

Sunday worship

Happy
Father's Day

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

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.



Sunday 18 June 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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He will turn the hearts of the

FATHERS

to their

CHILDREN

Malachi 4:6



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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 complete package

Text: 1 John 2:1-2

Today is Father's Day and our Father in heaven's the world's greatest Father of all. In our text today, John reassures us Christians that we have an advocate with the Father, even if we sin. However, he stressed that his goal is that we do not sin, having testified to the one they've seen and touched. John said he's the word of life and by nature, he's light and there's no darkness at all in him.

In contrast, our nature tends to the flesh and only our soul is regenerated. So, if we say we have no sin, we like and make him a liar. When we try to judge others or ourselves, we're never objective and either too harsh or too lenient. The only true judge is God. The same's true for children and their fathers. Their opinion of each other may be flawed or distorted. Children's impressions of fathers may not match what their father thinks and vice versa. That may be why someone said: "**Birth is agony. Life is hard. Death is cruel.**"

Some may find Christianity easy because it is a way of life and not a set of rules (Col 2:20-23). Paul reminded us that if keeping the law makes us right with God, there was no need for Christ to die (Gal 2:21; see also Matt 25:31-46). When we aim to follow a set of rules, we fail more often than not. Husband and wives starting out by following rules, often based on what they've grown up to believe, may find they can't sustain their marriage by a set of rules. Adjustments and compromises are necessary to build their new life together.

Therefore, the law was not intended to be the focus, but to teach us what's right and wrong, summed up into two by Jesus (Matt 22:36-40). It's about our relationship with God and one another. Fathers and Children disappoint each other all the time, but our love for each other should overcome the conflicts, bringing us closer together. In the same way, the love of God binds us together and our relationship is enriched for it when we practice that love.

The love of God for us is everlasting with no expiry date. It's unconditional and never ends (Jn 13:1). Father's love for their children should be the same and so is a husband and wife's for each other. There's a secular belief that staying married to someone you no longer love is worse than cheating on them. However, a love that's not based on rules or burdensome guilt should endure through the challenges.

Thus, relationships cannot be sustained with rules and our love for each other and should reflect our relationship with God. He's our father and our relationship with him may've been expressed best in Proverbs 8:30-33. God delights in us and our achievements. He's our cheerleader, just like parents delight in their children and encourage them to succeed.

Bottom line:

God's love should compel us to respond in love and not sin (2 Cor 5:14-15). But even when we do, that love remains faithful and boundless towards us and never fails. Today therefore, let's cast down any weight of guilt or bitterness we may be carrying in our relationships, forgiving one another, just like God forgives us our sin always.

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