

## Deeper - Meditating on God's Word

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### 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) The local church is not a home for the morally superior, but a FIELD HOSPITAL for sinners.
- 2) Every human being needs the GOSPEL.
- 3) God does not WEIGH my accomplishments to measure my worth – He makes me worthy by pardoning my OFFENSES.

#### 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:

Almighty God, without Your grace I would FALL forever. Please make me a disciple of Jesus, GRIPPED by the Gospel living for Your glory, who looks for Your provision to stand and ENDURE when tempted by evil. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_."



### WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are glad you are here! 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. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Please complete a *Connect Card* (available from a door host) and place it in the offering basket.



#### Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am service. Nursery children meet in the Green Room in the basement (ask a door host). Sunday school kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

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

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Today's service:  
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events/469728](http://bible.com/events/469728)

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

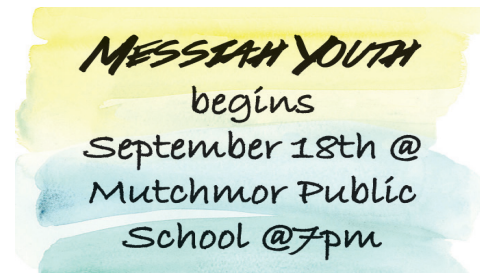
September 2nd, 2018



**MEMORY VERSES**  
PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13  
PSALM 86:11  
JUDE 24-25  
1 PETER 5:6-7  
COLOSSIANS 3:13  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7  
EPHESIANS 2:8-10  
COLOSSIANS 1:28-29  
1 PETER 2:9-10  
1 JOHN 4:10  
PROVERBS 3:5-6 | CORINTHIANS 10:13



**BLESS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
SEPTEMBER 8TH



**MESSIAH YOUTH**  
begins  
September 18th @  
Mutchmor Public  
School @7pm



church on  
wednesday



**RYLE**  
SEMINARY



**MESSIAH HOME GROUPS**

**Wednesday**  
7:30pm - 84 Fairmont  
**Thursday**  
10am - Moms & Tots  
(see Anna Hadwen)  
7pm - 267 Sunnyside Ave  
(will resume September 27th)  
7pm - 110 Nelson St  
**New Group!** Evening Women's  
Small Group, Details coming!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Registration  
SEPTEMBER 9TH

CoW begins September 12th UCU  
Agora! Volunteers are needed for  
hospitality, set-up/sound, mentoring!

Contact Daniel  
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**Fall Semester Begins**  
September 10th, 2018  
ryleseminary.ca

### Tempted by Evil

Dear Friends,

We need to rediscover sin and we need to learn how to speak wisely about sin. The concept of sin is wise and true.

For many secular people, our friends, when they hear Christian's talking about "sin" they think we are talking about sex. For many secular people, they think Christians are hung up about sex. Basically that we think that sex is wrong, just as we think pleasure, fun and freedom are wrong. So when they hear Christians say "we are all sinners", they think we are saying, "We are all doing sexually wrong things".

Now most Christians know better – that "sin" does not refer to sex. We tend to react to the cultural misconception about sin by one or two ways. We either over-adapt or under-adapt. When we "over-adapt" we take on too much of our cultures view of the word "sin", and we take on too much of our cultures view on sex, pleasure, fun and freedom. One consequence of over-adapting is we either stop using the word "sin" or even worse, putting quote marks around "sin" when we use the word sin. We under adapt when we just plough blindly on using the word "sin", refusing to realize that most non-Christians and many Christians are confused about what "sin" or "sinner" means. So we do not explain the word, or give an "apologetic" for the word and its meaning.

"Sin" is a Bible word, therefore we should not throw it out or abandon it. The word comes ultimately from God as part of His revelation to us. Words like "evil", "wrong", "immoral" are good words, but can easily be understood in a way that leaves out the God of the Bible out of the picture. We can use a "consequentialist" or "utilitarian" or a legal system to determine right and wrong, good and bad, moral and immoral. The word "sin" ties right and wrong, good and bad, moral and immoral to the existence, reality, presence and centrality of God as He is revealed in the Bible. Sin is an offence against Him, a "missing the mark" set by His moral law which is rooted in who He is, His character and nature. The word "sin" is to remind us that God, as He is revealed in the Bible, exists and matters, that He is our creator and we are His creatures.

Sex is not sinful. Sexual knowing outside of monogamous heterosexual marriage is sinful. Pleasure, fun, joy and freedom come from God. "Sin" refers to all that we desire and do against God, creatures made in His image [Human Beings] and His creation – by acting against His will. Telling lies, oppressing the poor, prejudice, racism, killing the innocent, slavery, bribery, graft, and much more. This is sin. Legally passing a law does not make that law right, it can still be a sinful law. The Supreme Court can make a ruling, but that does not make that ruling right, they can rule that something sinful is "right" and legal, but it is still sinful.

Friends, pray that we will hold fast to what God teaches us through His Word, and that we will explain it well to each other and the world.

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