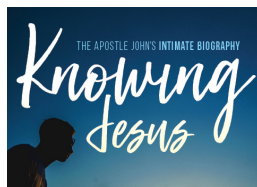


Saving faith in Jesus Illuminated

Reading: John 4: 43-54



GROWING IN GRACE

I need to develop godly attitudes.

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

Attitudes.

- Faith does not come from seeing. Faith comes from hearing.
- God is pro-life.
- Lord, help me to grow in knowing and trusting You as You really are.

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 God Almighty, I confess to you that I readily create conditions for You to meet if I am able to trust You. I confess that I readily stand in judgment over You and Your ways. Please forgive me and grant me true repentance and Your Holy Spirit. Please make a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel growing in knowing, trusting, obeying and honouring You in all I do. In Jesus' name. Amen!!*

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

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53: 4-5

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 17 and 18

For next week:

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

and follow pages 19 and 20

Next week's reading is John 5: 1-18



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.



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@ 84 Fairmont Ave
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@ 267 Sunnyside Ave
@ 110 Nelson St



Saturday, March 10
5pm
The Bible House

Making Priorities the Priority

Dear friends,

We are an Anglican church. Anglicans have bishops. Our bishop is the Right Reverend Charlie Masters. Some Anglicans like fancy titles. Our bishop likes to be called, simply, Charlie or Bishop Charlie (if you insist). Bishop Charlie needs our help and prayers!

About a year into being our bishop, Charlie shared with the churches and people under his care, Five Priorities. His hope is not that they become mere slogans that sound nice. His desire is that, at every level, we will change how we function so that these priorities actually become the first things we seek to do. Bishop Charlie needs our prayers because, as we all know, habit and custom and the world, the flesh and the devil are very powerful forces to keep churches chugging along in a way that good and godly priorities take the fourth or fifth place in our living and in our planning. So, please pray that these great Gospel ministry priorities will be our priorities and all of ANiC's priorities.

What are they? There are five.

First, is **Evanglism**. What does this mean? We need to know what the Gospel is. We need to have received the Gospel with saving faith. We need to be growing in Gospel fluency. We need to be able to share the Gospel as individuals. We need to proclaim the Gospel in our worship and in our ministries. We need to pray that people will come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the good news that God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son to the end that all who believe in Him will not perish but will receive eternal life. The Gospel is the power of God for salvation for all who believe the message of Jesus Christ crucified as God's provision to save and redeem.

Second is, that we will be a **Bible people**. What does this mean? That we will know and trust that the Bible is God's word written. That our churches and ministries will be led by "unashamed workers rightly handling the word of truth". That we, as individuals, will be "Bereans", "receiving the word with eagerness and examining the Scriptures daily..."

The Third is that we have a **heart to evangelize and disciple children and young people**. This is easy to understand but often hard to do. We do not want to just love children, but also evangelize and disciple them as we welcome them and think of ways to go beyond the church community to reach children and youth.

The Fourth is to have a **heart for world missions**. Ministries of compassion at home and abroad are always important. But even more important is that we need to have an ongoing desire to see the Gospel proclaimed to every people group on the planet. We need to pray for missionaries "to go" and we need to have a "prayer and money" relationship with missionaries.

The Fifth is to have a **heart to plant new churches in Canada**. Once again, to pray for new churches and, as God leads, to take the steps of faith to be used by God as He plants a new Gospel-proclaiming, Bible-preaching, missionary-hearted, Holy Spirit-led church-planting ANiC church.

Please pray that these priorities will become our functional, actual priorities. Please pray for Bishop Charlie as he leads.

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