

Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church

-We are not a perfect people

-We are here because we know we need God's help and He has provided this help through Jesus Christ our Lord!

CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him Known!

Living the Faith

- **Have you spent at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days this week reading your Bible?**
- **Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Are you praying about “Who” for Salvation Sunday September 25?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**

Exodus 20:1-6 1 Then God gave the people all these instructions “I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. 3 “You must not have any other god but me. 4 “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the

entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

- This is the 1st of the 10 Commandments - No other gods but me!!
- When God made the Covenant with Israel He told them NOT to follow the gods of the Nations around them - or the people living among them.
- Follow God = Blessing Don't follow God = Cursing

Deuteronomy 28:15, 36-37 15 But if you refuse to listen to the Lord your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you.
36 The Lord will exile you and your king to a nation unknown to you and your ancestors. There in exile you will worship gods of wood and stone! 37 You will become an object of horror, ridicule, and mockery among all the nations to which the Lord sends you.

- God is patient with us and calls us to obedience! He will accept nothing else but a heart of obedience to Him!
- And, although He is patient, He is also good to His word and He will come against those who confess Him with their mouth BUT live contrary to His expectations with their lives!
- We have evidence throughout the Old Testament of God's patients and grace and His intolerance for unfaithfulness and disobedience!

2 Kings 17:5-18 5 The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River and in the towns of the Medes.

7 All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of

Egypt. They worshiped other gods 8 and followed the practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced. 9 The Israelites secretly did things against the Lord their God that were not right. From watchtower to fortified city they built themselves high places in all their towns. 10 They set up sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree. 11 At every high place they burned incense, as the nations whom the Lord had driven out

before them had done. They did wicked things that aroused the Lord's anger. 12 They worshiped idols, though the Lord had said, "You shall not do this." 13 The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets." 14 But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their ancestors, who did

not trust in the Lord their God. 15 They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their ancestors and the statutes he had warned them to keep. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them although the Lord had ordered them, “Do not do as they do.” 16 They forsook all the commands of the Lord their God and made for themselves two idols cast in the shape of calves, and an Asherah pole. They bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they

worshiped Baal. 17 They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sought omens and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger. 18 So the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence.

- Friends – God is good to His word – he is righteous, Holy, and VERY Patient…. However, don't confuse God's patients with a willingness to allow for sin to remain in your life!

- Don’t confuse God’s grace as a newly developed tolerance for my sin or disobedience!
- He is the same jealous God with the same kinds of promises to those who follow and curses to those who don’t follow His teachings!
- We are called by God to leave the old life of sin and to be obedient to Him in the new life!
- He has given us the Holy Spirit to lead us in this new life – something none of the O.T. people ever had!!
- Why is it we think we can just include God in our life while living in disobedience to Him and it’s ok?

(The Great Commission)

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- "*Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you…*"
- As you read the message of the New Testament… as the Holy Spirit leads your Christian life and reveals truth to you from the word of God and about your life… are you walking in full obedience?
- God is not ok with just being part of your life… He's not ok with being part of your spiritual life… He's not ok with your willing disobedience to how He has called us to live as Christians!

1 John 2:1-6 1 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. 3 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.

5 But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

- Jesus lived His life in obedience to the Father!
- This is the life we – as Christians – are called to live!

Life Application

1. Are you convincing yourself that Grace is covering your willing disobedience?
2. Are you relying on God's mercy when it comes to something you know He is not ok with in your life?
3. Are you justifying something in your life that He has called you to be obedient about?
4. Are you living like Jesus did - in full obedience to God?