



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?**
- **Have you sent in your “I said Yes to Jesus” video?**

Membership

1. *Believe* (Saved & Baptized)
 2. *Belong* (Church Membership – Accept Beliefs:
Articles of Religion)
 3. *Become* (Discipleship Commitment)
- *Annual Renewal of Membership (June 1- May 31)
- *More Expectations for Credentialed (Pastor Dave, Pastor George, Pastor Stephen) & Elected people (Local Board of Administration)

SUMMARY OF THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION

- We believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that Jesus Christ the Son suffered in our place on the cross, that He died but rose again, that He now sits at the Father's right hand until He returns to judge every person at the last day.
- We believe in the Holy Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God.

- We believe that by the grace of God every person has the ability and responsibility to choose between right and wrong, and that those who repent of their sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are justified by faith.
- We believe that God not only counts the believer as righteous, but that He makes such persons righteous, freeing them from sin's dominion at conversion, purifying their hearts by faith, perfecting them in love at entire sanctification, and providing for their growth in grace at every stage of spiritual life, enabling them through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to live victorious lives.

2 Timothy 3

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

- Let's look at the book of Isaiah for some amazing truth of God's word
- Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, & Hezekiah, kings of Judah (1:1)

Isaiah 42

8 “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols. 9 Everything I prophesied has come true, and now I will prophesy again. I will tell you the future before it happens.”

- Isaiah prophesied from 740-701 B.C.
- This was before the destruction of Judah & the Temple
- This was 150 years before King Cyrus of the Medes & Persians

Isaiah 44

24 This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer and Creator: “I am the Lord, who made all things. I alone stretched out the heavens. Who was with me when I made the earth? 25 I expose the false prophets as liars and make fools of fortune-tellers. I cause the wise to give bad advice, thus proving them to be fools. 26 But I carry out the predictions of my prophets! By them I say to Jerusalem, ‘People will live here again,’ and to the towns of Judah, ‘You will be rebuilt; I will restore

all your ruins!’ 27 When I speak to the rivers and say, ‘Dry up!’ they will be dry. 28 When I say of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd,’ he will certainly do as I say. He will command, ‘Rebuild Jerusalem’; he will say, ‘Restore the Temple.’” (Chapter 45) 1 This is what the Lord says to Cyrus, his anointed one, whose right hand he will empower. Before him, mighty kings will be paralyzed with fear. Their fortress gates will be opened, never to shut again. 2 This is what the Lord says: “I will go before you, Cyrus...

- We find in 2 Chronicles 36 & Ezra 1 that King Cyrus granted a return to the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem.
- We find in Nehemiah King Cyrus declaring the return of Nehemiah and those desiring to go - to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple!
- These exact things that Isaiah had declared BEFORE Cyrus was born
- Before Judah, Jerusalem, & the Temple were destroyed!
- God is good to His word and we can accept it as the Truth that it is... the Truths found therein are indeed God's word, the foundation of our faith & we can believe it!

Revelation 7

9 After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, “Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!”

Action Steps

- **What do you believe about the Bible?**
- **On what do you base your beliefs?**
- **Will you accept it as God's word?**
- **What will you do as a result of this belief?**
- **The Bible is full of God's promises & prophecies that are truth – How can we apply these in our daily life?**