


Eat this Book

FOLLOWING THE LAMB IN THE DYING DAYS OF THE DRAGON REVELATION 10

- 1) Grow in me a humble, trusting knowledge of how _____
_____ and _____ the living God _____ is.
- 2) Grow in me a humble, trusting knowledge that _____ the eternal God,
who _____ has created all things, speaks with _____,
_____ and _____.
- 3) Grow in me a humble, trusting knowledge that the _____ and _____
of _____ is _____ to the _____ God has unfailingly willed.
- 4) Grow in me a humble trusting knowledge of the Bible, _____
_____, as I _____ it and _____ it.

 Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text?
Email George at questionpastor@gmail.com.

Going Deeper

- ① GETTING TO KNOW ME How spicy / hot do you like your food?
- ② GETTING INTO THE BIBLE Begin with prayer. Ask the Father for the renewing of your mind.
1) Read Rev 10.
2) Read Rev 10:3. Then read Psalm 29. Note the thunder.
3) Read Rev 10:9-10. Then read Ezekial 2:1-3:15; 1 Peter 4:12-19.
4) Read Rev 10.
- ③ GETTING REAL How has the Holy Spirit spoken to you through the Scripture?
Is there something you can share for prayer?



Welcome!

Helping ordinary people
be confident, joyful disciples
of Jesus Christ.

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Please ask a greeter
for assistance.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email messiahchurch.office@gmail.com or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca.

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, you are welcome to bring children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

TODAY'S SERVICE

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading	The Gospel	*Free Bibles are available
Revelation 10	Matthew 13:24-30	at the Besserer door.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader Jeremiah Smith
Administrative & Communications Manager Amy van Hemmen	Ministry Interns Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman
Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace	

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MON/ FEB 10 Women's Prayer Group**
8:30am @ Heidi Jost's
- TUE/ FEB 11 Lowertown Home Group**
7:00pm @ Ian Murray's
Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office
- WED/ FEB 12 Men's Bible Study**
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
The Wurttemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's
- THU/ FEB 13 The House (Young Adults)**
6:30pm @ The Giles'
- FRI/ FEB 21 Youth Group - Rock Climbing**
7:00pm @ Coyote Rock Gym
- SAT/ MAR 1 Promise Keepers Men's Conference**
Save the date. Stay tuned for details.
- SUN/ MAR 9 Alternate Location for Sunday Services**
Stay tuned for details.
- FRI - SUN MAR 28-30 Messiah Women's Retreat!**
Bethesda Renewal Centre

For more info, visit messiahchurch.ca, call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at messiahchurch.office@gmail.com.

VESTRY REPORTS

Ministry Leaders are invited to submit their Annual Vestry Report by **FEBRUARY 16, 2014**. Please submit via email to messiahchurch.office@gmail.com.

PRAYER FOR RENTAL SPACE

Please remember to pray for Church of the Messiah's Rental Search Team as they seek new office and ministry space in the coming months.

① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in.

Do this in conjunction with A & B!

- Attitude A) Dear God, please help me to recognize bitterness in my life and then come to You for healing and freedom.
- Attitude B) I desire to develop a humble, trusting knowledge of how immense and sovereign the living God is.
- Attitude C) I will read and memorize the Bible as God's word written.

② 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.

From the BCP: The Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent

Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." (Revelation 10:9 ESV)

④ 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 _____."

Dear Friends,

Why on earth are we partnering with a ministry in Uganda? The answer: vision and relationships and the opportunities God gives us.

First, vision. Our vision as a church is to be used by God as He is "building a prayerful Bible-teaching evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world." In keeping with this vision, we have increased the number of missionaries we support financially and prayerfully. Pray we can do more!

Second, relationships. In ministry we sometimes feel more comfortable with "abstract," "institutional" connections. So we give money to World Vision or Compassion or Samaritan's Purse after looking at their website. Our relationship with Kwagala did not develop this way. Instead, the relationship was personal. Kwagala Ministries was launched by a young man from Ottawa. His name is Robbie Palmer. I have never met Robbie, but I have known his father for over 10 years. Two active members of Messiah also know Robbie very well. It was this personal knowing and trusting in the integrity of the people involved by Messiah leaders which led us to consider the relationship with Kwagala.

Third, opportunities. Kwagala is a Christ-centered, Gospel-shaped outreach to street kids. Practical care and support is offered. Orphans are brought to live in the Kwagala Ministries home where they are protected, fed, clothed, educated and told about Jesus. The ministry is growing and there is a need for financial and prayer support. We were approached, because of relationships, to see if we would enter into a relationship with Kwagala. This would allow, among other things, Canadians to make charitable donations to Kwagala. After several months of "due diligence" examination, Robbie and I, on behalf of Kwagala and Messiah, signed an agreement outlining the working relationship of Messiah and Kwagala. They have become "our agent" to reach out to street kids and orphans in Jinja. We now have an opportunity and a responsibility to work with Robbie and the staff as the ministry is carried out (and grows) and we are responsible to make sure the money donated is used for ministry purposes.

This is an exciting opportunity for us! Visit messiahchurch.ca for more information. Please pray regularly for Kwagala! If you are interested in being part of a small team to interact (via Skype or email) with Robbie and to keep the church informed of developments and prayer requests, please let me know.

George +

Renting: An Important Update

Dear Friends,

On June 30, 2014 our office space agreement with St. Peter & St. Paul's will end and we will probably have to move our office into new facilities. This brief note is to let you know some relevant info and to call for your prayer, best wisdom and assistance.

As part of our agreement to walk away from our property while St. Peter & St. Paul's could keep their property, it was agreed that we could use some of their basement for our offices rent free. We knew that this office location had a shelf life, because St. P&P's needs and wants to do extensive building renovations. In the late fall they approved an ambitious 2.5 million dollar renovation plan. We should pray for them that God will provide the money. At the same time, we need to pray for God to provide us office and ministry space.

To be clear, we should pray that we are a congregation that is learning to wait upon the Lord, not one that waits for a building. We also need to pray that God will provide us with facilities that serve Gospel ministry and serve our mission and vision. Pray that we not be a people who serve a building! We need to pray for God's provision and we need to pray for God's guidance as we search. Every extra dollar we spend on rent is an increase in our budget.

We also have a lease with the Ottawa Little Theatre that expires June 30, 2014. We have the right to renew that lease for one extra year with the same terms at \$525 per week. Notice that at this time, our arrangement with St. Peter & St. Paul's and our lease with the OLT end the same day.

We have set up a small team to search for new office and/or ministry facilities. Amy van Hemmen, our administrator, will be heading up this team. There are four scenarios. First, we move into a small office where all staff can squeeze in. Second, offices with several rooms for privacy. Third, office and ministry space. Ministry space would include space for worship practice, church meetings, Alpha, the House, etc. The fourth scenario would be a large space that could meet all our needs, including Sunday morning service space, ministry space and office space.

Please pray for God's guidance and provision. Please share with us your best wisdom and expertise. Please be on the lookout for space and let us know if you have any leads. We are open to sharing with other groups. Amy can be reached at 613.235.0596 or messiahchurch.office@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

The Wardens & George

Buying Property

Dear Friends,

It is now two and a half years since we walked away from our building. We continue to save and search and pray for a building or buildings that we can buy. This is a brief update for prayer and the sharing of best wisdom.

Our vision is to be used by God as He is "building a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world." Lately I have been describing our mission as, "making disciples gripped by the Gospel to bring glory to God." In our property search, we are looking for property which will serve the mission and serve the vision and bring glory to God. Pray for this! Unless God is at work, our work is just chaff.

God has truly been touching hearts in Messiah! This year, just over \$80,000 was donated to our "Secure Home" Fund, the fund to buy property. We now have approximately \$540,000 set aside to buy property. However, it is hard to buy anything for less than 2 million, so we have a long way to go. Please pray for God to provide! Please pray that in the meantime, we be a people who wait upon the Lord, not a people waiting for a building. Please pray we move forward in ministry. Please pray that we will seek out and recognize the divine assignments that God has for us. Pray that we seek to keep His assignments for us, trusting in His wisdom, strength and resources!

We have a small team that "keeps its eyes open" and searches out property. It is led by Dick Butler. In 2013, we had a look at the old Wesley United property. However, the price was too high and someone else has put in an offer. Please pray for Dick and his team. Please feel free to contact him with your best wisdom, ideas and contacts. We have a document which lays out our "parameters" and how decisions will be made. If you are interested in seeing this, please contact the office and we will gladly send you a copy.

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