

*** GIVE THANKS ***

Thanksgiving Service

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

And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Mark 10:27 (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.

Once you grasp what God's anointing holds for you, and when you experience the depth and rich reality of his precious touch, you will never again be the same!

Benny Hinn



Sunday 12 December 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

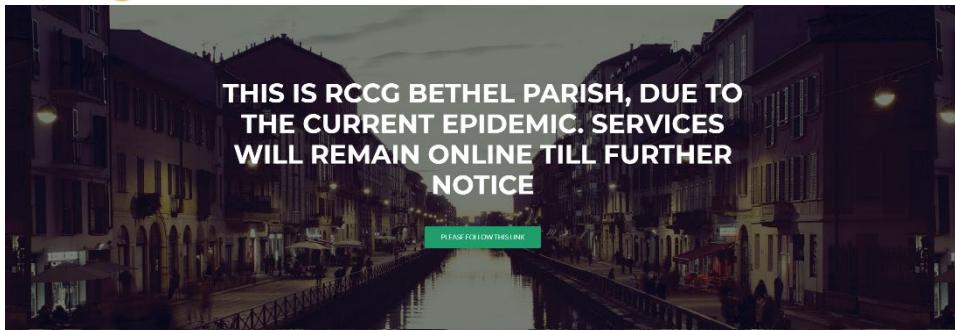
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to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

Text: Matthew 9:27-30

In this portrait of Jesus, we can see him as the protagonists and two blind men petitioning him to help them. Instead, Jesus asked them if they believe and then he told them their faith would heal them. So, the two men entered the scene blind and left rejoicing. A question for us may be who was most responsible for the miracle? Jesus specifically told them their faith would heal them. So, is it really Jesus or their faith that made it happen? What if they didn't have enough faith?

Sometimes when people die, some give eulogies that others may not believe about the character of the person that died. God can be everything to us or nothing. He can have a lot of impact or very little. We see this in Mark 6:1-6. From all over, people came looking for Jesus and he would heal them, casting out demons and raising the dead.

However, when he got to Nazareth, his home town, while they were amazed by his wisdom, they couldn't trust him or have faith in him. In their eyes, he was Jesus – the man, not Jesus – the son of God. Because of their unbelief, the scriptures said Jesus couldn't perform many miracles among them and they were his people.

The people of Nazareth created an atmosphere where miracles couldn't happen. We Christians are his people too. Are there times we prevent God from performing miracles among us, because of our unbelief? Do we sometimes humanise Jesus too much or become so familiar with him that we stop him from transforming our lives? Testimonies are supposed to show us what's possible, but we must have faith in the God who can perform the impossible for them to occur in our lives.

Like the woman with the issue of blood (Lk 8:43-48), when we allow the word of God to touch us, it should be transformative and our authority begins with understanding (Matt 16:13-19). Although the most important sign of salvation is a life transformed, God wants us to thrive and have a good quality of life, which may from time to time need miraculous acts.

In contrast, we may be Christians without showing any impact of God in our lives. We need to exercise the same faith like the centurion, who understands what authority and the importance of obedience (Matt 8:5-13). Jesus called it faith and the centurion's servant. The book of Hebrews takes this further, saying we understand by faith (Heb 11:1-3 NLT).

This builds the kind of confidence Elijah had when he did the contrarian feat and asked the prophets of Baal to pour water on the alter before praying for God to set fire to it (1 Kings 18:30-39).

Bottom line:

As Christians, rather than chase after things and torture ourselves about what we don't have, scriptures teaches us to learn contentment because all of that is meaningless (Phil 3:8). Jesus said, life is not measured by the things we own (Lk 12:15).

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