

## 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) Every Human Being was made to glorify God and enjoy Him forever
- 2) Jesus redeemed me to glorify God and enjoy Him forever
- 3) Lord, please help me to be gripped by the Gospel and ADORE you

#### 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:

Father in Heaven, You are able to keep me from stumbling and to present me blameless in your glorious presence with great joy. With Son and Holy Spirit, You are the one and only God and Saviour. Through Jesus Christ my Lord be to Yo glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time, now and forever. AMEN.

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

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24-25

#### 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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**For this week:** We encourage you to read this short blog on memorizing scripture.

<https://bit.ly/2yX7QoS>



### 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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July 1st, 2018

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canada Day on the Lord's Day

Dear friends,

Is the Lord's day on Canada Day, or is Canada Day on the Lord's Day? I confess that calling Sunday the Lord's day is a bit old fashioned, but then again was it a good change in fashion to stop referring Sunday as the Lord's day and only ever refer to Sunday as Sunday.

When I think about the change it makes me realize that we Christians lost something when we stop talking of Sunday as the Lord's day. Sunday became just another day, one of the seven days we have under our control and our purposes. But to call Sunday the Lord's day is to at least acknowledge that it is his day for his purposes.

I know that sometimes we are just sloppy with language and analyzing what we say should not be pushed too far, but sometimes, maybe even most times, what we say casually reflects what we casually think. So for many Christians in Canada we probably say, "Oh, Sunday is on Canada Day". When we do this we potentially reveal our subtle habits of thought that see Canada as big and in control and normative while the Lord's day and the lord of the Lord's day is secondary. In a sense, the Lord has a higher lord; Canada.

So for Christians it is not wise to say that Sunday is on Canada day this year. It is wiser to say that this year Canada day is on the Lord's day. This is especially true because can Christians are very slowly coming to terms with how different Canada is from what we assumed it had been and will be and should be. We think that for a Christian living in Canada we have home field advantage and should have home field advantage. It is slowly dawning on Christians that to be a Christian on Canada day, we not only do not have home field advantage, we are the away team and other groups, institutions, movements, have the home field advantage.

So some Christians want us to do whatever we have to do to return Canada to the days when being in Canada gave Christians the home field advantage. Many Christians believe the battle remains, but the war is over. We cannot be Christian without the home field advantage. In fact the gospel movement is dead in Canada without home field advantage.

Both responses are wrong. Just to stick with the analogy for a moment, the away team still gets to play and even win. It does not automatically concede the game or refuse to play unless it is given the home field advantage. Think about it, when Jesus said, "the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand repent and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15)", He was the captain owner creator and redeemer of the away team. The whole New Testament was written by the apostles when they were the away team. The growth of the church in the book of acts all happened while the early Christians were the away team.

So friends, Sunday is the Lord's day. God is sovereign over this land of Canada. He has called us to thrive here, bearing witness to Jesus Christ crucified as Saviour and Lord, seeking God's glory in all things, and seeking the good of this country, Canada.

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**Wednesday**  
7:30pm - @ 84 Fairmont

**Thursday**  
10am - Moms & Tots (see Anna Hadwen)

7pm - @ 267 Sunnyside Ave  
@ 110 Nelson St

