



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

- **THANK YOU FOR OUR TIME AWAY!**
- **Are you spending at least 5 minutes per day reading the Bible? (listening on CD/Online?)**
Reading Schedule at the Welcome table.
- **Have you shared your Conversion story/or a God Story?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**

The Watchman

-In the book of the Prophet Ezekiel God gives us the explanation of the duty of a prophet in proclaiming the truth.

-In explaining the scenario there is a challenge to both the one who would speak the word and the one who would hear the word...as God says He will hold BOTH accountable for the message!

Ezekiel 33:1-9

1 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them: ‘When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, 3 and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, 4 then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not heed the warning and the sword comes and takes their life, their blood will be on their own head.

5 Since they heard the sound of the trumpet but did not heed the warning, their blood will be on their own head. If they had heeded the warning, they would have saved themselves. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone's life, that person's life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.' 7 "Son of man, I have made you a

watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. 8 When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. 9 But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

- **The challenge that God puts forth is in not just “hearing” but those who truly hear – RESPOND to what they have heard and take action!**
- **There is an EXPECTATION for responding to the truth that is proclaimed and a putting it into practice!**
- **As Jesus gave His messages to the 7 churches in Revelation He said 2 statements to them all “I know” and “He who has ears to hear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”**

Ezekiel 33:30-32

30 “As for you, son of man, your people are talking together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, saying to each other, ‘Come and hear the message that has come from the Lord.’ 31 My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to hear your words, but they do not put them into practice. Their mouths speak of love, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain. 32 Indeed, to them you are ...

... nothing more than one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays an instrument well, for they hear your words but do not put them into practice.

- Today – churches across America people are gathering to ‘hear the message’ - what will be the results?**
- What changes will be made in the lives of the hearers? In their homes? Their Schools? Their Communities?**

James 1:22-25

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Living the Faith

- **The reason we end the message with ‘Action Steps’ is that we might apply God’s word in our daily lives and live the faith outside of church!**
- **If we do not live the faith we are not disciples of Christ!**
- **Simply knowing scripture – or believing in God does not save you ... You must live the faith!**
- **If there is no application is there truly any hearing?**

Action Steps

- Have you applied what you have heard proclaimed to you about God's truth?**
- Are you living the faith outside of church?**
- As a result of your response to the truth what changes have you seen in your life? Your Home? Around you that would testify to the truth that you have received?**