

# Kingston Church of Christ

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## ***Quote of the Week:***

"Who needs fathers? We all do. We especially need our Father in heaven, who forgives our parenting inadequacies for Jesus' sake and who enables us each day with a fresh start. Just as the loving father in Luke's gospel welcomed home his lost son, our Father will one day welcome us into heaven together with all others who love and trust in Jesus."

—Dr. Rodney Rathmann

"Give me a stout heart to bear my own burdens. Give me a willing heart to bear the burdens of others. Give me a believing heart to cast all burdens upon Thee, O Lord."

—John Baillie

## ***Let's Keep Praying For***

- Alex as she moves to find work
- Levi's recovery
- Ruby during her recovery
- Anne
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Glenn and Betty
- Jerry's move to long-term care due to 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:*** June 14-20

Mon 1 Cor 3  
Tues 1 Cor 4  
Wed 1 Cor 5-6  
Thurs 1 Cor 7  
Fri 1 Cor 8  
Sat 1 Cor 9  
Sun make-up day

**News:**

**Happy Fathers' Day** to each of the Dads.

**Glenn and Betty** will celebrate their anniversary on June 30.

**Meetings at College St.:** Our current plan is to begin in-person meetings when Ontario moves to Step 2 of its current reopening plan. I (Art) think that might be either July 4 or 11, depending on how things proceed. More later.

**From David Martin re gift to India:** Greetings to you in The Precious Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you and the Congregation Support for the Christians here in India. 22 families were helped with Rice.10 kgs. Cooking Oil 1 litre. Beans 2kg. Wheat flour 1kg. Sugar 1 kg.

The Saints conveyed their Love & Prayers to you all for the generosity & encouragement. They are very grateful for the support. They are praying for all of you.

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

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

### **God's Love**

The Sabbath in the Bible was a day of many things. It was a day of rest. It was a day of family. It was a day celebrating God's creation. It was a day celebrating redemption from slavery. It was a day of togetherness. It was a day that showed Israel what the world to come would look like. It was a day of basking in divine love with all of God's creation. Remember love, God's Love, Yahweh's love. Maybe we moderns do not "remember" that earth shattering love nearly enough.

God loves you. God loves me. And God loves the entire creation, the whole universe and everything in it, unconditionally.

God's love is not predicated upon our love for God.

God's love is not granted if we worship God.

God's love is not parceled on the basis of our righteousness.

God's love is not proportionate to our obedience to God.

God's love is not reciprocal (that is he will love us if we love God).

God's love is infinite,

God's love is eternal,

God's love is unconditional.

This truth is so astonishing, so radical, that Christians themselves routinely immediately try to qualify God's love or qualify it with a "but" somewhere along the line (usually along the entire line).

The only "but" is, But God's love is unconditional. It is actively shown to every creature in creation.

"Go show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites" (Hosea 3.1).

"God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us ... while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son" (Romans 5.8,10).

"the steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3.22-23)

"You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and you did not forsake them, even when they had cast an image of a calf for themselves" (Nehemiah 9.17-18).

"This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 3.10)

"you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you" (Isaiah 43.4)

"For God so love the world [the whole world] that he gave his one and only son" (John 3.16)

"For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever!" (Ps 117)

We should spend less time trying to qualify God's infinite and unconditional love and more time in meditation on it, more time praising God for it, more time being astonished by it. We just might find ourselves deeply transformed and moved to simply worship the God of Infinite Love. A revolution might happen in our churches if we did.

Go Read Psalm 136 slowly. Read the refrain audibly.

-Bobby Valentine