

News & Notes

Food Cupboard: Donations are always welcome.

A new **cleaning sign-up sheet** is available in the foyer.

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

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"Christ is a substitute for everything, but nothing is a substitute for Christ."

—H.A. Ironside

Scheduled to Serve:

	Today	Oct 23	Oct 30
Chair	Art	Tony	Chad
Preaching	Chad	Chad	Art

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).

"Quote" of the week

"God sees with utter clarity who we are. He is undeceived as to our warts and wickedness. But when God looks at us that is not all He sees. He also sees who we are intended to be, who we will one day become."

—John Ortberg

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

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.

Let's Keep Praying For



- Chad's friend Jeff weak after stem cell transplant
- Tohey's Mom in hospital
- Ron C facing heart issues
- The people of Ukraine & other war-torn areas
- Betty
- Dale and Marion's health
- Brian as he struggles with health issues
- Cancer patients: Shaun, Tim F, Chad's cousins Grace & Harold, Laura Lynn, Patti-Anne
- Anne as she faces more chemo

He Loves Forever (Part 2)

From one end of the Hebrew Bible to the other this is true. Ezekiel used the graphic, and offensive, image of an exposed/abandoned baby girl for Israel (it was common in ancient cultures to throw away baby girls because they were viewed as "less than." That is precisely Ezekiel's point, Israel was "less than 0" in the eyes of others) in Ezekiel 16. Yahweh found her abandoned. Yahweh loved her. Yahweh "commands" that she "live." Moses says they were the "*least/fewest of all people*" that they had nothing about them to draw anyone, that they had no righteousness nor even integrity, but it was precisely because Yahweh "loved them" and the promises he made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he entered his "*covenant of love*" ... (Deut 7.9, 12; cf. 1 Kgs 8.29; 2 Chron 6.14; Neh 1.5; 9.32; Dan 9.4).

Contrary to so much bad theology based upon the faulty King James Version and the mountains of anti-Semitic preaching flowing from it, John says that the Jesus is the Incarnation of the Heart of the Hebrew Bible. "*For law came through Moses BUT grace and truth came through Jesus Christ*" (John 1.17, KJV). This *mistranslation* alone has done incalculable harm. Even though almost all modern translations have not followed this incorrect reading it is deeply embedded in our religious psychology. We read the text in modern

translations *as if* it still says what the KJV reads. But there is no "But." There is none in Greek.

John does not create a contrast. There is no *antithesis* in the text. Instead, John actually quotes the Hebrew Bible, Exodus 34.6, and applies it to Jesus. Grace and Truth ... *Hesed* and *'emeth* ... the central revelation of the steadfast love (grace!) in Yahweh is enfleshed in King Jesus.

Hesed reigns supreme in the Hebrew Bible. *Hesed is the God of Israel's "name tag."* That God creates in Hesed, redeems in Hesed, covenants in Hesed, walks in Exile in Hesed, raises Israel from the dead out of sheol in Hesed. The old song we (sometimes) sing, "grace, grace God's grace, grace that will pardon, and cleanse within" could justly be sung about God's Hesed.

*"Marvelous Hesed of our loving Lord,
Hesed that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt
Hesed, hesed, God's hesed,
Hesed that will pardon and cleanse within
Hesed, hesed, God's hesed,
Hesed that is greater than all our sin."*

The Hebrew Bible does in fact rhapsodize on *Hesed*. Just for fun, go read Psalm 103, Psalm 107, Psalm 136. And if you are adventurous read them out loud.

In fact, if someone wanted to summarize the entire Hebrew Bible to a single sentence it can be done faithfully and accurately:

He Loves (Hesed) Forever!

The Hebrew Bible is oozing Hesed, God's love, God's amazing grace. I was not taught this in Sunday School.

—Bobby Valentine