





OH CANADA!

Our home and native land

true patriot love

in all thy sons command

with glowing hearts we see thee rise

THE TRUE NORTH STRONG & FREE

From far and wide, Oh Canada we stand on quand you thee

God Keep our land

GLORIOUS AND FREE

Oh Canada we stand on guard for thee



A Day at the Beach



CRAB
FLIPFLOPS
JELLYFISH
LIFEGUARD
OCEAN
PAIL

FICNIC SAND CASTLE SHOVEL SNORKEL SUNBLOCK

GUNGLASSES

SURFBOARD SWIMSUIT TOWEL WAVES

Because You Belong

Plenty of youngsters have dreams of what they want to be when they grow up, you may have also. I was told I could be whatever I wanted and I wanted to be a Canadian. Apparently even once when my aunt was referring to me as her nephew, I corrected her and said I was a Canadian.

Citizenship has both privileges and responsibilities. Living in Canada we experience many privileges such as security, health care, many freedoms, and even relative affluence. The more I have traveled and lived in other areas of the world, the more grateful I am to be a citizen of this nation. Of course, with all the good things we experience in Canada it comes with certain responsibilities. Responsibilities that we all understand and are ordinary are paying taxes and exercising our democracy by voting. We may feel we have other Canadian responsibilities such as saying sorry and watching hockey.

A major tenant of the Christian worldview is that all humankind is made in the image of God (Genesis 1). This simply means that humans are both like God and represent God, we are also made higher than any other created being. This is an incredible truth to consider and comprehend. Now one may take this in many directions, yet we will make only one point. As we understand that all humankind is made in the image of God, then realize that we carry the responsibility for one another. This responsibility is shown as we care and respect one another.

We all are aware that much of 2020 has been difficult and trying. We may feel frustration and even anger in a response to our circumstances. However, I encourage you to remember that in our less than best moments we can possibly injure those around us. I had a mentor tell me once in this world you can be anything, so choose to be kind. In these trying times we would do well to extend kindness to all of those around us.

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin Schwartz