

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: David

OFFERING: Isaac

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

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

1 John 4:18 (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.

Be anxious for **nothing**, but in **everything** by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7



Sunday 17 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

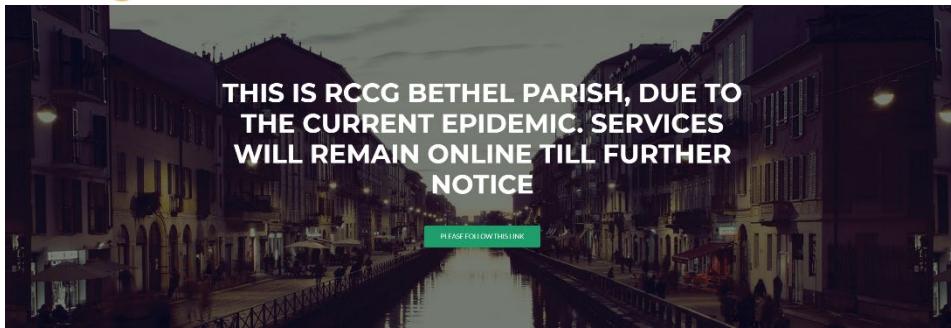
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to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

Text: Philippians 4:1-7

For some time we've explored the book of Philippians and one of the things we've discussed is how important relationship, even in the church. We all want a peaceful life, unencumbered and fulfilled. At times, we may be full of dread or be detached in our own home or in certain places and this may be because of our relationships with people we know or don't know. People (refugees) have been known to travel through untold dangers or deserts in search of peace.

Sometimes, it's not about how wealthy or loved we are or revered for that matter. Today's text tells us to be joyful even in all of those circumstances, but how can that be possible. It is possible because peace is a state of mind and it has a process outlined in Philippians 4:4-7. Peace can be lost through our own actions and it can be given (Lk 19:41-44; Jn 14:27).

We must note that God doesn't need our help or need us to do anything before he grants us peace and not everything we do is sanctioned by God. For example, God told David he cannot build him a temple (2 Sam 7:1-3). Taking steps that God has not sanctioned may sometimes be the source of our lack of peace.

Every beginning has an end, which is often a motivation for taking certain steps. A vision could be a motivational end for a purpose (2 Chro 2:6-10). It gives us something to work towards and that can also bring us peace. Just as Solomon needed to be a man of peace to build a temple for God (in contrast with his father David), we need peace to build him a temple in our lives too.

As Christians, we must cultivate a peace that is not necessarily the absence of strife and the first instruction in our text today is not to worry about **anything**, and instead pray about **everything**. We're also encouraged to **thank him** for all he has done (Phil 4:4-7).

The story of David and Goliath is a great illustration. The Israelites were paralysed by fear until David arrived on the scene (1 Sam 17:1-51). Hannah's husband Elkanah told her he's better than ten sons and yet she wasn't at peace about being childless (1 Sam 1:8). These shows it is about attitude and the state of our mind. When we cast our cares onto God, we will experience peace (Psa 55:22).

Bottom line:

Ultimately, there's no peace without Jesus. He is the Prince of peace (Isa 9:6-7). Therefore, if we want peace, we must know and have Jesus in our lives.

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