

*** 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

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:6-7 (NKJV)

GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

Our theme this year is to **enlarge and build better (Isaiah 54:2-3)**, and by God's grace, we're trusting that the boundary lines will fall for us in pleasant places (Amen).

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.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14

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Sunday 6 February 2022

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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

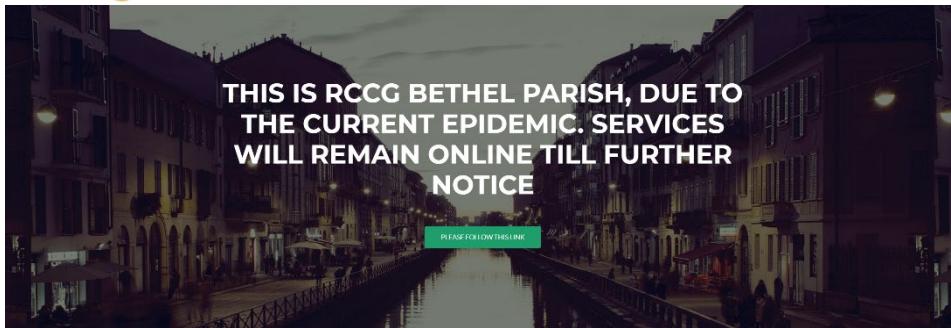
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to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

Living in the light

Text: Colossians 1:12-14

In our text today, Paul said we're able to share in the inheritance of those who live in the light and we've been rescued from the kingdom of darkness into that of his son, Jesus Christ. The contrast between light and darkness emphasises the difference between the two kingdoms. When you're in the dark, the yearning for the light is ever present. That's why it was said that the people who sit in the darkness have seen a great light when Jesus was born (Matt 4:15-16).

We should know that when the bible talk about light, it isn't a reference to physical light bulbs or lanterns. It is about gaining an understanding and usually of the spiritual kind. An illustration of this could be seen in the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. The moment Jesus shines a light into the darkness of all the pre-conceived notions she's held onto, the woman gained a revised understanding about God and she discarded them.

She began to understand that God is spirit and those that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth and her encounter propelled her proclaim to those in her city that she's seen a man who told her everything she's ever done (Jn 4:22-24). The same thing happened to Nicodemus (Jn 3:1-10). It is interesting to note that we may not fully appreciate light until we've been in the darkness, perhaps for a long time.

Thus, the light of God is part of the inheritance mentioned in our text today and all we need is an encounter with God's son, which shines his light into the darkness to rescue us. That includes the freedom to know the truth (Jn 8:32) and the forgiveness of our sins (Matt 9:1-6). For example, the scripture says we have died and our real is now in Christ (Col 3:3).

Knowing this should free us from believing in ancestral curses or the occult (2 Cor 5:17). That's why Jesus told a man hesitating about following him to let the dead bury the dead (Lk 9:60). Challenge yourself and those around you and check that the light you have is sound doctrine (Matt 6:23; Jn 6:63). We should for example challenge prosperity gospel proponents. God's blessings are abound (Prov 10:22), but it is not necessarily about amassing wealth. It is about being whole in body and spirit (3 Jn 2).

Bottom line:

God has transferred us from the kingdom of darkness. No one drowns by falling into the ocean. They drown because they stay submerged. We must stop acting as though we're still in darkness and start living in the light, where our heavenly father resides (Rom 12:1-2).

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