

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

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:2-3 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Year of opportunities

John 4:35-38 AMP

"For in this case the saying is true, 'One [person] sows and another reaps.'" ~ **John 4:37 (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.



Sunday 23 February 2024

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service
From 10am

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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/>).

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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**.
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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.
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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

Obedience

Text: Isaiah 1:18-20

It's easy to declare that we're willing and obedient, except it's not achieved by confession (Isa 1:19; see also Matt 21:28-32). Saul may be considered the poster for disobedience. But it was too late when Samuel told him '**to obey is better than sacrifice**' (1 Sam 13:7-14; 15:22).

The fact is we often obey God on our own terms, but there's a cost to obedience. Jesus learnt obedience though he was the son of God (Heb 5:7-9; see also Phil 2:5-8). God's instructions are expensive and rare (Jer 23:1-21; 1 Sam 3:1). Many go to far places to seek counsel (1 Sam 9:3-6). Today, some claim to speak for God, using manipulative words to take advantage of the unsuspecting.

In the 400 years between Malachi and the New Testament, God was silent. Now the Holy Spirit speaks to us anywhere (Rom 8:14). However, we shouldn't take that lightly and it doesn't obscure the fact that God treasures his word (Isa 55:11). Therefore, we should be willing and ready to obey. We earn our priesthood through obedience which brings us into partnership with Christ (Jn 14:15-21).

God's commandment isn't limited to the Ten commandments. At various times, he gives us specific instructions. An example is when he told us to love one another (Jn 13:34-35; 14:17; 17:21). In practical terms, Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they receive power (Lk 24:49). Saul failed because he didn't wait for Samuel (1 Sam 13:8-13). We can learn obedience by waiting.

Waiting can be difficult, but the church will need to evolve to reach this generation. When God speaks, don't be legalistic (Acts 9:10-16; 10:9-15). God may give us instructions that will isolate us from others or invite questions or censures from close friends and family. We must be prepared to obey.

When we trust and reverence God, it should be easy to obey him. Abraham obeyed because he did (Gen 12:1; 22:2-3). So did Mary even when it was costly (Lk 1:38). She's still despised by some today. It may come at an uncomfortable or inconvenient moment for us, but we must learn to listen and obey (Isa 30:21).

Bottom line:

It is a defining moment in our lives when we receive instructions from God and listen. It can change our destiny. Pray that we can learn obedience from Christ and allow ourselves to be open to God's instructions.

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