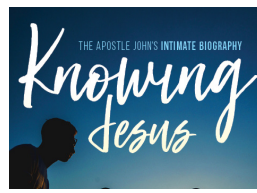


## A life of truth and worship

Reading: John 4:1-30



## GROWING IN GRACE

### 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) God is not hiding from me or waiting for me. He is seeking me.
- 2) Jesus calls the unlikely to Himself, so I shall pray for the unlikely.
- 3) Today I shall walk in truth, walk towards truth, love truth, know truth.

### 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:

*Lord, You alone are the source of all life. All apart from You are dying day-by-day without end. I thank You for the great gift of the spring of living water welling up into eternal life which You have placed at the centre of who I am. Please help me to worship You in spirit and in truth, not only "in church", but in my day-by-day, moment-by-moment life In Jesus' name. Amen!!*

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

*Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but who ever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*  
John 4: 13-14

### 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

### For this week:

Go to <http://messiahchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/John-Ch-1-529.pdf>

and follow pages 13 and 14

### For next week:

Go to <http://messiahchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/John-Ch-1-529.pdf>

and follow pages 15 and 16

Next week's reading is John 4: 31-45



## 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? See the contact info below.

### 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.



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

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Wednesdays -7:30pm**  
@ 84 Fairmont Ave  
**Thursdays - 7pm**  
@ 267 Sunnyside Ave  
@ 110 Nelson St



10am @ The Bible House (ground floor)  
7pm @ The Bible House (ground floor)  
7pm @ The Agora uOttawa



February 11, 2018

Looking Back and Praying Forward: The Vote

Dear friends,

February 16 is sort of a big deal for Messiah. This the fourth of five blogs to mark this date. The blogs are entitled, "Looking back and praying forward."

The "Anglican Way" of following Jesus as Saviour and Lord tries to take seriously the Biblical teaching of the many senses of "church". There is "the church" as the local congregation. There is "the church" as all of the churches in a city or region. There is "the church" as all the churches in the world. There is "the church" as all the true believers in Jesus, living and dead. So, in the Anglican Way, there are local congregations; there are dioceses and "provinces" which represent cities and regions. There is the "Anglican Communion" which connects all Anglican churches in the world. Connected to this last point is that over the last 100+ years Anglicans have been leaders in cross-denominational mission and witness. Finally, to mark the sense of "the church" as the body of Christ, living and dead, Anglicans include old stuff in their worship and make the important distinction between the visible and the invisible church in their understanding of Christian institutions and movements.

Between 1999 and 2007 at diocesan and national levels, the Anglican Church of Canada, after sober study and deliberation, made a series of official decisions which rejected what the Bible plainly teaches about sexuality and embraced understandings and practices of sexuality which the Bible calls Christians to turn away from. In October 2007 the Diocese of Ottawa's Synod passed a motion calling for the blessing of same-sex marriages and unions. This vote passed by two-thirds of the laity and two-thirds of the clergy. The bishop gave his assent to the decision; the Chancellor ruled the decision as legal and valid. What would St Alban's do? (Church of the Messiah used to be called St Alban's). I knew that the majority of those who called St Alban's their home church would understand that the official decision by our diocese was a rejection of the Bible as being authoritative and true; a rejection of Jesus as the Saviour and Lord; not a second or third order decision, but a first order decision that was, biblically speaking, a salvation issue.

After the Ottawa Synod the leadership of St Alban's began to prepare for a special congregational meeting which could vote on whether or not to remain in the Diocese of Ottawa or disconnect from the Diocese of Ottawa and re-connect to another Anglican body. We wanted to remain Anglican, so we needed to connect to another Anglican diocese or "Province" and it had to be outside of the "Province" of Canada.

With the help of lawyers we framed a motion that, if passed, would mean we had disconnected from Ottawa and reconnected to another Anglican province. (It was the Province of the Southern Cone - basically the countries comprising the bottom half of South America.) On Saturday, February 16, 2008 the meeting was held. There were a few "booting up" motions that had to be passed, but there was only one real motion to debate and pass. The congregation was told that, because the motion was crafted by lawyers, and there were many legal issues involved, we would allow no amendments to the motion. They had to vote for or against the motion. Many spoke in the meeting and there was time for prayer. When the vote was called, 98% voted in favour of the motion. We had left the diocese. We went home that night not knowing if we would arrive at the building the next day only to find ourselves locked out. George+