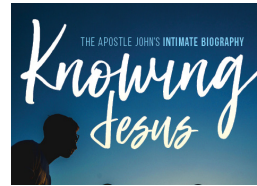


## Christ's extravagant promise

Reading: John 7: 1-52



### 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.

- In Christ, I obey my way to clarity.
- God cannot reveal Himself without offending us.
- God's glory cannot coexist with falsehood.

#### 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, sometimes Your word frightens me. Your promises seem so extravagant and my faith seems so weak. So lord, I come to You. I Believe in You - help my unbelief! I thank You for Your extravagant love in Jesus Christ crucified. I thank You that by faith in Him, I have received eternal life. I thank You for Your extravagant gift of the Holy Spirit, that He has become a river of living water flowing out of my depths. Lord, grow my discipleship and help me to be gripped by the Gospel and live by the Holy Spirit for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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

*On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" John 7: 37-38*

#### 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-530-Ch-9.pdf> and follow pages 8 and 9

#### For next week:

Go to <http://messiahchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/John-Ch-530-Ch-9.pdf> and follow pages 10 and 11

Next week's Scripture is John 8: 12-30



### 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**  
10am - Moms & Tots (see Anna  
Hadwen)  
7pm - @ 267 Sunnyside Ave  
@ 110 Nelson St

April 8, 2018

### Lord, please help me to be more prayerful

Dear friends,

No one, on their death bed, will wish they had watched more Netflix or sports. Many of us will wish we had been more prayerful - so please join me in saying to the Lord, "Lord, please make me more prayerful." At Messiah, we are asking you to consider one or more of three means to be more prayerful. They are: 10:2 prayer, 12:12 prayer and daily prayer.

In an earlier blog I talked about 10:2 prayer. It is based on Luke 10:2 where Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (ESV) So, my invitation is to set your alarm for 10:02 am six days a week and when the alarm, goes off - pray the verse. Pray that you will live life as the Lord's labourer, working in His field, bringing in His harvest to His glory. Pray for more labourers within and without Messiah. Pray that the Lord will guide and provide as we discern His will about raising up new congregations.

The second means, 12:12 prayer, is similar to 10:2 prayer but it is based on a different Bible verse and connects to different concerns. Romans 12:12 says, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (ESV) Our focus is on the last phrase - be constant in prayer. This Sunday you will receive your first quarterly prayer card/ bookmark. We are asking you to commit to carrying this card with you and set your alarm to 12:12pm. When the alarm goes off, pray the three or four prayer requests written on the card. We will issue a new card for July - September. Please set your alarms and take a minute or so (or longer if you are able) and pray. For this quarter we have four requests of the Lord. First, that Messiah will be a more prayerful people. Second, that relationships and community will grow in Messiah. Third, that the Lord will use us more and more in evangelism. Fourth, that the Lord will guide and provide as we consider planting two new congregations.

Our third means is a beautiful small book, called The Daily Offices, which can help you read the Bible and pray every morning and evening. This small book was developed by one of sister churches, St Peter's Fireside, in Vancouver. We know we are starting this late, but we thought it was better to start late than not at all. It is designed to go from January 1 to December 31.

The book gives you a Scripture reading for each morning and evening and a different prayer / devotional focus for each day of the week and time of the day. The prayer foci have been re-written to reflect the ministries that we at Messiah are involved in and connected to. We are hoping that people will find the book helpful and then have a new book available in time for January 1, 2019. The books have a small printing cost (under \$5). People can take the book for free; those who would like to donate a loonie or a \$20 to defray costs are welcome to do so. However, mainly, we want to just encourage and exhort you to pray! Please pray for me, that I will be more prayerful.

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