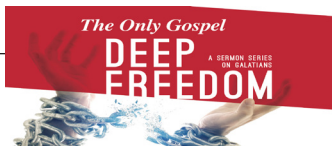


# The Gospel and Religion

Reading: Galatians 4: 21-31



## 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.

- It is not my grip on Jesus that matters, but His grip on me.
- It is a true miracle from God that I am a Christ-Follower.
- Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, I am weak but He is strong.

### 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: *Promise-making promise-keeping God, I confess to You that I think I made myself a Christian. I have a hard time believing in You and Your grace. But I thank You that it is by Your grace and power that I am made Yours. And I confess that I receive Your miraculous power by faith in Jesus Christ crucified. Please pour the Holy Spirit into my life and make me a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the Gospel, living for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen!!*

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

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1: 12-13*

### 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

Do you have first-hand knowledge of a miracle?

### Getting into the Bible

- Ask the Lord to renew your mind as He leads you into all truth.
- Read Galatians 4:21-31
  - Read Genesis 16, 17, 21.
  - Read Romans 4: 18-21; 2 Corinthians 3: 7-16; Hebrews 11: 8-19.

### Getting Real

Has the Lord "pressed in on" you in some way as you read His word or listened to the sermon? Can you share this with someone so you can both pray about it?



## 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.

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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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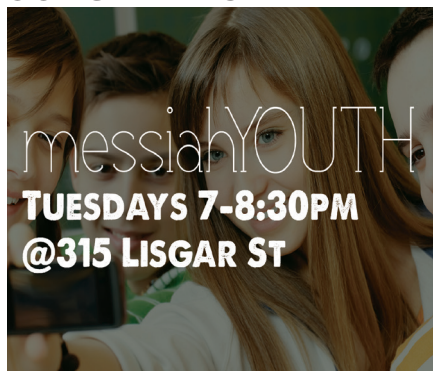
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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Messiah Home Groups

Wednesdays @7:30pm  
Hintonburg @ 84 Fairmont

Thursdays @ 7pm  
Old Ottawa South @ 267 Sunnyside  
Lowertown @ 110 Nelson



### LEARNER'S EXCHANGE

9:15 /OLT lobby  
November 5:  
Liturgy & Anglicanism

### For prayer:

Based on our best estimates,  
we will need \$86,000 to  
break even in 2017.

An update will be provided  
Dec 1.

Nov/Dec 2016 givings: \$85,673



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November 5, 2017

Can you prove the Bible is God's Word written?

Dear friends,

I think the title is a great question. The answer is, "No."

Some might say, "Yikes!" Some might wonder if I really believe the Bible is God's word written. Some may wonder if I've gone soft. Let me explain.

I am not saying that the Bible is "true for me", but not true in an interpersonal or objective sense. I am not saying that "you just have to believe" or "you just need to have faith" and then you will know that the Bible is God's word written. I am most definitely not saying that the Bible merely inspires me or it is only my way to understand a spiritual quest.

I believe in what Jesus Christ taught and what true Christians have always believed - that the Bible is God's word written. The Bible's ultimate author is God and when we read the Bible; every word, every sentence every book and the Bible as a whole is what God wanted written.

If this is so, you might be wondering why I don't believe you can prove this. People often ask, "if it can't be proven, how can it be true?" Once again, great questions. Simply put, most things can't be proven. In fact, the only things that approach being "proven" are mathematical or simple matters of "fact".

We usually use the idea of "proven" to mean "beyond doubt", but some people can doubt everything and most people always have some doubts. But everyone believes there are things that we can truly know. The real question is not whether something can be proven, but whether a belief is warranted.

This is a short blog, not a long book. If you want to read more, try Alvin Plantinga's "Warranted Christian Belief" or one of C. Stephen Evans' books, either "Natural Signs and the Knowledge of God" or "Why Christian Faith Still Makes Sense"

I believe that the belief that the Bible is God's word written is warranted. This means there are good reasons for the belief. It means the belief is consistent with other true and reasonable beliefs. It means that "the Bible is God's word written" is coherent and consistent with other Christian beliefs. In fact, "the Bible is God's word written" is necessary to the Christian faith.

One other feature of "warranted belief" is important here. In "warranted" belief you look for a good answer that also is the best answer amidst alternative answers. I believe this is true about the Christian claim about the Bible. It is always possible to doubt that the Bible is God's word written, but when we look at either alternative books or methods as the means used by God to reveal Himself; or, if we look at alternative beliefs about the Bible, we will come to the conclusion that "the Bible is God's word written" is the best answer amidst corrupting claims. More next week.

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