

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

This is the day the Lord has made!

Pastor Mills will be sharing from the Scriptures today.

Wed. Worship, Bible Study, and Prayer gathering Wed. Feb, 24, 7:00 PM

Youth Video Series, Part 2. "WHO IS GOD?" Foyer Room

Y/A meeting, Sunday, Feb. 28, 12:30 pm, after morning worship. Place TBA

ROCC Youth Gatherings—Friday Nights @ 7:00 PM @ PASTOR MARCO'S!

Easter Movie: "RISEN" The manhunt that changed the course of human history. The Epic Biblical Story of Christ's Resurrection! Feb. 19, in theatres. Take a friend and discuss the truth of God's Word!

Good Friday Communion Meeting: March 25, @ 10:30 AM

EASTER, SUNRISE BREAKFAST at ROCC, Sunday, March 27, (Info. to Follow)

Youth "Overflow Convention", May 20-22, Waterloo, Ont. See Pastor Marco

JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

Nursery is supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

Last week we looked at how Biblical Love has the power to absorb all categories of change and continue to love. We observed the Biblical account of original creation; in particular humanity made in the "Image of God". Nevertheless, Mankind fell from God's original plan. It was noted that even though God is immutable in character, **His personality includes a love that is bendable with us.** There is no other way to understand the sacrifice of Christ! In His original and Sovereign Plan He actually included redemption **"In Christ"** to compensate for free will in Humanity. We call it unconditional love; an unmerited grace that flows from His own Being. Never condoning evil and unrighteousness or the catastrophic change that it brought to His Creation; His amazing love absorbed the change of plan **"In Christ"** and He now communes with us through the eternal sacrifice of Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit. We love Him; His existence and love, make sense out of this life.

God calls the believer to pursue this trustworthy love. A bendable, vulnerable love, and with God's strength is able to absorb change and continue to love. This is the love that he had in mind when he said: **"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and the prophets."** (Matt. 7: 12) This truth applies to all relationships but certainly to husband and wife. A good marriage is not something that just magically appears as if created in Disney World. A healthy marriage is the union of true mutual love where both spouses live for each other. Our culture often promotes the idea that happiness will be found with the elevation of self. This philosophy of self-first is nothing new; it's as old as Lucifer himself. It actually leads to the destruction of marriage. We are called to pattern our marriages after Jesus Christ, not the latest marriage in Hollywood. **He is the real star of true love. His life was self-sacrificing and it put others first, exactly what God did in Creation.**