

*** GIVE THANKS ***

Thanksgiving Service

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

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering...

Romans 12:6-7 (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.

Spiritual Gifts

Interpretation of Tongues



TEACHING



ADMINISTRATION



FAITH



LEADERSHIP



PROPHECY



DISCERNMENT



GIVING



HEALING



SERVICE



TONGUES



EXHORTATION



APOSTLESHIP

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Sunday 1 September 2024

WELCOME

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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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

Prophecies / other spiritual gifts in a world of scepticism and fakes

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

We're told not to "quench" the spirit. At the same time, we're not to believe every spirit and you may well ask. Why do we need to be cautious and what does that look like? The reason for cautiousness may be obvious. It's the tendency for some to engage in exaggeration, embellishments, falsehoods and trickery, for profit-making or fame. An example is the fortune-telling slave girl encountered by Paul (Acts 16:16-24).

Some believe there's been a resurgence of charismatic or spiritual gifts in this dispensation, but false prophets, prophecies or messaging are nothing new throughout the scriptures. There's Balaam, the young / old prophet saga and even Saul, after the spirit of God left him (Num 22-25; 1 Kgs 13:11-25; 1 Sam 19:18-24). God's frustration with them are evident too and he tasked his prophets with addressing it again and again, warning of the dangers. For example, Ezekiel was unequivocal on God's anger and the consequences (Eze 13:1-23).

False prophets lead people astray and prevent them from seeking salvation (2 Cor 11:13; 2 Pet 2:1; Jer 23:18; 2 Thess 2:9). So, we can perhaps see why we need to be wary of false prophecies. However, Paul encouraged us to desire spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:31). It is crucial so we're not tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine (Eph 4:11-16). He cautioned orderliness and gave specific guidance on how they can be used (1 Cor 12:1-14:19).

How do we test every spirit? Paul told the Ephesians to be focused on unity and the effective working of the church. It should also be about love (1 Cor 13:1-13; Eph 4:16b). Jesus implied it can be difficult to spot false prophets unless we pay close attention to what they do (Matt 7:15-16a). Paul was more specific, describing them as serving their own belly by smooth words and flattering speech to deceive (Rom 16:17-18).

The writer of 1 John agreed. Some prophecies demonise others, in our families or communities. They're therefore divisive and create anxiety, fear and distress, suggesting implausible remedies that have little or nothing to do with God's will. We need to be discerning of those and root the workings of any spiritual gift using the word of God (1 Jn 4:1-3; 1 Thess 5:19-21).

Prophecies often challenge the status quo. As a result, they may be received with disbelief or criticisms and sometimes even fatal or dire consequences (Matt 23:31; 35; 37; 13:53-58). Jeremiah was thrown into a well (Jer 38:1-13). Micaiah was slapped for telling the truth despite warnings that the king was in the mood for good news (1 Kgs 22:7-8; 13-24). If we have a prophetic word for someone, we shouldn't be afraid to share it.

Bottom line:

It can be easy to grow cynical. However, we need to remember spiritual gifts are for our benefit and necessary for effectiveness in the church. We also need to be discerning and trust the Holy Spirit to guide us into God's truth (Jn 17:17; Heb 11:1).

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