



Let's Keep Praying For

- Betty as she mourns
- Dale and Marion's health
- Those struggling in their marriages
- Kathy's co-worker, Jen – treatments/prayer have shown amazing results.
- Fairmount Home-covid outbreak
- Ruby's brother John, heart and dementia
- Ruby's health
- Brian as he struggles with health issues
- Cancer patients: Tim F, Chad's cousins Grace & Harold
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues
- Franco's family and friends who are mourning

Use this space to note an idea from the sermon that you would like to remember:

Scheduled to Serve:

	Today	Jan 23	Jan 30
Chair/ Communion	Art	Chad	Art
Preaching	Chad	Art	Chad

Contributions: send to churchcollege@yahoo.com or leave in box in foyer.

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

Bulletin: If you have news you would like to see shared in the bulletin, please get it to Art by Thursday noon (kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or 613-876-4605).

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Email kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com for zoom link to Bible study at 7:00 pm Wednesdays.

Jan. 16, 2022

“Quote” of the week

"He loves each one of us, as if there were only one of us."

—St. Augustine of Hippo

Visitors, Welcome to our gathering! Join us in worship and fellowship.

In these days of social distancing, we may not hug or shake your hand, but we welcome you into our gathering.

Please join us in worshipping God as we sing, pray and read the Bible. We also share communion each Sunday remembering the sacrifice of Jesus who gave himself to die for our sins. If you wish to partake with us, you are free to do so.

We hold the Bible to be God's inspired message for us and hold it in highest esteem.

If a question comes to mind, please ask it. We will try to help you find answers from God. Please let us know of any way we can serve you.

Behavior, Love, Sound Doctrine

Context is essential to the interpretation of most anything in human experience but especially so of documents like the writings in the New Testament. To whom they are addressed has a direct bearing on what they mean and how we apply them today.

It may surprise many, even long-time believers, that none of the New Testament is written to non-believers. None. The writings in the New Testament are produced BY believers and written TO believers. In fact ALL of the Epistles in the New Testament are "in house language." That is they are written to, and for, people who are ALREADY believers. There is no exception to this in the pages of the NT.

There are many passages in the pages of the NT that address how those who claim to be followers of Jesus should act toward others and even toward other believers. The imperatives contained within them are directed to the church and not unbelievers.

Believers often act contrary to the Gospel of Christ. A nonbeliever can never act contrary to what they never believed in the first place. It is the internal, one to another, behavior that receives a huge amount of air time in the pages of the Epistles.

"Ephesians" is addressed to the people of God, the saints. Thus, for example, Ephesians 4.17 all the way down to the end of the book is about Christian behavior in life and toward one another. Paul tells the "saints" to "put away all falsehood ... for we are all members of one another" (4.25). He tells believers not to "grieve the Holy Spirit" through their "bitterness," "wrangling," "slander" (4.31). It is believers who are commanded to "be imitators of God ... live in love as Christ loved us" (5.1-2).

It is "saints" who are told to get rid of "fornication" "greed (which is idolatry)" (Col 3.5f). But note it is "anger" "wrath," "malice," "slander" that saints are told to put away (3.8ff). We are to clothe ourselves "in love."

These insider texts show that sound doctrine is not simply what you believe, as we may think, but it is displayed in how we act. Sound doctrine is how we LIVE. The very word "sound" as used by Paul means "healthy." A person of "sound mind" is a person who is **HEALTHY**. Note what Paul wrote in Titus 2.1 where he uses the phrase "sound doctrine."

"But do you inculcate the things which become wholesome

News & Notes

Annual Meeting: We will plan on a short meeting following service on Feb. 6, 2022. If you have questions or agenda items you would like to have added to the discussions, please let Art know.

One of the things we do is to appoint a trustee to fill a vacant position. Our current trustees (with term expiry dates) are Chad Comfort (2022) and Robyn Comfort (2023) and Art Ford (2024) and Kathy Scott (2025). As per the rotation, Chad's term will expire and either he or someone else will need to be appointed to fill that position.

Copies of 2021 AGM results are on the back table.

Just Recovery Kingston is requesting that we make you aware of a survey on public transportation in Kingston. Material is in foyer.

Books: There are three boxes of books that Glenn's family has made available. If you would like to take and read any of them, feel free to claim them.

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doctrine: that aged men be vigilant, grave prudent, healthy by faith love, patience. That aged women, in like manner, be in deportment as becomes sacred persons—not slanderers, not enslaved to much wine ... (Titus 2.1ff, Living Oracles, Alexander Campbell's version).

I have quoted from Alexander Campbell's translation where he renders the text as "wholesome doctrine." What is that? Notice that Paul, not Campbell, immediately talks about behavior of believers.

It is the manifestation of these imperatives among the churches of God that make it "distinct" from the nonbelieving world. I use the word "distinct" on purpose because that language is used a lot in some corners but not understood by many. The behavior of God's people is to be "distinct" from the behavior of the world.

There is a reason that Jesus said the world will know "you are my disciples if you love one another" (John 13.34).

Love toward one another IS sound doctrine. -Bobby Valentine