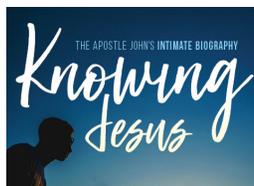


## Walking in truth in a post-truth world

Reading: John 2:23- 3:21



### 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) It is only by faith in Jesus that my sin is put away and I am given eternal life.
- 2) There are no exceptions - all apart from saving faith in Jesus will perish.
- 3) Lord, help me to love the lost and pray for them.

#### 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, please deliver me from arrogance and ingratitude; from pride and presumption. Grant me an ever deeper humility to trust that You so loved the world that You gave Your one and only Son, so that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. So, please help me to walk day-by-day in the Truth. In Jesus' name. Amen!!*

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

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

#### 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 9 and 10

#### For next week:

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

and follow pages 11 and 12

Next week's reading is John 3: 22-36



### 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.



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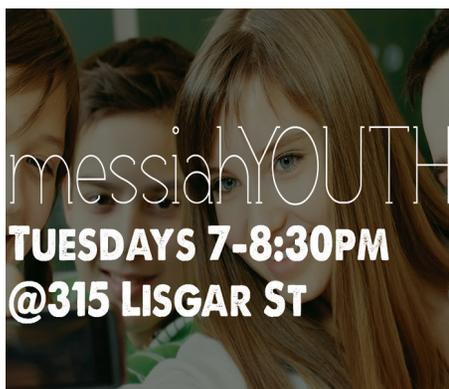
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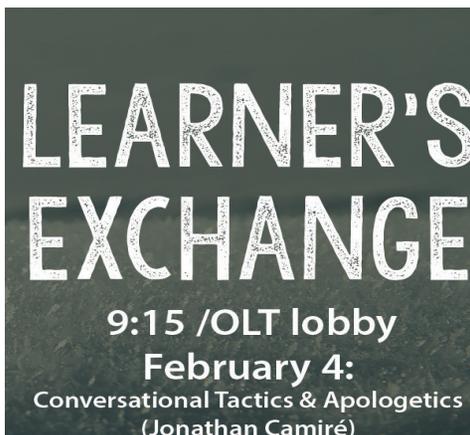
**Wednesdays -7:30pm**  
@ 84 Fairmont Ave  
**Thursdays - 7pm**  
@ 267 Sunnyside Ave  
@ 110 Nelson St



Ash Wednesday services - February 14  
10am @ The Bible House (ground floor)  
7pm @ The Bible House (ground floor)  
7pm @ The Agora uOttawa



Don't miss the Cantelon's visit to Messiah the weekend of February 10 and 11. There are women's and men's events planned.



January 28, 2018

Looking Back and Praying Forward: The High School Reunion Temptation

Dear friends,

February 16 is sort of a big deal for Messiah. This is the second of five blogs to mark this date. The blogs are entitled, "Looking Back and Praying Forward."

I have never been to my high school reunion. There is nothing wrong about going to high school reunions. It is just something I have no interest in. Needless to say, but if I have no interest in going to my high school reunion, I have even less desire to go to your high school reunion - nothing personal!

I mention this because it is a temptation for some churches to keep talking about the past. But to do this is to treat the church as if it is a high school reunion. This, often subtle and unconscious, mindset kills evangelism and healthy church development. After all, who wants to go to someone else's high school reunion?

But while churches can talk too much about their past, it is also the case that they can talk too little about their past. After all, part of the reason why things are the ways they are in a church is the result of how the church dealt with their challenges and opportunities in history. No church changes *everyone* in it overnight; if it did, it would really mean the old church died and a completely new one was started. So, while every church loses and gains members over time, the history of decisions made by the church shapes how the church is today. It is valid and necessary that as new people come to a church, they are helped to understand how the church is and why the church is the way it is. Not so nothing changes, but so they can enter in and help their new church home deal with new challenges and opportunities.

One great analogy about how to balance past, present and future in the local church comes from John Maxwell. He compared the church to being in a car driving down the road. As he put it, to drive well we need a big windshield and a small rear-view mirror. He warned against churches that had it reversed - a huge rear-view mirror and a tiny windshield.

I do not know how well we do with all of this at Messiah. Please pray for me. Please pray for us. Pray we will be a church "on the move" with a large, clear windshield and a small rear-view mirror. Please pray we look through the windshield to where God is calling us to go, but that we also check our rear-view mirror for what's behind. Please pray we have the right habits about how often to look where. Finally, pray we look at Canada like missionaries, not like chaplains. Pray we look like Christ's labourers, working in His field, to bring in His harvest, bringing Him glory.

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