

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

Every word of God is tested and refined [like silver]; He is a shield to those who trust and take refuge in Him.

Proverbs 30:5 (AMP)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Build and consolidate
Nehemiah 2:12

I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 26, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

PSALM 28:7

"Take up the **Shield of Faith**, with which you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one."

Faith isn't static. It becomes more beautiful and strong as time goes on.

Faith saves us

Faith heals

Faith in God shields us (1 Peter 1:5)

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)



This fire can be used to refine my faith

Faith doesn't just protect us from the arrows...it puts them out!

Faith yields good deeds or else it is dead

Faith is both an offensive and a defensive weapon

A small amount of faith can move mountains



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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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Our 'must-visit' website



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/>).

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/>.

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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.
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 Horse Gate – Part VII

Text: Ephesians 6:16

Today, we continue our studies on spiritual warfare as part of our exploration of the Horse Gate or the gate of warfare, identifying our weapons of war. Some of the latest vehicles now have automatic breaking systems that stops them crashing into other cars. That's what the shield of faith does for us. It stops the fiery darts of the wicked one from reaching us, because the enemy is not interested in peace (Psa 120:7).

A definition for faith calls it a "**conviction of the truth of anything or believe**". What is your conviction or world view? Many of us may have cultural beliefs and experiences that influences what we believe. For example, when God says there's an appointed time when he may be found, what do we believe?

Our experiences sometimes cause us to magnify the power of the evil. In contrast, the Centurion's view about authority and the chain of command made it easy for him to believe Jesus can speak with authority to heal his servant (Lk 7:1-10). It suggests some of us may lack faith because we don't understand the concept of authority.

We may cite instances contrary to David's categorical statement that he's never seen the righteous forsaken in his lifetime (Psa 37:25), but David was speaking from his own experience. Likewise, just as each soldier have their own shield, the shield of faith is personal and we can appropriate statements like David's, repeating them until they become our reality. In other words, our belief structure is the shield that protects us and that suggests believing in the wrong things won't stop those fiery darts.

David knew God as his rock, fortress and deliverer (Psa 18:1-2). When a man goes to war with that mindset, it's easy to understand why he never lost a battle. His shield of faith rescued him every time (Psa 22:1-37; see also 2 Sam 22:1-51). Some may not realise how beautiful or powerful they are because no one's ever told them. Likewise, the fiery darts of the evil one may cloud our judgement.

With a strong understanding of who he is and his authority, Jesus had the confidence to lower himself, contrary his status, and wash the disciples' feet (Jn 13:1-5). Some may seek to diminish us and make us see ourselves as less than who we are. That's what the fiery darts of the devil does. They're those thoughts in unguarded moments.

Bottom line:

Know that someone else's shield of faith cannot save you because it's a personal thing and your conviction is the shield protecting you from the enemy's fiery darts. Pray to ensure your shield is strong and you're not left defenseless (1 Cor 10:12).

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