

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Remy

OFFERING: Elizabeth

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).

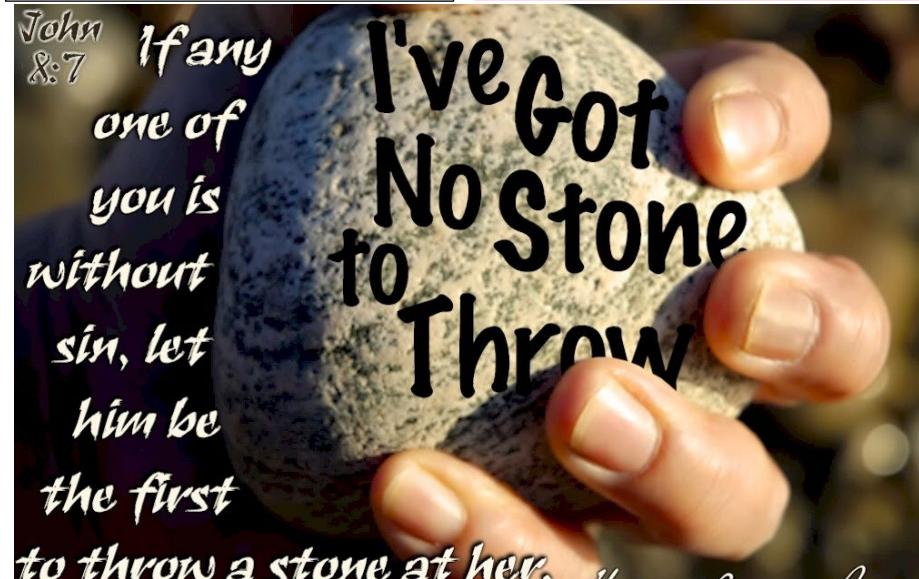


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VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

John 8:10-11 (NLT)

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.



Sunday 15 May 2022

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

Living free of condemnation?

Text: Colossians 2:16-23

We've learnt by now that it is not by our power or strength and because of that, there's nothing we could've done to earn our salvation, without Jesus. We will be building on that today using our text. One of the burdens we all carry is self-condemnation. Sometimes also, others judge us wanting and there's no way it doesn't affects us.

For example, when we check ourselves in the mirror, it is not because we forget what we look like. It is because we want to be at our best and prevent condemnation or ridicule when we're not. This text tells us not to let anyone condemn us for disobeying worldly rules because we're not bound by the laws of sin and death.

The bible tells us to do whatever we do as unto God and not man (Col 3:23-24) and assures us that God will make even our enemies our friend, when our ways pleases God (Pro 16:7). When someone judges you, it is because you've submitted yourself to their judgement. In other words, the problem is more about what we believe than what anyone thinks about us.

Jesus illustrated this when a woman was brought to him. By worldly rules, the woman had no defence, but there was also no one without sin to sit in judgement over her (Jn 8:3-11). We're often dissatisfied with something in the way we look, but if we truly believe we're made in the image of God, how can we believe we lack perfection in any way?

Like the woman accused of adultery, we're standing before the judgement throne of God and all he sees in us is Jesus, justifying us before him. When God is not condemning us, who dares do that (Isa 54:17)? We must stop given mortal men power over us, to destroy our peace in God, freely offered. Instead of judgement, we've received grace from God.

Bottom line:

Be careful how you think (Pro 4:23). If you keep hearing and believing voices condemning you, they will be limiting and you will be unable to fulfil God's purpose in your life. Don't condemn yourself when God hasn't condemned you or decide you deserve the worst punishment (Jn 8:11).

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