

JESUS ON BEING UNWORTHY
LUKE : JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS

First Reading
Romans 12:6-16

The Gospel
Luke 17:1-19

*Free Bibles available on
stage near Besserer door.



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

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EPIPHANY II

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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.

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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 "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

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Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.

If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

14 THESES ON FORGIVING

Dear friends,

The Bible text for today tells us that we are supposed to forgive (Luke 17:1-19). Forgiving someone who has wronged you can be very hard, so hard that we do not want to try forgiving them. On top of this, many of us are confused about what forgiveness is, so our efforts to forgive are short-lived or never begun. Below is a list of "theses" or "penées" on forgiveness.

1. To forgive someone does not mean forgetting what happened.
2. Forgetting is not the same as forgiving. If we forget without forgiving, then the wrong done to us can still shape us.
3. To forgive someone does not mean that the previous role or relationship will continue as it was. There might be a return to the old relationship / role, but not necessarily.
4. When I forgive it will cost me.
5. The cost of forgiving is always worth it. The cost of not forgiving is higher than the personal cost of forgiving.
6. To forgive someone means that when we think about them or see them we do not experience "fight" or "flight." The hurt they did to us no longer causes us to want to "fight" them or "flee" from them. We have calm peace instead. We have freedom.
7. To forgive someone means that when we think about them or see them we do not experience "tower" or "cower." We do not desire to tower over them while they cower and we do not fear cowering under them while they tower. We feel secure and free.
8. To forgive is to be free. Therefore, seek to forgive.
9. To forgive is always an act of God's grace. God shows common grace to all, and special grace through Jesus to His people. But the grace to forgive is a grace all can experience.
10. Forgiveness is not an emotion. It does not involve numbing our emotions.
11. Forgiving someone sometimes happens in an instant. Usually forgiving someone takes time. Sometimes a long time.
12. Christ followers should pray daily that they can forgive the person who wronged them. We should pray for the grace to forgive until we have forgiven and are free.
13. No one can require us to forgive or demand to be forgiven. To forgive someone must be freely offered.
14. Jesus died for sinful people so we can be forgiven. As we are gripped by the gospel, we will desire to forgive others.

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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) God owes me nothing. I owe God everything.
- 2) Only God can do a lot with my little faith.
- 3) Today I will ask God to grow my faith in the person and work of 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 God, thank You that even though I am unworthy of Your favour, when I called out to Jesus He saved me and healed my deepest wound. Please help me to follow Jesus and learn to forgive and to serve. Please grow in me a deep and pure faith in You, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, three persons, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

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

"So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" (Luke 17:10 ESV)

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

Getting to know me.

Not counting your immediate family or Jesus, whom do you trust the most?

Getting into the Bible.

Please pray that you will inwardly digest God's word as you read.

- 1) Read Luke 17:1-19.
- 2) Read Luke 17:5-6. Then read Heb. 11. Also read 2 Thes. 3:1-5, 2 Tim. 2:11-13

Getting real.

In light of the Bible reading and sermon, what do you need to do or stop doing or become? Can you share some of this so others will pray?

TUE / JAN 20 **Messiah Prayer Meeting**
7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group)
7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group
7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / JAN 21 **Church on Wednesday**
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.

THU / JAN 22 **Old Ottawa South Home Group**
7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

Church on Thursday
7:30pm @ Algonquin
Visit churchonthursday.ca for details.

FRI / JAN 23 **Revive Youth**
Rock Climbing at Coyote Rock Gym!
Email youth@messiahchurch.ca for more info.

SUN / FEB 1 **Volunteer Sunday**
Learn more about the many volunteer opportunities at Church of the Messiah! Volunteer coordinators will be available to connect and answer questions during coffee time following the 10:00AM Service.

FRI / FEB 6 **An Evening with Bishop Charlie Masters**
7:00pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe
An evening of worship and fellowship, followed by an opportunity to learn about Bishop Charlie's inspiring vision for the Anglican Network in Canada.

SAT / FEB 7 **Rise & Shine! (with Bishop Charlie)**
9:00am @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe
Children ages 5-12 and their families are invited to a free pancake breakfast between 9:00 - 10:00am, followed by a dynamic children's program including worship, drama and crafts from 10:00 - 11:30am.

SUN / MAR 8 **Early Service**
9:00am @ Ottawa Little Theatre
The regular 10:00am Service will take place at 9:00am on Sunday, March 8.

PRAYER AT MESSIAH

Can we pray for you? Email prayer@messiahchurch.ca.