



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

- **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?**

Last Week: The Watchman – God's expectation for Response to 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 testify to the truth that you have received?**
- Ask someone you live with if/where they see Jesus in you.**

- There is a name given to Christians that carries powerful implications!

- **Hypocrite**

- It's a favorite word to be used against us – but what does it mean and why is it used?

Hypocrite: *a person who pretends to have virtues, moral or religious beliefs, principles, etc., that he or she does not actually possess, especially a person whose actions belie stated beliefs. (Webster)*

- **Actions and Beliefs DON'T ALIGN!**

Matthew 7:21-23

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’

23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

In the NAME of Jesus?

- **Prophecy.... Exorcisms.... Miracles.... ALL in the name of Jesus and... LOST!!!**
- **These individuals Jesus is referencing as missing out on heaven did all these things in His name... and yet came up short! Why?**
- **Performing does not equal conversion!**
- **There is POWER in the name of Jesus!**
- **But we hear from James “Do” or you have no faith**

James 1:22

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

- **Life application is the key to faith!**
- **Our words mean NOTHING if our lives don't mirror what we say!**
- **Now we hear from Jesus – that some who “DO” won't make it...?**
- **Who can be saved? How can we then be saved? Is there any hope?**

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

- It is plain to hear and see that LOVE is the key in our words, actions, and the core of TRUE FAITH!

In the King James Translation the word used for love is Charity...

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.... (etc)

Charity: Christian love; agape (Webster)

Love must be at the core of our 'doing'

-It must be embedded in our heart in the birth of faith!

-NOT human love (feelings/emotions) but God Love!

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

- Everything God did in the redemption plan for humanity had US at the core of His intention, His word, and His action!

It wasn't about HIM (Charity) ... This IS LOVE!

- What is at the core of your intentions? Words? Actions?

**Let's pause for a moment and reflect on ourselves....
Not assessing ANYONE else's life...**

Action Steps

- **Why do I believe I am saved?**
- **Is my life proof I am saved?**
- **Is what I do founded in TRUE LOVE?**
- **Do I need to repent for my words? Actions?
Or Motivations for doing?**
- **Do I need a restart?**