

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).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (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.

"But by the grace of God I am what I am..."

1 Corinthians 15:10

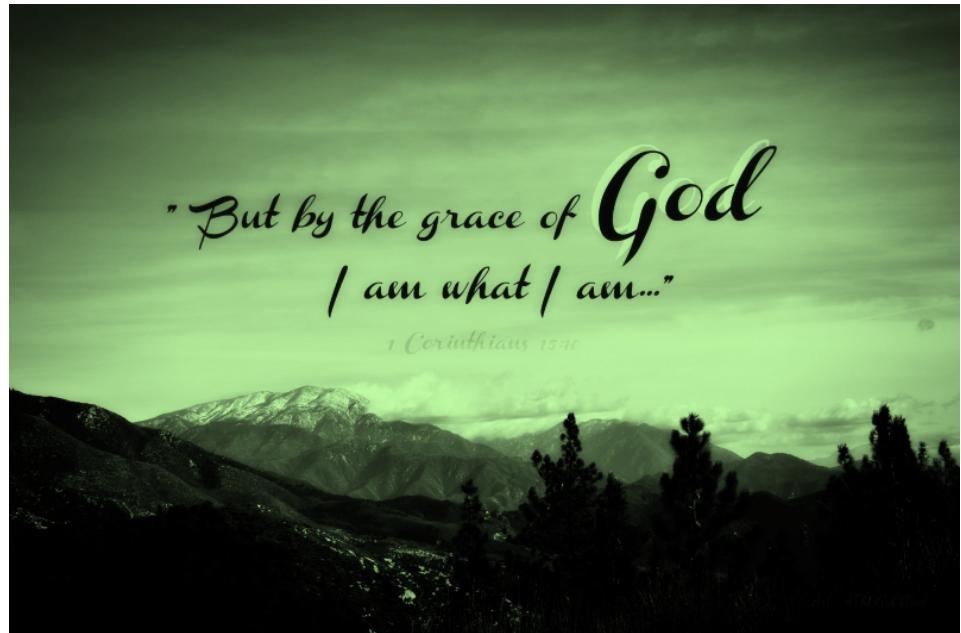


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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

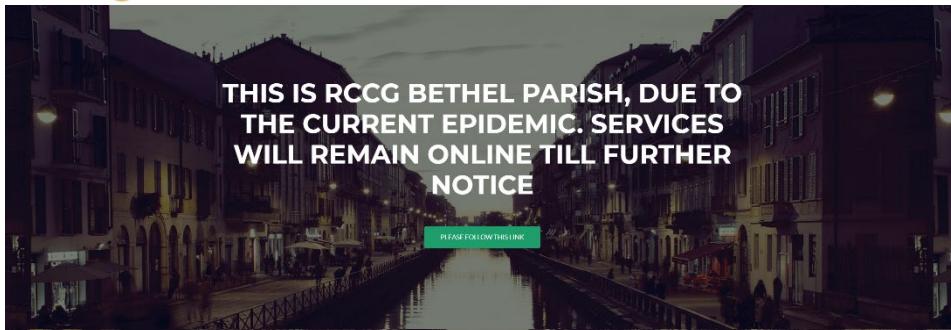
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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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 way of Grace

Text: Galatians 2:20-21

Today's text affirms that we've been crucified with Christ, but what does that mean. Crucifixion is not a quick death. It is capital punishment and can therefore be painful beyond measure. This may be prolonged or compounded by environmental and physical or health conditions and the person's tenacity to hold on to life.

To make matters worse, passersby make fun and jeer. Some taunted Jesus to save himself and come down from the cross (Mk 15:29-30 / Lk 23:29) and he could have (Jn 10:18). Likewise, we can choose to spare ourselves of all that comes with the cross too, but Paul said he's chosen not to take the grace of God for granted. That implies that we can set aside or nullify the grace of God in our lives and it means a life lived in Christ is by grace.

Paul wasn't just talking about the crucifixion of the old man, but also about the law, living from henceforth by grace. When Paul told the runaway slave Onesimus to go back to his masters, he was sending him back to be in danger of dire punishment and the endless drudgery he once found intolerable (Phil 1:8-16). He can only be sustained by grace.

Paul returned to this concept again and again in the book of Galatians. He suggested there could be a way that pretends to be the way of the Good News (Gal 1:6-7; 13-15). This means that what we know or don't know can determine how we live. Paul tried to live for God by keeping commandments zealously, but the laws only condemned him to death (Gal 2:17-19). Now, a new way's been revealed to us through Christ.

How often do we turn back to the law and traditions too, in other to please God? We know very well we're no longer under law and yet insist on its rigorous observance. For example, David was quick to pronounce judgement on the man Nathan described in his analogy (2 Sam 12:5-7). That's what the law does. It condemns us of sin and provides no remedy (Rom 3:20). It isn't easier to live by grace and can even be challenging (Matt 5:21-48), because our boundaries are now set by God. That may be why we seek comfort in rigorous observance of the law. However, our text today shows grace does the hard work for us.

Bottom line:

We have a great High Priest who has finished the atoning work on the cross for us and redeemed us from the curse of the law (Heb 10:19-22; Gal 3:13). We must unlearn habits and traditions of men and learn Christ (Acts 10:13-15; Eph 4:20; 1 Cor 12:31) to live in **the way of grace** (Rom 3:21-24).

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