

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Remy

OFFERING: Austin

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

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire. But a body you have prepared for me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin, you had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do your will, O God.'

Hebrews 10:5-7 (NKJV)

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.

Are You Doing
God's Will
or Your Own?

Whoever does
God's will
is my
brother and
sister
and
Mother.
Mark 3:35

Image source(s): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNx6yICAQcs> // <https://hillsidefree.com/sermons/doing-gods-will-wwjdhwy/>



Sunday 29 May 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

Life drivers

Text: Colossians 3:1-4

We'll focus on the first part of this text, charging us to set our sights on "**the realities of heaven**". Paul also told the Corinthians something similar (2 Cor 4:16-18). Some have contended that being a businessman is incompatible with being a Christian, especially when some scriptures (e.g. 1 Jn 2:15; 1 Tim 6:6-10; Matt 19:23-24). It is not really that cut and dry.

When Jesus told Nicodemus he must be born again, he was confused and Jesus told him he couldn't understand the things of heaven if he can't believe earthly things (Jn 3:11-13). What are the realities of heaven? The scriptures talk about streets of heaven being paved with gold (Rev 21:21). That's not really what we mean and it's not about wealth or physical things.

It is about a place with a beauty or value that far outweighs what we see on earth. In other words, things that are unseen (2 Cor 4:18), like when Elisha prayed for his servant to see the chariots of fire and horses surrounding them (Kn 6:13-17). The book of Hebrews tells us about men of faith and their search for something that is much more than they can see (Heb 11:1-40).

Paul says what we focus on becomes our reality (2 Cor 4:18). Thomas Aquinas also said the three things necessary for the salvation of man is to know what he ought to believe, desire and do. What do we focus on? If there are no limits, what do you want?

Solomon was asked this sort of existential question and had to make a choice. His response impressed God and he was rewarded for that moment (1 Kn 3:3-15). The disciples had to answer the same question too and Peter chose Jesus who he says have the words of eternal life (Jn 6:60-71).

Once we know what we believe and desire, the Psalmist gave us a clue what to do. A life of sacrifice is good (Ps 40:1-7), but the Psalmist's pledge is that he takes joy in doing God's will (Ps 40:8). That's why David wouldn't go against God's anointed just so he could become king (1 Sam 24:6-7). The primary reality of heaven is that the will of God is done (Matt 6:10). Paul learnt this at his conversion and took it to heart (Acts 9:5-6; 22:10). We must do the same.

Bottom line:

What do you focus on? Setting our focus on the realities of heaven means doing God's will in all things (Heb 12:1-2). Heaven on earth is when we allow God's will to prevail.

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