

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).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 (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.



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Sunday 27 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

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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

God's master plan

Text: Colossians 2:1-3

Last week we learnt that Christ in us is the hope of glory and that we need to be convinced and remind ourselves of that all the time, so much so that we develop a muscle memory of the knowledge. In our text today, Paul expressed the desire that we understand the mystery of God's plan for us which is Christ. There's a discovery and learning process implied in these texts. In other words, we need to understand Christ is God's mysterious plan for us.

Having a plan is important for most things, getting a job, career progression and life in general. Lack of progress or achievement are often a result of not having a plan or goals. These texts tell us that God have a plan for each of us. None of us know the plan for some else's life. We may get a glimpse sometimes or an insight, but only God knows the plan he has for each life. It is therefore crucial that we're not ignorant of God's plan for our lives or rely on what someone else, who could really only have partial knowledge, tells us.

The bible tells us we're all led by the spirit of God and can learn about God's plan for us (Rom 8:14). We should also know that every plan of God is for good (Jer 29:11). It is also an exciting plan and not boring or dull (1 Cor 2:9). Today's text takes that further, telling us it is Christ. In summary, that's because in him lies the hidden **"treasures of wisdom and knowledge"** (Col 2:3). **Wisdom** is described as those mature and able to distinguish between good and evil, and not the wisdom of man (1 Cor 1:15-25; 2:4-8; 3:2; Heb 5:14).

The same goes for **knowledge**. It is that which can only be imparted by the Holy Spirit. That's why Jesus told Peter only the Holy Spirit could've given him the knowledge of who Jesus is (Matt 16:13-19; Jn 16:13). It is a knowledge we gain through extraordinary means and not from human deductions. An insider knowledge that doesn't come from anyone and can only be from God.

We can see this in the life of Paul and at certain points in our lives, we need this knowledge. We also need this knowledge to know who God really is (Phil 3:10). Jesus emphasised this to a couple of disciples after he was resurrected, on their way to Emmaus (Lk 24:25-27). In many ways, we see this knowledge threading through the book of John.

Of all the Gospels, the book of John stands out as an in-depth revelation of who Jesus is. In John 8:12, he is the light that can see beyond the physical (2 Cor 4:17). In John 14:6, he is the way, the truth and the life. In John 11:25, he is resurrection and the life. In John 6:35, he is the bread. In John 10:9-16, he is the door or gatekeeper. In John 14 and 15, he is the good shepherd. In Revelations 22:13, he is the alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Bottom line:

God's plan for us, though mysterious is good and revealed to us through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus's divine wisdom and knowledge to understand and live in God's plan for us. That's when the light afflictions make no difference to us, because we know they're not the end and only working for us **"a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"** (2 Cor 4:17; Psa 23:1-6).

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