

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 is called to:
Radiate the love of Christ
Reach the Lost and the Saved in order to
Restore them into fully mature followers of Christ

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend at least 5 minutes a day – at least 5 days last week reading/hearing the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with someone this week?**
- **Did you spend time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked you give?**

- We have been working our way through the month of July dealing with the topic of Change!
- We need to embrace Spirit-led change – not changing for the sake of change or because we “feel obligated.” However, obedience to the Holy Spirit is absolutely required and this obedience continues to bring change into our lives as we become more Christ-like, growing in our faith!

- We have found the fact that the Bible teaches we are ever changing as we grow in our faith!
- We have found the Holy Spirit to be the initiator of the changes in our lives! (through conviction, revelation of Truth, calling us to obedience-surrender)
- We understand this process of change is an ever increasing part of our lives… as we mature physically & spiritually!
- We celebrate this month of change today with unchangeable Truth!

Hebrews 13 ***8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 9 So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas….***

- Although much changes in and through our lives as we follow Christ, Christ Himself does not change!
- He is the One & Only Savior of the world!
- He was born of a Virgin as God promised – He died on the cross - 1 time for all –
- He rose again on the 3rd day –
- He ascended into the heavens on the 40th day

- The Holy Spirit was sent as the promise of the Father on the 50th day (Pentecost) – just as Jesus said
- The Holy Spirit came to convict, empower, lead, guide and reveal truth about Jesus Christ – Just as Jesus said He would!
- These Truths are unchanging!

2 Timothy 4 1 I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: 2 Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct,

rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.
3 For a time is coming when people will no longer listen
to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow
their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell
them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 4 They
will reject the truth and chase after myths.

- As Paul writes to the young preacher Timothy he lets him know what he is called to do… preach the truth and hold to these truths NO MATTER what culture or others are doing! NO MATTER if people want to hear it or not – preach the truth!

- The Gospel doesn't change to accommodate us – we change to align with the Eternal Truth of the Word of God!
- People are wanting God on THEIR terms and to fit their lifestyle - BUT God's truth and expectations for us is UNCHANGING
- We are called to meet God on His terms and His truth, and His truth is unchanging!

Ephesians 4 4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

- 1 living Truth – We are called to meet God on His terms! To Live His Way! To Live according to the Truth that He has given us through the Word of God!
- It is an uncompromising Truth – an unchanging Truth – an Eternal Truth!

1 Corinthians 3 10 Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. 11 For no one can

lay any foundation other than the one we already have —Jesus Christ.

- Jesus Christ – He is the Truth! He is the One and Only – The warning here is – if the teaching is built on ANYTHING other than Jesus Christ it is not truth!
- Many will try to use the name of Jesus in “their belief system” or “spirituality” but in so doing compromise the truth of Who He is and what he teaches – how we are called to live, etc.

Luke 6 46 “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say? 47 I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, & then follows it. 48 It is like a person building a house who digs deep & lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise & break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. 49 But anyone who hears & doesn’t obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.”

- Jesus begins this teaching on the foundation by asking the question: “why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?”
- There is an expectation of a life lived in response to the proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord! If the life doesn’t follow the teachings – the proclamation is worthless!
- He follows this up with a strong truth about what it means to be a follower in that - The Truth of our belief is seen when we go through the storms of life!!

- If our lives are built on the truth of Jesus Christ we will hold fast NO MATTER what we face in life and our faith will keep us!
- Notice that Jesus speaks of the floodwaters coming against both the house built on the solid rock and the one built on the sand!
- We will all go through storms in life! BUT those who come through the storm secure are those who have built their lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ!

- Those who have not built their lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ will fall apart!

Action Steps

- On what are you building your life?
- Have you attempted to make the Word of God accommodate your lifestyle or are you changing to the Truth of God's word?
- What area of your life are you not willing to change? (this is both pro and con)
- Are you willing to change anything - right now - that God asks you to change?