

Sunday worship

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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

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:12-13 (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.

**NOW SINCE THE CHILDREN HAVE FLESH
AND BLOOD, HE TOO SHARED IN THEIR
HUMANITY, SO THAT BY HIS DEATH HE
MIGHT DESTROY HIM WHO HOLDS THE
POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL,
— HEBREWS 2:14**

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SUNDAY

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service
From 10am

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From 7pm

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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/>).

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sin 101

Text: 1 John 1:7-10

We'll continue our study today with one of those topics we often find uncomfortable. In the last session, we talked about the multi-dimensional nature of sin (1 Jn 1:6-7). Today's text says we're only fooling ourselves if we say we have no sin (1 Jn 1:7) and calling God a liar if we say we haven't sinned (1 Jn 1:10 NLT). Confession is the only recommended remedy, but how is it possible that we're sinners if Jesus came to save us from sin? Paul emphasised this theme and said the law only made sin obvious (Rom 3:9; 20; 23).

No one can be made right by just obeying the law. An example is the story of the young ruler and Paul's ministry before conversion (Matt 19:17-20; Phil 3:5-6). Several scriptures in the bible states that the soul that sin is dead (Eze 18:20; Rom 6:23; Gen 2:17). Such verses are not talking of physical death, but the spiritual one and we can see this in the Saul's story. After he sinned, he remained a king and still alive, but God had left him (1 Sam 15-17). He was spiritually dead.

How do can we describe sin? Sin is an ecosystem that is more than the act. It is a way of life and thinking. The scriptures said those that live that way are dead, even if alive. The opposite is true when we're in Christ. Even when we die, we're alive (Matt 22:32; Jn 11:25). The concept of once saved, forever saved is often confusing and controversial until we understand that the nature of sin is what condemns us.

When we make a conscious decision to live for Christ and are born again, our nature of sin remains (Rom 8:3-4). It is only our spirit or soul that is renewed. We must therefore make a conscious decision each day to outwork the salvation of our soul and not to sin, walking in the spirit and putting our flesh under subjection (Gal 5:16; 1 Cor 9:27) as the word of God changes us (2 Cor 3:18). Not acknowledging this process can easily trip us up.

Therefore, sin is not about obeying the 10 commandments. For example, we may wonder why it was so wrong for David to number the people (2 Sam 24:1-3). We can find a possible answer in Exodus 30:11-15. This may be why Jesus said there's only 2 commandments on which all the law hangs. Love God and love your neighbour (Matt 22:37-40). Most of us know good from evil and may find obeying the commandment easy or not as challenging as some may think e.g. killing, stealing or coveting a neighbour's house (Exo 20:13; 15; 17).

However, we need to be aware that while our soul is reborn and renewed, our flesh is unregenerated and we need to watch out for those things that can easily entangle us (Heb 12:1). Have we ever wonder why David is one man declared to be a man after God's heart, even in his imperfections (1 Samuel 13:14 - Acts 13:22)? It can only be understood in spiritual context that he was a man that loved God with all his heart. That's why God forgave and commended David in spite of his imperfections and transgressions (Psa 32:1-3).

Bottom line:

We're no longer under law (Rom 6:14). As Christians, when God forgives us, he removed the impact of sin. However, that doesn't give us excuses to continue to sin (Rom 6:1-2).

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