

Sunday worship

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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).

One good way to learn how to discern the truth from a lie is to continue reading Scripture. If what you hear disagrees with the Bible, it's a lie.

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses ... and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

Romans 16:17-18 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Faith in action

(2 Thessalonians 1:11)

We're trusting God to enable us to do all the good things faith prompts in us in Jesus name (NLT).

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.



Sunday 15 January 2023

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

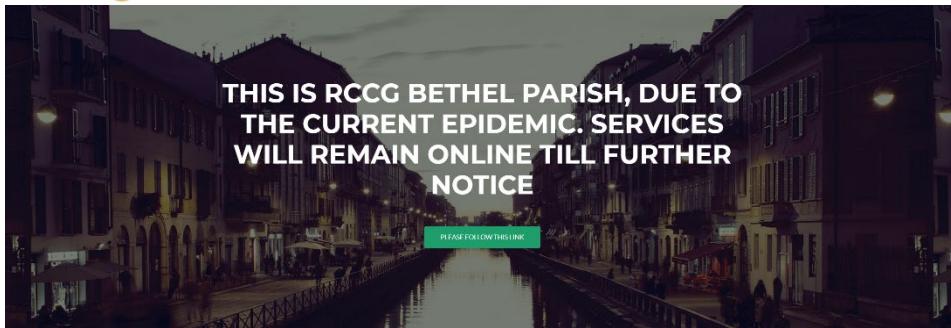
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to 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/>.

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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.
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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

Resisting the lie

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NLT)

Last week, we concluded that every day is the Lord's Day (2 Thes 2:1-3) for us to rejoice and be glad (Psa 118:22-24). However, when Paul talked about the Lord's Day, he was referring to one in particular and he elaborated on that in the next verses. We talk a lot about the world we're in now, but the whole purpose of the church is to prepare us for the world to come, also known as the end of days. This is often a challenging topic.

Paul told us not to believe the Day of the Lord has come. Not until there's a great rebellion and the man of lawlessness is revealed. The book of Revelations describes the beast and the miracles he performed. It is said he and those who follow him can be identified by a mark on their forehead and the number 666 (Rev 13:11-18).

The concepts outlined in the book of Revelations may be challenging to read at times, but we may be able to identify some of what's described happening right now, especially in financial terms. Often, many are unable to buy or sell without verifiable cards or accounts with numerical identifications. But when Paul said the man of lawlessness will sit in the temple of God, claiming he's God, which temple is Paul referring to (2 Thes 2:4)?

The book of Corinthians tells us our body is the temple of God (1 Cor 6:18-20). How does it feel to think the man of lawlessness will replace God in our bodies and in other words, our minds, through lies and deceit? The truth is challenged constantly today and often those who profess lies can be aggressive in forcing others to believe their falsehoods. These are the days when we must be careful and make sure we're holding onto the truth (Prov 23:23).

There are certain truths we used to accept universally. They include the fact that having sex outside marriage is wrong. But today, that's questioned. There's nothing wrong with that. We're told to question everything, even in the bible (1 Thes 5:21). However, this text cautions us to make sure we're not among those being deceived and often, we don't know we're deceived until our eyes are opened.

The book of Proverbs talked about two women, Wisdom and Folly. Wisdom prepared food and wine and issued invitations, but most didn't respond. They would rather accept Folly's stolen water and bread, perhaps because she described them as "sweet" (Prov 9:1-6; 13-18, NLT). The book of Proverbs says there's no point trying to rebuke or correct those fooled in this way. They will only resist and hate those who do (Prov 9:7-8, NLT).

Jesus came for only one reason, to do God's will (Heb 10:5-7). Is that the same with us? We all enjoy the miracle of sight and comprehension, both in physical and spiritual terms. We can only pray that those that cannot see and are being deceived will gain their sight (Jn 9:39). It is true that we can go through life focused on the wrong things. That's a form of blindness and it takes divine sight to see through a lie (2 Cor 4:3-4; Jn 16:13). Jesus is truth. We must seek him at all cost, even when challenged.

Bottom line:

More and more, what we consider the truth is being tested and the boundaries pushed further and further. We must make every effort to reject lies. Seek and hold onto the truth.

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