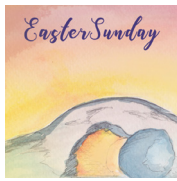


Jesus and the gift of eternal life

Reading: John 6: 41-71



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 the Father, please draw me to Yourself.
- 2) God the Father, please help me to read Your word and learn from You today.
- 3) *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.* John 6: 63 ESV

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:

O Lord, I confess to You that I have been living apart from You; walking away from You. I know that Jesus, Who is Your Son and my Saviour, came to give His life for me, so that I may have life and live. I know that He can only save me if He is also my Lord. Lord, I turn to You. Jesus, come into my life and be my Saviour and my Lord. I hold nothing back from You. Please come father, Son and Holy Spirit and abide within me forever. In Jesus' name. Amen!!

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

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:40

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 6 and 7

For next week:

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Next week's reading is John 7: 1-52

April 1, 2018

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Pray that we will be a church of fools for Christ!

Dear friends,

Some of you reading this on Good Friday; some on Easter Sunday; some on both days. Sunday is April Fool's Day. It is also Easter Sunday. So I want to encourage you from God's Word, the Bible, God the Father's testimony to Jesus. Pray for the humility and strength to be an unashamed fool for Christ! Pray this for me as well! In urging you to do this, I am just following what the Bible teaches. It is a dangerous thing for a Christian when we seek to be wise in our own eyes and in the eyes of the world. It is a healthy state of affairs when we choose to be a fool for Christ. Listen to 1 Corinthians 4:10, *We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute.* (All Scripture passages today are taken from the ESV) Just to be clear - to be a "fool" is better than being "wise". Paul made this clear earlier. Here is what he said.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

So friends, once again, please pray that we will have the humility, strength and faith to be unashamed fools for Christ! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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