

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yetunde

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).



We can do only what we think we can do. We can be only what we think we can be. We can have only what we think we can have. What we do, what we are, what we have, all depend upon what we think.

— Robert Collier —

We need to forget what we think we are, so that we can really become what we are.

Paulo Coelho

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VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalm 139:23-24 (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 24 October 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

Why must we transform our thoughts?

Text: Philippians 4:8-9

In the book of Job, his belief that serving God means he shouldn't have any problems was challenged by his friends who thought Job must have sinned. Elihu, who's younger reminded them that age or experience has no correlation to wisdom (Job 32:6-10). That sort of philosophical viewpoint takes some inward considerations first and so do many of the things we say.

Therefore, what we thinking about is often who we are and what we say or do are driven by them. In today's text, Paul encouraged us to think of certain things, knowing they will influence what we do. That implies that if we think of things that are noble, just, pure and so on, they should drive similar actions or behaviour that pleases God. That in turn creates sustainable habits. The opposite is also true, if our thoughts are negative or sinful (Mark 7:21-22).

Christianity is not conformity with cultures or practices. It is about transformation and changing our thought process, making sure our habits and behaviour are transformed by that (Rom 12:1-2). In other words, before we become a new creature and old things pass away (2 Cor 5:17), our thought processes and mind-set must first be transformed by the word of God (Matt 5:27-28).

For example, Jabez was named by his own mother for the pain he caused her when he was born, but he refused to let that determine his fate and prayed for change (1 Chr 4:9-10). It is interesting to note Paul wrote several of his letters, including the one to the Philippians, from prison (Phil 1:7; Phil 4:4-7).

He was able to state that our current circumstances or troubles are working towards a glorious end point (2 Cor 4:17) and several other profound truths supported by the scriptures. Those viewpoints can only be borne out of a transformed mind-set. Paul knows what's inside matters more than our circumstances (Phil 4:6; Pro 23:7).

Bottom line:

Check yourself, if you find your thoughts are tending toward negative or sinful things that do not glorify God. Follow Paul's counsel and fix your thoughts on "**what is true and honourable and right and pure and lovely and admirable ... excellent and worthy of praise**" (Phil 4:8 – NLT).

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