

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yetunde

OFFERING: Akinola

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

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead. ~ *Acts 17:30-31 (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 visit our website to find out how.

Malachi 4:1



The Lord of Heaven's Armies says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed roots, branches, and all.

Image source(s): <https://medium.com/yahweh-elyon-yeshuas-teachings/tnl-the-great-judgement-day-of-the-lord-ah-elyon-the-aoe-of-israel-malachi-4-d6e570e7a521>



Sunday 28 August 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

The coming judgement

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1: 8-10

While meditation on the word of God and mindful reading can help us to understand the bible, we need the Holy Spirit to give the words power and assure us of its truth (1 Thess 1:5). In today's text, Paul told his audience they've become the message of God for everyone. He stated that this is evidenced by the way people talk about how they live. This of course should be our goal too.

Not only that, along with the Thessalonians we're also waiting in hope for the coming of Jesus once again. It is impossible to overestimate how much hope is crucial to human existence. It is often the only way we can endure under certain circumstances and as Christians, the hope that Jesus is coming soon is one of the truths that sustain us (1 Cor 15:19).

During our study of the book of Proverbs in our Friday bible studies, we learnt that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom (Prov 1:6). This suggests that it takes the wisdom of God to know him in the first place (Matt 11:25; 16:17; Heb 11:6). Anyone can talk about God. They may be eloquent, knowledgeable and inspirational in their delivery (Acts 16:16-20), but it takes the wisdom of God to transcend all of that and give it life (Jn 6:63-65).

Paul said Jesus has "**rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment**" (1 Thess 1:10 NLT). The word of God said it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of God (Heb 10:31; Matt 18:6). God has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into God's kingdom (Col 1:13). Therefore, we need not fear death or the darkness anymore (Matt 10:28).

Paul maintained this is the message people are reading from the Thessalonians and it is what they should be reading from us too. We deserved judgement and punishment, but we've been given eternal pardon (Rom 5:9). In other words, we've been set free for all time (Jn 8:36). Are we behaving as though we are? Do we show appreciation for the saving grace of God by the way we live?

Bottom line:

Our lives should be a testimony to the saving grace of God in our lives. Let's not lose heart and continue to show we've been rescued from the terrors of darkness (2 Cor 4:1-2)

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