

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Pastor

**OFFERING:** Remy

**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

For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life.

*John 3:16 (AMP)*

## 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 10 October 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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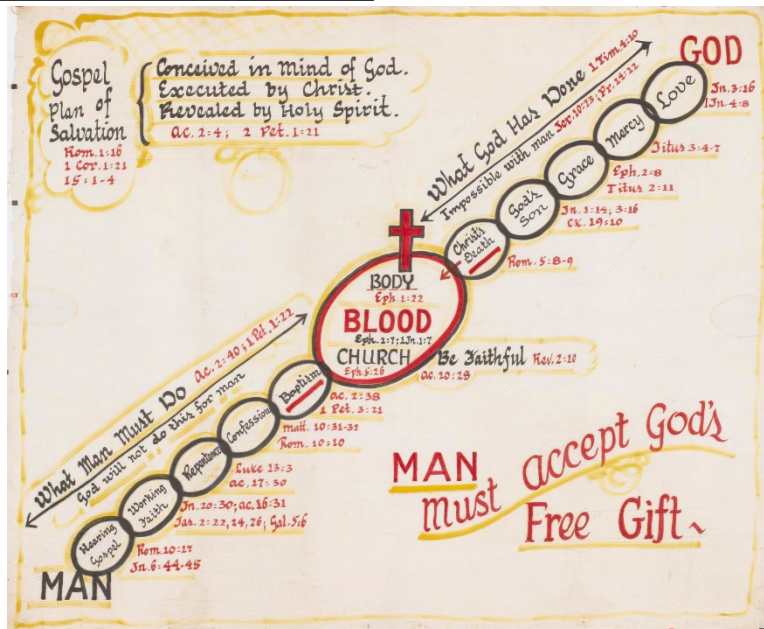
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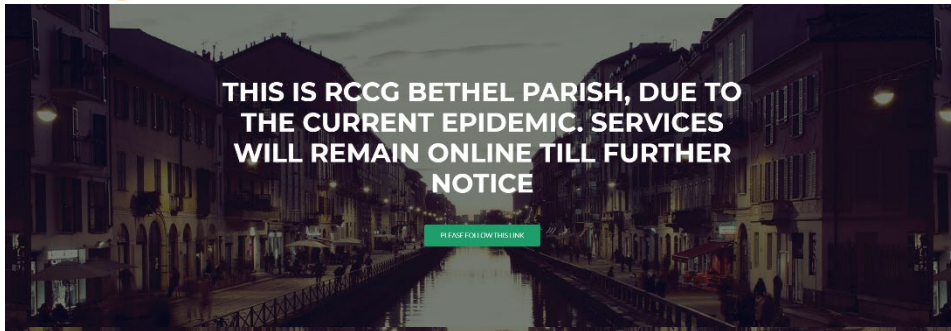
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to 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

### Assurance of salvation

#### Text: Matthew 7:20-22

Discussions about assurance of salvation often divide Christians into two camps. Those who think we have it e.g. proponents of we're 'saved and forever saved', cite bible verses like John 3:16, Ephesians 1:13-14; 2:8-9 and Romans 8:29-30; 38-39. Those who think we could lose our salvation cite today's text or Philippians 2:12-13 and Hebrews 6:4-6. But many of these often imply those who lose their salvation are never truly saved in the first place (1 Jn 3:6; Heb 10:26).

A third camp not often talked about enough is gratitude. Our salvation is not without cost and that's the life and the shedding of the blood of the son of God himself (1 Cor 6:20). When we're too invested in 'once saved, forever saved' stance, we may start to think there's nothing else for us to do and on that path, the transformational power of the cross may get lost, if we return to the old ways or life he saved us from (1 Jn 3:6; Heb 10:26).

The opposite can be true too, when we appear not to be sure God completed his saving work on us by sacrificing his son. We may become obsessed with trying to save ourselves through works (Eph 2:8-9; Rom 8:3). In fact, both stances are not mutually exclusive. We can be assured of the saving grace of God in his son in granting us salvation and yet continue to work our salvation in gratitude (Phil 2:12; Matt 24:13; Lk 9:62; 1 Cor 3:11-15).

Jesus declared his work on the cross completed (Jn 19:30). It was the fulfilment of prophecies in the Old Testament (Gen 3:15; Isa 53:1-12) and the culminating work of his ministry on earth. He paid our debt in full, in perfect obedience to God, the Father (Isa 53:5; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Cor 5:21; John 5:30; 6:38; Phil 2:8). That's why Paul said, there's no more condemnation for those in Christ (Rom 8:1). This also means there's no penalty for our sins (Heb 9:27-28).

To conclude, let's take the opportunity to reflect on the life God saved us from and be strengthened, confident in our new life in Christ (Gal 2:20; 2 Cor 5:17), re-affirm and accept that no one else could have saved us (Jn 14:6; 1 Jn 5:11-12) and dedicate our lives into earning the privilege and living in the reality of God's salvation plan for mankind (Eph 2:1-9).

#### Bottom line:

As Christians, we're expected to "**continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel**" (Col 1:21-23). Salvation is a gift we did not earn (Eph 2:8). The least we can do is to be sure and treasure it always.

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