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For God & Country - Canada Day Weekend Sunday, July 3rd, 2016

- Tom Brokaw Explains Canada: <https://youtu.be/cMocFEFZkhY>
- Ranked #2 on the Social Progress Index: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/social-progress-index-canada-isalright/article30647376/>
- Ranked #9 on the Human Development Index: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/countries/profiles/CAN>
- Interesting Facts About Canada: <http://www.factslices.com/s-Canada>

1 Peter 2:9-17 NIV

⁹ But **you are** a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that **you may** declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once **you were** not a people, but now **you are** the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now **you have** received mercy.

Living Godly Lives in a Pagan Society

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, **as foreigners and exiles**, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, **they may see** your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ **Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority:** whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ **Show proper respect to everyone**, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Philippians 3:17-21 NIV

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ **But our citizenship is in heaven.** And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

What it means to be a Christian Citizen of your Nation...

- Submission to EVERY human authority (2:13)
- Show proper Respect to EVERYONE
 - Honour up, honour down, honour all around!
 - We honour and speak well of our Prime Minister (Justin Trudeau), Our Premier (Kathleen Wynne), Our Mayors (Mike Burkett & Steve Clark), the US President (Barack Obama), the Secretary General of the UN (Ban Ki-moon), Queen Elizabeth, our boss, the police, our teachers, our grandparents and parents, etc...
 - When we disobey God's command to honour those in authority, why do we think that He will honour or reward us?
 - When we dishonour, gossip about or rebel against authority we are really doing those things against God.
 - God hates division – we need to be careful of statements like “if I was in charge, I would do it this way...!. We can disagree and confront leadership without dishonouring (notice the pattern in Daniel as he and his exile friends stood for what was right).

What it means to be a Citizen of Heaven...

- Living as a foreigner in your own nation – (2:11)
- We are awaiting the return of our Saviour and Lord to bring everything into justice and order (3:20)

- As a believer you have been placed in the church by God to fulfill His call on your life. He has called you to serve in a local church under the authority of His appointed leadership. That leadership is to help you mature to become what God has called you to become (mature in Christ, ready for every good work).
- We must honourably disobey Human government **if it requires us** to sin against God
- We live out the values of heaven on earth
- As Christians, we are the servants of the world - the “do-gooders”! (2:11)

Confession & Repentance

- This morning we are participating in elements of the Lord’s Supper (Communion). This is a time to confess sins of dishonour to the Lord and to thank Him for His Salvation in Jesus Christ.

Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):

“Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You dying on the cross and taking the punishment for my sins. I open the door of my life to you and receive You as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You for forgiving my sin and for giving me eternal life. I ask that You lead me, teach me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Lord, transform me into a person who represents you well, in Jesus name I ask, amen.”

Giving \$ to God at Hope CCC: Donations/Tithes/Offerings

1. **Giving Envelopes** (located on the chairs) are to be placed in one of the two **collection boxes on the wall**.
 - A year’s box of giving/tithing envelopes are available from our Envelope Secretary Dr. Paul Corriveau.
2. **Monthly Withdrawal - Pre Authorized Remittance**. Registration forms beside the collection boxes.
3. **Online Giving** can be done on our website through Canada Helps.
4. **Text-2-Give** using your phone by texting **705-910-0962**. You can use Visa-Debit or credit card.
5. Cheques can be **Mailed** to the church.

Announcements: www.hopecommunitysite.com 705-812-2833

Small Group Bible Studies: Contact **Craig Basaraba** for current groups or to start a group... 705-323-2628 & basarabac@yahoo.ca

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

Woman's Walking/Exercise Group – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

Mom's Hangout – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

Good Food Box – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

Summer Bible Study – Wednesday Nights, 7 pm starting July 6th

- Bring your Bible, a pen and a notebook as we study God’s Word together
- There will be time set aside for question answer