

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

Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:20-21 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

To be all in

Hebrews 10:38-39 (AMP)

Peter replied to him, "Lord, if it is [really] you, command me to come to you on the water." ~ **Matthew 14:28** (AMP).

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.

The grace God offers
is not only for
saving you
from this world
but also
for carrying you
through it

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SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
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From 10am

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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/>).

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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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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.
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4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What has grace taught us?

Text: Titus 2:9-15

Slavery is one of the worst crimes of mankind, encroaching on free will or the ability to choose. For example, education can be a pathway to freedom because choices become available to a person with the knowledge of their existence and the possibilities. Everything a slave owns belong to their master, including their partners and children. So, why would Paul ask slaves to obey their masters?

This may be because sin enslaves. A moment of pleasure can bring ruination, but Paul says the grace of God has brought salvation to mankind, teaching us how to say no to sin. In other words, grace doesn't ask us to struggle against sin. It is clear that ends in our failure. Instead, it teaches us to develop a habit that avoids sinning.

The most competent and incompetent teachers are often remembered for years because of the imprint left on their students. The law can be likened to a bad teacher, in that it can only show us how impossible it is to pass the examinations presented before us (Rom 7:7). For example, it may be possible to suppress anger for a while, but we eventually fall short and when we fail on one, we're guilty on all (Js 2:8-10).

In contrast, great teachers make a difference and grace is such a teacher, nurturing and changing the lives of sinners. It teaches the principles of remaining in obedience to God and removes fear of failing completely. It builds in us the discipline to say no to sin, giving us the freedom to choose (Jn 8:32). Success may also be determined by how often you say no as well as yes. It's when we refuse to be ruled by feelings or emotions (Rom 6:1-2). Hence, the word 'disciple' comes from discipline.

Jesus demonstrated this when he taught two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. Afterwards, they remarked that their eyes were opened (Lk 24:24-32). It is not by might or power, but by the spirit of God (Zech 4:6). Grace opens our eyes to the bondage that's held us bound and sets us free (Heb 4:16). A lot of Christians remain in the weakened state described in Romans 7:15-20; ridden by guilt, doubt, fear etc.

It is true that good works does not save us, but after salvation, we're set free to produce good works (Eph 2:8-10). That's why Jesus berated the Jews for claiming they're not slaves when their lives do not reflect signs of that freedom (Jn 8:33-35). They're clouds without rain, promising much but delivering little (Jd 1:12-13).

Bottom line:

A Christian's life must reflect the freedom purchased for them with the blood of Christ from the bondage of sin. However, even good teachers or preachers have students and congregation members who can fail. But there's a way to be free once and for all. Submit and be taught by grace. Let it set you free (Jn 8:36).

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