



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED  
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION  
2012 Jan 22**

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to  
find and follow Jesus!***

**Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!**

# True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. **Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.**

Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. **Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important.** Don't think that you are better than others.

Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. **If possible, live in peace with everyone.** Do that as much as you can.

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# Last weeks Proposals

- Rent \$500 ✓
- Wood for C. \$380 for 4 cords paid this week ✓
  - As follows \$210 from Taylor
  - 10 from purse as planned
  - \$160 K+P
- Tires \$100 ✓
  - \$100 from electricians fund temporary
- Wood log situation
  - Barb will find out. TBD

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# Sort message/ discussion

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A field of golden wheat under a blue sky with white clouds. The wheat is in the foreground, slightly out of focus, and the sky is in the background, with a few large white clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# **Kingdom of God**

**This “Kingdom of God” issue,  
what is the “Kingdom of God”?**



# **Who thinks of the Kingdom of God?**

**Most of us hardly put much thought into even thinking about what the Kingdom of God is, never mind to clearly consider what it means to the world.**

We would like the **security of living in a safe** haven,  
but this Kingdom is unknown and unachievable to  
many of us!





This is actually very  
strange, since Jesus spoke  
so much about this  
Kingdom!

Why even look at the  
Kingdom of God?

It is hardly the *central*  
*aspect* taught in most  
churches and *very few*  
*people teach much*  
*about the concept,*

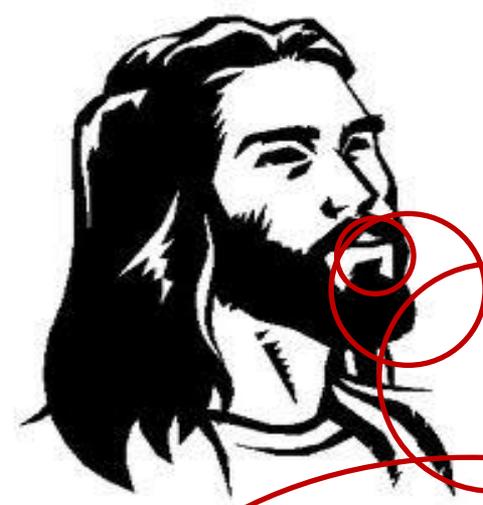
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*.right?.*



“But if it is by  
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demons, then  
the **kingdom  
of God** has  
come upon  
you.

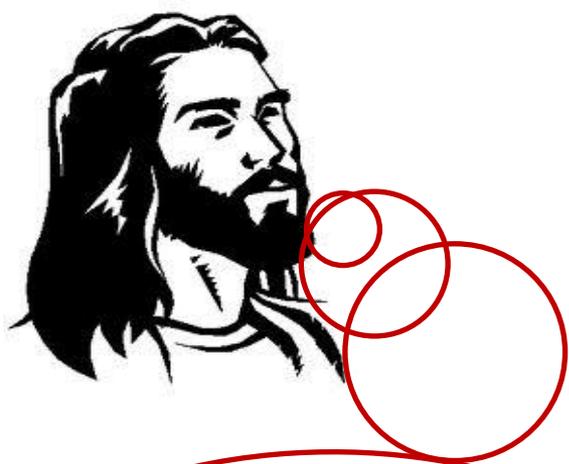
Matthew 12:28 NIV



Then in Jesus story about the tenants who kill the owners son, Jesus concludes by saying “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

<sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable: **There was a landowner who planted a vineyard.** He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then **he rented the vineyard to some farmers** and moved to another place. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, **he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.** <sup>35</sup> “The tenants **seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.** <sup>36</sup> Then he **sent other servants** to them, **more than the first time**, and the tenants **treated them the same way.** <sup>37</sup> **Last of all, he sent his son to them.** ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

<sup>38</sup> “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘**This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.**’ <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard **and killed him.**



40 “Therefore, **when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?**”

41 “**He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,**” they **replied**, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’<sup>[h]</sup>?”

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45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.

46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.





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Then Jesus told this story about the Kingdom;

“This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Somehow the kingdom is **sown by people** and increases independent of what they themselves do.

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Then Jesus told this story about the Kingdom;

“Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

So it appears that **it increases exponentially** from its initial size.

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Then Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here **will not taste death before** they see that the **kingdom of God has come with power.**”

So some people who are (and were) living will see the kingdom come with power and some will not.

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Then Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

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Then there is the story of the rich man who asked Jesus “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

And Jesus told him to sell everything and give to the poor. He doesn't and Jesus says “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

So the kingdom is **linked to eternal life** and it is **hard for rich people to get it!**

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Perhaps the most important question Jesus answered is explained as follows:

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on, no

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To get it we need to **acknowledge that that God is one and there is no other but him**. We need **love him with all our heart, with all our understanding and with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves!**

**If we do this, we experience the Kingdom of God on Earth, but we also prepare ourselves for eternal life within the eternal kingdom of God.**

Jesus told us this but it seems we rarely understand the fullness of his message.

Simple faith is not enough since Jesus asked the rich man to do something as a result of the faith. We need to act on our beliefs for the kingdom to stay with us.

**In today's turbulent world it is good to have a kingdom to which we can belong safely and securely and which no person can remove from us.**

**I want to continue living in God's kingdom, what about you?**

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**Pass a hat!** Gathering of any monetary contributions for the community work

5 min

**PRAYER** of thanks for Food and Drink

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