

\*\*\* GIVE THANKS \*\*\*

# Thanksgiving Service

## 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

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

*Romans 3:21-22a (NKJV)*

## GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

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.

*I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.*

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

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Sunday 6 November 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

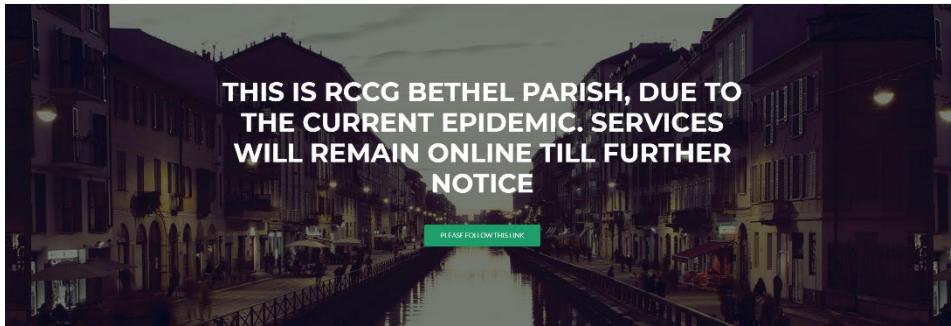
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# Our 'must-visit' website



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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

### We are righteous

#### Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:11-22

We asked ourselves a question during our Sunday School this morning and it is worth asking yourself that question again. Are you righteous? Hopefully, you will have a resounding 'yes'. Righteousness have been defined in many ways. In general, it means right standing. It is the right to stand before God, blameless.

These verses today may seem like a new set of commandments to the Thessalonians. It's like he's giving them a summary of what he told them, wrapped in a list of ten points.

- **Invest in people:** It's got a way of paying dividends in your life in time, even if they don't pay you back the way you expect (v11).
- **Honour leaders (spiritual or otherwise):** One way is to pray for them (v12).
- **Peaceful living:** It is possible to live at peace with everyone and we may find we're happier too (v13; Rom 12:18).
- **Emotional intelligence:** Deal with others fairly. Comfort and uphold the fainthearted and weak (v14).
- **Practice patience:** Cultivate the habit of being patient with others (v14).
- **Revenge is not an option:** Don't even consider paying anyone back for whatever they do (v15). They often get what's coming to them, but it doesn't have to come from you.
- **Joyful and thankful living:** We're called to give thanks for everything, even those we may consider bad (v16).
- **Pray, pray, pray:** Turn everything into prayer (v17).
- **Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit:** Invest in your spiritual life and don't stifle the Holy Spirit's influence in your life (v19). How can the Holy Spirit lead you, if you can't communicate with him (Rom 8:14)?
- **Love prophecy:** It gives you an insight into the mind of God, which in turns tells you what the future holds. Test everything and hold onto what's good (v20-22). It's not always verbal and may be a sense.

There's a foundation to all of these, of course. For example, the ten commandments can be summed up into two laws: love God and your neighbours (Matt 22:37-39). Fundamentally, we must understand that our nature in God is righteousness. It is not what we do, it is who we are (1 Cor 6:9-11; 2 Cor 5:14-21). It is what must underpin our thoughts, words and deeds.

Our new life in Christ is lived by Christ through us (Gal 2:20-21). All of us will believe we're human and nothing we say or do can change that, even if some of us behave like animals sometimes. In the same way, what we do may sometimes make someone question our nature, but it doesn't change the fact that we're righteous. It is when we think we've offended God that we pull back from him because of our guilt (Gen 3:8).

#### Bottom line:

Once we understand we're righteous, all of the things we've listed above should come naturally to us because it is in our nature. First and foremost, believe you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (Rom 3:22).

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