

JARS OF CLAY: BEING HUMAN IN CHRIST  
DOES HOW I FEEL TELL ME WHO I AM OR WHAT I SHOULD DO?

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:3- 7:4

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Gospel: Matthew 24: 23-31

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Making disciples of Jesus gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

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## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

### Are you new? Get connected!

Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. We are glad you're here. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Contact us: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596. Check out our website at [messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca)

### Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to come to the front after the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
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Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

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Karl Ruban   Dana Scherf

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
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- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca))
- 4) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

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FINANCIAL UPDATE AT OCTOBER 30, 2016: Preliminary estimates, based on financial data available, indicate we need \$88,000 to balance the books by year end. Please pray for discernment as you make giving decisions and we make spending decisions.

## FOLLOWING JESUS AFTER A TRUMP VICTORY

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Dear Friends,

How do we follow Jesus in the years following Donald Trump's surprising and (to the "knowledge class") unexpected victory? Here are several suggestions.

First, be careful how you talk. Not when you are with other Christians because Trump is going to turn us into a police state; but because, in a church like ours, there will be people who dread what happened and people who are happy about what happened and we should seek to not offend people over something like an election in another country. The fact is that there are many different things to consider when you vote for the President, so I believe Christians, in good conscience, can differ on whether to support Clinton or Trump.

Second, echoing the words of the Bible, "Keep yourselves from idols." The State, the President, politics, easily become idols - in other words, something which we serve which guides, which justifies, which gives life meaning, which forms our identity. God created human beings to be social and to be social means there will be structure and politics. But politics and politicians should never become an idol. Only God is worthy of being served first; only He gives life meaning; only He should form our identity. So, the election of Trump is neither "the dawn of a wonderful new era" or "the end of all things and the coming of authoritarian darkness". He is not a god; he is a man. The true and living God - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - three Persons, one God - is still the creator and sustainer and He alone will bring all things to their proper end at His time. So, pray that the Lord will "keep you from all idols", both the idols of the left and the idols of the right.

Third, remember to pray for the winners and the losers in the recent elections. Many people ran for many offices. In most cases, only one person can win and many can lose. Remember to pray for all who offered themselves for public office.

Fourth, please pray for Donald Trump as a leader and as a person. In the words of Jesus, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" So pray for Trump's salvation, for his marriage, for him as a person. Pray as well the he will lead wisely, seeking the true good of the American people, and the true good of all those people, Canadians especially, who are so deeply dependent upon the earthly power and dynamism of the United States.

Almost lastly, please pray for Hilary and Bill Clinton. To paraphrase Jesus, "What does it profit a woman to strive to gain the whole world (and lose) and forfeit her own soul?" Please pray for her.

Now, let's get on with living life, seeking the good of our city and nation, while we live to bring glory to God!

George +

## GROWING IN GRACE

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### I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

### Attitudes.

- 1) Doing what is wrong and serving idols narrows my heart, but the Gospel widens my heart.
- 2) To receive the Gospel is to turn from every idol.
- 3) God wants me to endure in a fruitful walk with Jesus.

### I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading: Dear Lord, I am humbled by Your Word. I am humbled to know that an ordinary person like me, with ordinary people in my church, are the Temple of the living God - are Your Temple. I am humbled to hear that, despite my troubles and my calamities, my worldly unimportance and my struggles, I, along with all Your people by grace, are the Most Holy Place of You, the one, true and living God. Please make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel who is living for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

*Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?*  
2 Corinthians 6:14

### I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to \_\_\_\_\_."

## GOING DEEPER

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1. **READ** 2 Corinthians 6:3 - 7:4.

### 2. LEARN

- How does this passage connect to what Paul has already said?
- Read Leviticus 26: 11-13, Isaiah 52: 11-12 and 2 Samuel 7:8-14. What OT promises are made in these passages? How do these help us understand this 2 Corinthians passage?
- What is Paul saying to the Corinthians and why is he saying it? What does this teach us today?
- Paul writes that our fellowship with Christ impacts directly on all our relationships. Note that the 'unbelievers' (v 14-15) are most likely Paul's opponents, the self-styled 'super apostles'. List the kinds of partnerships Paul names in 6: 14-16.

### 3. INWARDLY DIGEST

- How do the promises and commands in 6: 16-18 enable you to fulfill 7:1?
- What will this look like for you?

### 4. PRAY

- Choose one scripture and take a couple of minutes on your own to think about what it is teaching you.
- Turn something you have learned from this verse into thanksgiving; confession; praise to God and supplication (asking).

## EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Tuesday, November 15

1:30pm Bible House Study Group @315 Lisgar (side door)  
7pm Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

### Wednesday, November 16

3:30pm Ryle Seminary chapel service @ 315 Lisgar  
7pm Church on Wednesday @uOttawa (churchonwednesday.ca)  
7:30pm Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

### Thursday, November 17

7:15pm Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside

### Friday, November 18

7pm Adventure613 (youth group) @ École Ste Anne - 235 Beausoleil  
8pm Men's Gathering @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave.

### Saturday, November 26

5pm Advent Potluck Dinner and Carol Sing @ St Peter and St Paul's Anglican Church (152 Metcalfe St)

### Monday, November 28

7pm Messiah serves at Jericho Road Coffeehouse (First Baptist - Elgin and Laurier) Sign up in the lobby!

**Messiah Choir** practices the first, third and fifth Sundays at 9am in the basement of the OLT. New choristers are welcome! Interested? Contact Heather Vos: [heathervos72@gmail.com](mailto:heathervos72@gmail.com)

### Ryle Seminary

- **January Term and Winter 2017 Term course info**

- **Anglican Studies Institute online courses**

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