

AMOS: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN

First Reading: Amos 7: 1-17 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 23-37

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello to Church of the Messiah: Saying the words “Thank you” does not express my gratitude for the prayer support extended to me during my recovery. I also received visits in the hospital, get-well cards, phone calls, hugs and now must rely on others for a drive to church. It reminds me of the verse in I Corinthians 12 “When one part suffers every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”(I think I am one of the toes.. Ha!) *Elvira Lavigne*

CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY resumes on September 7 @ 7pm @ uOttawa University Centre!

BISHOP CHARLIE MASTERS will visit Church of the Messiah on October 16. If you are interested in being confirmed, OR would like to be officially received into Anglicanism, OR would like to renew/reaffirm your baptism, by Bishop Charlie, please contact Shirley at info@messiahchurch.ca or 613 235 0596.

Interested in a course at Ryle Seminary? Registration is open for fall courses. Contact: info@ryleseminary.ca or 613 235 0596

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email george@messiahchurch.ca



Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God’s glory.

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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 info@messiahchurch.ca 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, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
Rector

Daniel Gilman
Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

Jonathan Camiré
Ministry Intern

Rev. Neil Stephens
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

Deborah Reid
Worship Leader

Wardens:
Dick Butler Jeremiah Hadwen
Earl Maynard Shannon Ripley
Karl Ruban Dana Scherf

Shirley Allan
Administrator

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the basket go by. If you would like to donate, there are many ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Give" tab (far right side) on our website (messiahchurch.ca)
- 4) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

FINANCIAL UPDATE AT JULY 31, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 171,860

Actual Offering: \$ 158,586

OUR ROOTS: THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE BIBLE

Dear friends,

This blog is part of a series where I look briefly at some of the classic or historic or original Anglican teachings. Each week I am looking at one of the Articles in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion. By the way, the Articles are a key component of Messiah's Statement of Faith. I will quote the Article accurately, but I may modernize the language sometimes.

"ARTICLE VI: Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation.

Holy Scripture contains all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not required of any person, that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of Holy Scripture we do understand those Canonical Books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never in any doubt in the church. (It then lists the commonly accepted 39 book of the Old Testament). And the other books (as Jerome said) the church reads for example of life and instructions of manners; but yet it does not apply them to establish any doctrine; such are those following (it then lists the Apocrypha). All the books of the New Testament, as they are commonly received, we do receive, and account them Canonical."

First, note that the Article says that the Apocrypha is NOT Scripture. They are given the status of good human works to read. To make this clear, the Article, in its entirety, lists the books accepted and passed over.

Second, note that the Article is saying that the Bible is "sufficient" for salvation and true doctrine. Nothing else is considered "sufficient for salvation"; not liturgy, institutions, church offices, tradition or reason. Only the Bible is clearly sufficient to tell us the truth about Jesus and the truth about our condition in such a way that an ordinary person like you and I can come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Third, note that the Article says the Bible contains ALL things necessary to salvation. The Bible does not contain only some of the truth, so that it needs to be supplemented by tradition, reason, modern knowledge, mystical experience or institutional efforts. Christians need to read the Bible. Non-Christians need to hear (or read) the Bible as part of their process of coming to saving faith.

Fourth, note that the Article limits the scope and purpose of the Bible. The Article implies that the Bible is always truthful - you do not need a decoder. But, you do not go to the Bible to learn about physics or engineering or math. The Bible is true, but it was not written to address these matters - it is written so that we can know and come to saving faith in, Jesus Messiah - God's Son and our Saviour and Lord.

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