

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?**

- The message last week challenged us to take “the next step” in our life as a Christ Follower!
- What did you do this week to make that next step a reality?
- Because we move to a different section of the Bible, as God leads us in our life of faith, doesn’t change the plan: “This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did (1 John 2:5-6).” This is where all Christians are moving toward - Christ-likeness!

- We say Yes to Jesus and accept Him as our Savior… we get baptized and then what??
- We are to continue growing and moving forward in our faith in Full Obedience to the Holy Spirit!
- God is leading us toward Christ-likeness one step at a time – one Yes at a time!
- We are going to read some scripture that is very challenging – will you say Yes to what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you throughout this time together?

1 John 3

4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is
lawlessness. 5 But you know that he appeared so that
he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. 6
No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one
who continues to sin has either seen him or known
him. 7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you
astray. The one who does what is right is righteous,
just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is
sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been

sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

- *What stands out in your mind as you hear this?*

- Our normal reaction to something that directly challenges us is _____ (Defense mode? Justification? Acceptance & Obedience?)
- What is your first reaction to hearing this: "*6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.*" (If we are Christians – we "claim to know Him!")
- *"9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God."*

- We may say these words in our mind when we read these verses: “*He doesn’t mean”*
- YES… He does mean it.. God means what He says!!
- Our default response is “we can’t”… we can run to the fail button first because of our history!!
- Let’s look at something we read that we might have missed because of what was sending off red flags in our mind!

8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.

- The devils work is sin < God's work is redemption!
- We followed the devils ways < Now we follow God's ways!
- God, thru Jesus Christ, destroys the devils work in us (sin) & we learn to live a new way!! You are NOT that same old person that lived the broken defeated life of sin!!
- You are made New in Christ - you no longer have to follow those old ways that messed you up!
- STOP defaulting to the "old way"

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

- If you said Yes to JESUS God is doing something new in you - continue to say Yes and watch what God will do in your life!

1 John 3:10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

- Living the faith on a daily basis IS the true test of our faith!!
- Obedience to God and loving people… here is the whole of living Christ-like!!
- You can do this – Jesus died to make it possible.
- We can’t simply just blame it on who we are when Jesus died to change who we are to be like Him!

Action Steps

- **Is there sin in my life that I need to confess, repent, and believe God for victory over?**
- **What have I just accepted as part of me that God wants to remove from me?**
- **What will I do differently in order to not just accept I am a sinner?**
- **What 1 thing can I do to live more Christ-like this week?**