

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!

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend 5 minutes a day at least 5 days last week reading the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Did you spend some time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?**

- Our Smart Phones have GPS - you can type in any location in the world you and the GPS will find it… you can zoom in and look at the streets, buildings etc.
- BUT until you allow yourself to be located – there is no way to get a route to where you want to go!
- This is the same in our spiritual life!
- We can know what it means to be a Christ follower, we can know all the verses etc.
- BUT until we actually know where we are – we can't get to where we want to go!

- Here's what God wants us to do today: He wants us to each examine where we are in our walk with Him! Find out where we are!!

Here's our destination: 1 John 2:3-6 3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4 Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

- Once we know where we are and where we need to be - we get our first directions!
- *TODAY we want to take the NEXT step in our faith!*
- We can't just get to where we want to go - it requires moving from where we are!!
- When we see the call to live like Jesus did… we feel as if it's impossible and don't try (using the excuse – He was God)…
- REMEMBER - we just went thru this a few weeks ago…. Living like Jesus did is nothing more than living in FULL OBEDIENCE to the Father!!

- ***What is one thing I can do to live more like Jesus did?***

Ephesians 4:11-13 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

- ***There is an expectation in scripture that we become Christ-like!***

- As we see here in the Ephesians passage – there isn't an expectation that when you become a Christ Follower you simply arrive!!
- There is a growth and maturing process!
- DON'T accept where you are as Who you are!!!
- There is an expectation that we are growing!! Moving forward!! Becoming more Christ-like! Maturing in our Faith… living more like Christ!
- You may have a long way to go BUT that's no excuse for not starting to change!!

2 Peter 1

3 He gives us everything we need for life and for holy living. He gives it through His great power. As we come to know Him better, we learn that He called us to share His own shining-greatness and perfect life. 4 Through His shining-greatness and perfect life, He has given us promises. These promises are of great worth and no amount of money can buy them. Through these promises you can have God's own life in you now that you have gotten away from the sinful things of the world which came from wrong desires of the flesh.

5 Do your best to add holy living to your faith. Then
add to this a better understanding. 6 As you have a
better understanding, be able to say no when you need
to. Do not give up. And as you wait and do not give
up, live God-like. 7 As you live God-like, be kind to
Christian brothers and love them. 8 If you have all
these things and keep growing in them, they will keep
you from being of no use and from having no fruit
when it comes to knowing our Lord Jesus Christ. 9
But if you do not have these things, you are blind and
cannot see far. You forget God saved you from your

Old life of sin. 10 Christian brothers, make sure you are among those He has chosen and called out for His own. As long as you do these things, you will never trip and fall. 11 In this way, the road will be made wide open for you…

- As we Grow in our faith we become more Christ-like.. We move closer to our destination!! Full maturity = Christlikeness!
- It doesn’t matter where we begin this journey… only that we begin the journey! When we begin – we are Christ followers!! We start from ALL Over the map!

Action Steps

- **Am I a Christ follower?** *(You may know who He is… so does the devil… you may know a lot about Him… so does the devil… Are you a Christ follower!!)* **Have you been saved?**
- **Where am I in my journey of living like Jesus?**
- **What is ONE thing I can do to live more like Jesus did?**
- **Looking back to where I started – how have I become more Christ-like?**