

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Austin

OFFERING: Bola

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.

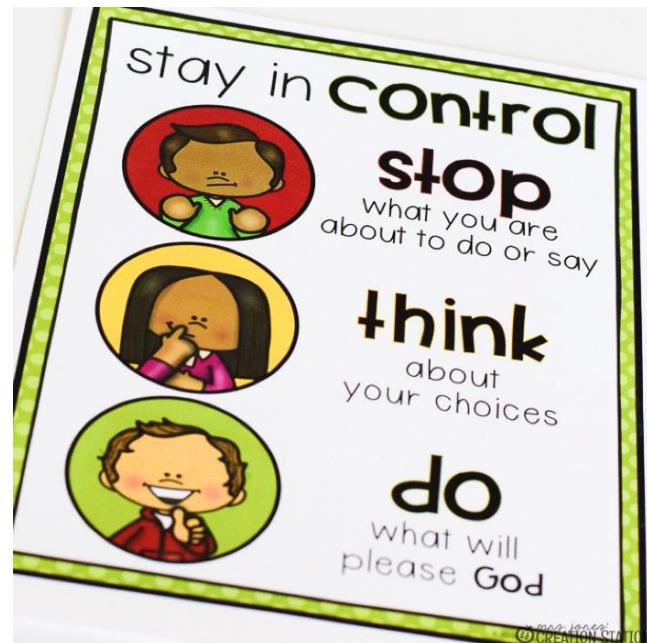
1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)

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.



Sunday 25 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 '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

Taking over

Text: Matthew 12:29

What does it mean to take over, in our career, health, walk with God and so on? God has ultimate control over our lives, but man has free will and a lot of responsibility over what happens in their lives and this is true from the beginning (Gen 1:26). But even while God gave man control over everything, it didn't take long for many to lose it, and this has become a recurring problem (Gen 3:1-24).

Are there areas we may be neglecting seizing control as God intended at the start? In so many areas of our lives as Christians, we're expected to exercise control, starting with ourselves. We need to reflect on where we may have lost control and allow others and things to control us. When we yield control, we become carnal Christians.

Why is it important to take control?

Having no self-control leaves us vulnerable to attack (Prov 25:28). Moses is a revered man, with several laudable characteristics we should emulate. He spoke to God face to face (Ex 33:11; Num 12:8), but he also has a problem with self-control, always at a great cost. First he killed an Egyptian in anger and had to go into exile because of his (Ex 2:11-15; Acts 7:23).

But Moses never dealt with his anger while in exile, breaking the tablet of God's commandments (Ex 24:12; 32:15-16; 19). That resulted in him returning to God for a replacement (Ex 34:1). Later, that anger and lack of self-control would cost him the ultimate prize, denying him an entry to the Promised Land (Num 20:10; Deut 3:23-29).

Samson and David had similar problems with self-control and that cost them a lot. In what area have we lost self-control? God expects us to take control of ourselves and this world and not conform or yield to the powers of this world (Rom 12:1). Reflect on areas where you may have lost control and take them back today. We must not allow ourselves to be slave to anything or anyone, least of all sin (Rom 6:5-14).

Bottom line:

Is God telling you to listen or talk more? Are you called to lead or submit? Have you allowed yourself to become slave to your desires and under the control of the world? Let's make a change and turn to God for help.

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