

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Pastor

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

David said, "The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you."

1 Samuel 17:37 (AMP)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

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.

**NO GUILT IN LIFE, NO FEAR IN DEATH
THIS IS THE POWER
OF CHRIST IN ME.**

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Sunday 20 March 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

RCCG Bethel Parish

Unit 13, Skylines Village

Limeharbour, London E14 9TS

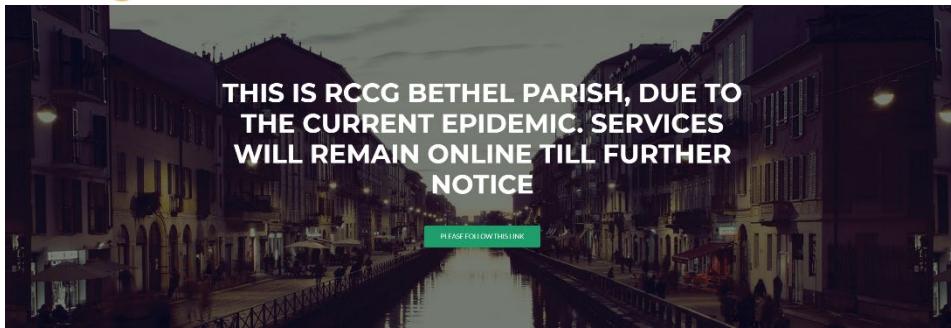
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(<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

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 hope of glory

Text: Colossians 1:24-27

In the book of Colossians, we've learnt that Jesus has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and that Christ existed even before time began and will still exist afterwards. He also created all things that exists, seen and unseen. It may be difficult for us to comprehend all of that and the fact that God has decreed that all the fullness of the Godhead should dwell in him and he's the head of the church.

All of these was leading to where we will explore today. Paul was compelled to reveal the secret of God's message to us, that Christ lives in us and has given us the assurance of sharing in his glory (Col 1:27 NLT). We know God's glory dwells in his temple. The bible tells us that the Shekinah glory of God came down (Ex 40:31-38). When it does, the people could not enter. This happened again when Solomon built another temple (2 Chr 7:1-3).

The glory of God have often been used synonymously with the Ark of Covenant, so much so that when the Ark was lost to Israel, someone was named Ichabod, meaning "the glory has departed from Israel" (1 Sam 4:21-22). Later, when another temple was built, we note that nothing was said about the glory of God (Ezra 6:15-18). This was the temple imitated and in existence in the time of Jesus. It was renowned and took years to build (Jn 2:20).

Nothing was said about the glory of God too. However, it seemed unique because Jesus, who is the carrier of God's glory went inside to declare the good news and called it the house of God (Lk 4:16-21; Mk 11:15-17). Some of us experience a spectacular event when we come to Jesus and some didn't. It doesn't mean we don't carry God's glory within us. That tells us that we are indeed God's temple and as Paul said, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (1 Cor 6:19-20; 1 Peter 2:9; Col 1:27).

What is this glory? The first thing is it belongs to Christ and can be described as the kingly majesty of Christ and the absolutely perfect inward and personal excellency of Christ. This is what we carry within us (Col 1:27-28). To the early church, this wasn't an abstract. That's why Peter described it as something they've seen and handled (1 Jn 1:1-3). It is when we believe this that our prayers can avail much, like Elijah did (Js 5:16-18). It means everything and we've not even begin to touch the depth of what God has deposited in us (1 Cor 2:9; Rom 8:19).

The biblical story of how David defeated Goliath is legendary. Many doubted he could and on the face of it, it doesn't make logical sense. However, David knew there was something he carried within him. He knew his success or failure had nothing to do with what he wore or can do, but on the faith that there's a greater power working within him (1 Sam 17:28-40). Do we know or comprehend the glory we carry within us?

Bottom line:

We may not begin to comprehend what we're capable of, but we need to understand and begin to use it to achieve great exploits (Isa 7:9b). Like David, we must exercise our faith regularly, so that we can build muscle memory that becomes habitual when we need it most (1 Sam 17:34-37).

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