



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 a day at least 5 days a week reading your Bible?**
- **Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**

Celebrating God

- **God is a celebratory God!**
- **Each day of creation He saw that it was good then on the 7th day He celebrated His work by resting in it!**
- **In His covenant with Abraham which would become the covenant with Israel God established many festivals for His people to celebrate.**
- **There are 7 major Feasts in the Old Testament**

- **Passover (Blood of the Lamb)**
- **Unleavened bread (Removal of Yeast)**
- **First Fruits (Springs first Harvest)**
- **Pentecost (Celebration of Summer harvest)**
- **Trumpets (Prepare to stand before God)**
- **Atonement (Holy Day of Confession)**
- **Tabernacles (7 days living in shelters)**
- **5 were to call people to celebrate what God had done or what He had provided**
- **2 were to look at yourself before God and seek cleansing! (Trumpets & Atonement)**

Exodus 12

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to

determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.

- **God also gives the festival of Unleavened bread then concludes these directions in verses 14 & 17**

14 This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

17 “Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

- **As we consider these celebrations or calls to remember God – we are not called to celebrate these in the New Testament Church but we can learn more about our God, Who He is and How He wants His people to recognize His role in every aspect of their lives!**
- **Let's consider this: Passover – celebrating God's deliverance from bondage! Tied with this was Unleavened bread – the removal of all that represents sin from their lives, homes, etc.**

- **This was the beginning of the New year, the beginning of their new life!**
- **This was the beginning of everything God had promised in His covenant with Abraham!**
- **As we look at our own life we can see what God has done and how our lives begin with our salvation in Christ!**
- **Jesus called it “born again” (John 3)**
- **This New Life is something God has provided for us nothing we have done for ourselves!**

2 Corinthians 5:17-18a

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

- Here is the New You- the New Beginning- the New Creation! The old has Gone!!**
- The biggest struggle the Israelites had in their journey to the promised land was each time it got tough they wanted to go back to their old life!**

Back to what?

- **Back to oppression? Back to physical beatings?
Back to survival? Back to....?**
- **People tend to forget very quickly the reality of the past and instead seem to build fantasy ideas around it... glorifying moments in the midst of despair!**

Numbers 11:4-6

4 The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. 6 But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

- The manna was God’s miraculous provision but it became status quo... not good enough!**

Remember & Celebrate! Deuteronomy 8:10-18

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied,

14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself,

“My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

- Have you become bored or unsatisfied with your current life?**
- Have you taken it upon yourself to make things better for yourself and your family? (thinking it's up to you!)**

- **Some here today need to seek God for deliverance!**
- **Some of us need to remember what we have been delivered from!**
- **Some of us need to celebrate His provision!**
- **Some of us need to revisit the promises we have made with the Lord!**
- **We ALL need to celebrate what God has made possible for us that we could not obtain on our own!**