

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yetunde

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

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (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.

To whom can you compare God? What image can you find to resemble him? Can he be compared to an idol formed in a mold, overlaid with gold, and decorated with silver chains? Or if people are too poor for that, they might at least choose wood that won't decay and a skilled craftsman to carve an image that won't fall down!

Isaiah 40:18-20 (NLT)



Image source(s): <https://godanautobiography.com/what-is-your-experience-with-god>



Sunday 18 July 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

Comparative values

Text: Philippians 3:8-11

Paul made a comparative value here, stating that he counted everything loss so he could gain Christ. It begs some important questions. How do we value ourselves or measure our impact on this world or within our families. The NHS are currently in discussions with the government about the one percent pay rise they were offered, feeling like they weren't valued enough by that offer.

There's probably no doubt about how we, as a society, value the NHS in the last months, clapping for them and sending them messages of love. Beyond all that, what thing of value can they ever be given in appreciation? How much gold, or silver? What percentage could equal all they had to endure during the COVID-19 pandemic so we in the society can remain alive and well?

The truth is we often undervalue or overvalue some things or people in our lives because we don't really have any idea what value we should place on them. God challenged that, making it clear he can't be compared with anything or anyone else (Isa 40:25). Jesus also made it clear to the woman at the well that she could have a better perspective if she knew who she was speaking to, expecting to worship a God that is limited by space and time (John 4:1-10).

When Jesus cried over Jerusalem, he decried the value placed on it, and we may find it inconceivable that Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Lk 19:41-44; Matt 27:3-10). How do we place the right value on God? Limitless comes to mind, but what does that mean to us? How can we grasp God's immense goodness and capacity?

When the writer of Lamentations said that his mercies are new every morning, how do we comprehend that (Lam 3:18-23)? It means however much we spend or use it up, they are renewed every day and can never be exhausted. In other words, we have more than enough for each day, because the source is always refilled and ready.

Therefore, when Paul talks about the infinite value of knowing Christ, it gives us an impression of unending opportunities to know all there is to know about him. Jacob was able to grasp something of this knowledge of his creator, learning about him as the provider, protector, promise-keeper and so much more (Gen 28:11-16). Paul placed so much value on this sort of knowledge. We should too.

Bottom line:

If we really understand who God is, we will begin to understand what it means that he's limitless, that he's omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. The value we place on him and our relationship with him should be transformed by that knowledge and we must grasp this so that we can have the right perspective of him (Matt 13:10-17).