're called to live a life in fellowship with God, and in reflection of God's image. We're all passengers in this world, aiming for a destination: heaven or hell. Sometimes, getting on board a transportation system so we can get to our destination can be survival of the fittest.

Which destination are we aiming for? How prepared are we? How do we treat each other during our struggles? We see these choices depicted in our story today. The rich man was clearly too self-indulgent to care for those who are lacking around him, his days filled with revelry and disregard for God. Jesus said "No servant can serve two masters" (Luke 16:13). By his behaviour, the rich man revealed how he was preparing for his life's journey and what was most important to him.

In contrast, Lazarus was destitute and would've been satisfied with crumbs from the rich man's table. Humble and unassuming, he was like the woman who once came to Jesus, prepared to plead do anything to get help for her daughter who had an unclean spirit (Mark 7:24-30). She got what she wanted. In contrast, Lazarus was not shown any compassion.

How often do we lack compassion for our fellow passengers on our journey? During this pandemic, many may have lost jobs, homes and all they had while some made millions / billions of profits. Do we stop to take notice of those we may be able to help? In his opulence, the rich man ignored Lazarus. How many people like Lazarus do we ignore?

We should know God never abandon anyone. We may go through several stages of plenty and lack, but we're all travelling to a destination, which starts with death. Through our journey and in death, God is with us and if we have fellowshipped with him, he will elevate us to live with him in heaven. We will be welcomed and celebrated, never to suffer again.

The decisions we make every day and where we invest our time and money will determine our eternal destination. Death happens to us all, and like the ten virgins in a parable Jesus told, none of us have any idea how long or short our journey may be (Matt 25:1-13). We must therefore make adequate preparations so that we can go to heaven.

The rich man chose to ignore Lazarus while on earth. By the time he realised the error of his ways, it was too late to make amends. It is easy to disparage / disbelieve in heaven or hell because none of us have ever been there, but we must know there are consequences for everything we do and our eternal destination is ahead of us. Prioritise your fellowship with God at all times (Psa 42:1-2).

Bottom line:

Our choices and decisions each day reflect what or who we believe. If we love God, we will show love and compassion to our fellow passengers on this journey and live in service to God (1 John 3:16-18; Luke 16:13).

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