

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

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

Colossians 3:9-10 (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.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
Hebrews 1:1-3

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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.

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1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
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3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
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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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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.
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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

Made in God's image

Text: Genesis 1:26-27

What does being made in God's image mean (Gen 1:26-27)? When we began our exposition on the book of Genesis in March, the Pastor talked about the power of creation and how we were "fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psa 139:14). That should mean I'm all powerful like God, all knowing and perhaps even able to be everywhere at once.

The scriptures in fact bear some credence to that point of view. For example, the Psalmist said we are gods in our own right (Psa 82:6) and we can do all things through Christ (Phil 4:13). So, we may reflect on whether that's our experience and if not, why not? We're not going to answer that question today. Instead, we'll concentrate on another aspect.

Being made in God's image also comes with responsibilities. Some are about how we treat our fellow sojourners on this earth (Psalms 82:1-4; Mk 12:31). Jesus made us understanding what that means, in the sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-6:34). We're the salt and light of the world (Matt 5:13-16), our righteousness must exceed those of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt 5:20), our hearts should be pure (Matt 5:21-22).

We go the extra mile to help others (Matt 5:38-42), love our enemies (Matt 5:43-47), are not hypocrites (Matt 6:1-18) and so on. We're also told not to worry (Matt 6:25-34), to ask, seek and knock (Matt 7:7-11), and make every effort to enter by the narrow gate (Matt 7:13-14). Jesus told us to be perfect just as our heavenly father is (Matt 5:48). Paul continued the theme and told us to bear the fruit of the spirit (Gal 5:22-23).

Our main point today is to remind us of who we are and the responsibilities that comes with the power and privilege given to us by God. A former Pastor of this church once used the analogy of a pig. No matter how well you clean a pig, it will always return to roll in the mud when loose. We often talk about our nature of sin or the Adamic nature. But if we're made in God image, isn't his nature really our innate nature, before the corruption of sin?

The scriptures tell us God is the same and never changes (Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8). That's probably why Jesus asked us to be consistent; let our "Yes" be 'Yes,' and our "No," 'No' (Matt 5:37) and why Paul told we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16) and we've been created to do good works (Eph 2:10). That's why we can do all things through him who strengthen us (Phil 4:13) and be holy as God is holy.

Bottom line:

We're created perfectly to give God pleasure (Rev 4:11). We have the ability to live by faith and reflect God's nature and character, not in corruption (1 Cor 15:53-54; Rom 1:17).

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