

Kingston Church of Christ

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Quote of the Week:

"I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

—Martin Luther

Let's Keep Praying For

- Robyn and her siblings as they mourn their mother's passing
- Ron C as he continues his recovery at home
- Levi's recovery
- Alex as she faces ongoing health issues
- Ruby during her ongoing recovery
- Anne
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Glenn and Betty
- Jerry's cancer
- Dan's father, Tim F
- Franco S with cancer
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues

**Now meeting virtually
at 10:00 a.m. Sundays**

Read the New Testament in a Year: May 23-29.

Mon Rom 3:1-20
Tues Rom 3:21-31
Wed Rom 4:1-12
Thurs Rom 4:13-25
Fri Rom 5:1-11
Sat Rom 5:12-21
Sun make-up day

News:

India Appeal: Thanks to those who gave to the India appeal. We were able to send them \$350.

Contributions: send to churchcollege@yahoo.com or leave at building.

Key to the Kingdom – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

Who is the Greatest?

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matthew 18:1-6).

Jesus had chosen the twelve apostles who had heard Him teach about the kingdom many times. It may have been in their minds that Jesus’ kingdom would be ruled from an earthly throne in Jerusalem. Even after Jesus’ death and resurrection they ask: “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6). They had the idea that Jesus would be on earth as king. Jesus’ kingdom is spiritual not like the worldly kingdoms (John 18:36). So we see them asking: “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Jesus had not elevated one of the apostles over the others. This was common among men who were leaders, and it is still so today. The mother of John and James came to Jesus requesting: “Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left” (Matthew 20:21). Yet Jesus did not promote one of the apostles over others.

Some people today want to have a place of honor. Jesus tells them, and us, to be converted and become like children. The way to be great in the kingdom is to be humble. To be great is to trust Christ completely. Christ is the Master of all of His followers, all of us are brothers (Matthew 18:1-10). We are to be humble and obey. This means that we do not try to be master over others. It means that we will do any work which needs to be done and we are able to it. Taking care of children, even helpless ones, is not to be thought of as ‘below our dignity’. “This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1:27).

~ Wayne Curry Via Highland Drive church of Christ, Poplar Bluff, MO