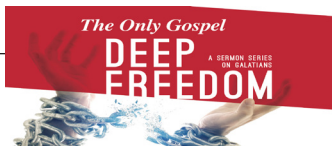


# The Gospel and Freedom

Reading: Galatians 5: 1-15



## 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.

- The Gospel offends the world, the flesh and the devil.
- I am free as a creature, not as a god.
- To try and live as if I am a god, is to live as a slave who does not know that he is a slave.

### 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 God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, to know You and to be known by You is perfect freedom. Thank You that knowing my slavery and sin, still Your Son came to live and die, so that I, by faith in Him, might be free - free to love and be loved, free to know and be known. Please pour out the Holy Spirit deep within me that I may be gripped by the Gospel and live free for Your glory. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen!!*

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

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.* Galatians 5: 1

### 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

Have you ever had a boss who treated you like you were a slave?

### Getting into the Bible

Ask the Lord to bring His word into the depths of who you are, writing His word on your heart.

- Read Galatians 5: 1-15
- Read Galatians 4:31; 5:1 and 13. Then read Matthew 11: 25-30; John 8: 31-38; Romans 8: 1-8; 18-25; 1 Peter 2: 13-17; Revelation 1: 4-8

### Getting Real

Has the Lord convicted you in some way? Pray for the power and courage to take the next steps.



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*Making disciples of Jesus, gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.*

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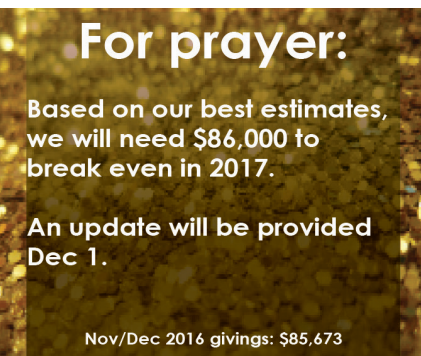
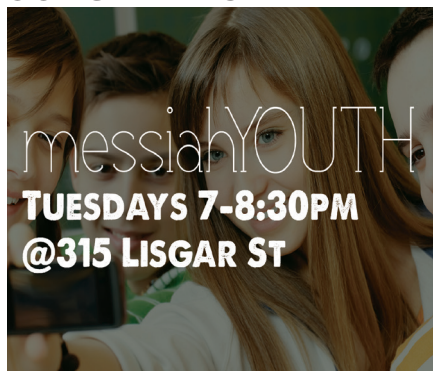
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Hintonburg @ 84 Fairmont

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



November 12, 2017

I trust the Bible because of Jesus

Dear friends,

I trust the Bible because of Jesus. I trust the Bible because He trusted the Bible. I trust the Bible because of who Jesus is and because of what he revealed and accomplished in His death and resurrection. In my last four blogs (check them out!) I talked about: what the Bible says about itself; how the Bible is not a collection of symbols created by humans to help us grasp God, but God breaking in to reveal Himself; how if God exists, He must be a personal God and the Bible is a personal communication from a personal God; and, finally, how the proper question is whether belief in the Bible is warranted. So, in light of these blogs, why do Christians believe that trust in the Bible as God's word written is warranted? Is wise and reasonable?

The Bible is the context within which Jesus Christ lived and died and rose again. His life and death and resurrection is what warrants us to trust and believe in the Bible as God's word written.

Jesus' life and death and resurrection do not take place in a vacuum. One context. There are many good, philosophical arguments from nature and human experience which show that it is reasonable to believe in the existence of the God revealed in the Bible. At the same time, there are many great, philosophical arguments from nature and human experience which show that it is problematic to be an atheist or to believe in the type of god portrayed in other religions and spiritualities.

Another context. Our minds naturally move to form a meta-narrative to explain reality and human experience. The Biblical meta-narrative of a good creation by God; the Fall of creation in the Fall of Adam and Eve; the promise and preparation for redemption; Jesus as the redeemer promised by God; the time of the already/not yet; and the return of Jesus Christ as Lord, with a final judgment and the beginning of a New Heaven and Earth - this is a powerful meta-narrative with great explanatory power and wisdom.

Another context building on the previous. The Bible's teaching on ethics, the problem of evil, the nature of human beings, the shape and reality of free will - and much, much more is very wise and compelling.

In these contexts we have the solid, historical record of Jesus' sanity and goodness, His miracles and His teaching; His insight and compassion. The historical record shows He claimed that He was God, the Son of God made human. He claimed He came to die and that He would rise from the dead. He would not be resuscitated, He would be resurrected. Belief in His resurrection is reasonable. His resurrection vindicates His claims to who He is and what He accomplished. His resurrection vindicates His teaching. He taught that He fulfilled and explained the Bible. He taught that we should trust the Bible as God's word written - so I do and I pray you will too.

George +