



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 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 time alone with God this week (With no personal agenda)?**
- **Do you know what the Holy Spirit's saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked?**

- 40 days after the resurrection is the ascension:
Acts 1 6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” 7 He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Today is Pentecost - 50 days after the resurrection – 10 days after the ascension of Jesus.
- This is the birthday of the Church!
- The Promise of the Father – fulfilled in the sending of the Holy Spirit!
- Pentecost or Shavuot has many names in the Bible (the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Harvest, and the Latter Firstfruits). Celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, it is traditionally a celebration of giving thanks & presenting offerings for the new grain of the summer wheat harvest in Israel.

- The name "Feast of Weeks" was given because God commanded the Jews in Leviticus 23:15-16, to count seven full weeks (or 49 days) beginning on the second day of Passover, & then present offerings of new grain to the Lord.
- The Jews also celebrate this day as the day God gave Moses the Law on Mt. Sinai.

- This day God gave a religious practice (the Law) which would teach His Holiness & reveal our sinfulness and on this exact day He would then reveal the New Covenant with the filling of the Holy Spirit that allowed our sinfulness to be removed & His Holiness to indwell us!
- It is also on this day that the first Harvest of Souls (first fruits) was added to the church... 3000 were saved and baptized this day!

Acts 2 1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

- Notice EVERYONE was filled (Male & Female – Young & Old alike)

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

- Everyone heard the loud noise of the wind & ran out in the street to see what was happening!
- This caused them to “Hear the BELIEVERS (again, this is male & female alike) speaking in their own languages (This was an understandable language to all that heard it! Believers & Non-Believers alike)!”

Acts 2 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. 7 They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

- This gift of language was given by the Holy Spirit in order for ALL the people in the city to HEAR THE GOSPEL message of Jesus!!
- This was the point – to proclaim Jesus as the Savior!

Acts 2 14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. 15 These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. 16 No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 17 ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

18 In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.

19 And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below— blood and fire and clouds of smoke. 20

The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. 21 But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

- Let’s allow the scriptures to teach us and NOT what we have been taught about the scriptures!
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- Pentecost was the beginning of “The last days” - God said so! Verse 17
- The Holy Spirit was NOT just for the men... but sons, daughters, young men old men – male & female alike! (v17-18)
- Women WILL prophesy as well as men... the word prophesy simply means “proclaim the word of God!”
- Therefore GOD HIMSELF has stated that women will proclaim the word of God!

- Dreams & visions will happen and have been happening since Pentecost – it is not a nightly event & even the Apostles themselves rarely had such experiences – but when they do happen they are from God!
- Now, most of the time when we are learning about Pentecost we dwell on these supernatural proclamations – the tongues/language thing etc. BUT in doing so we miss the MAIN POINT!!
- The MAIN POINT of Pentecost doesn't even get revealed until verse 22!

- **Acts 2** 22-36 Peter proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to those gathered together!!
 - All that happened prior to these verses was simply laying a foundation for what was about to happen!
- 36 “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” 37 Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the

forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” 41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

- **The Main Point:** People must repent of their sin-believe on Jesus Christ as the Savior!

- To emphasize this was God's main point - let's once again look at Jesus words in Acts 1:8

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- Jesus said when the Holy Spirit comes you will receive power & be my witnesses – telling everyone everywhere about ME!!
- Power to Proclaim Jesus.... Remember this is the same Peter that denied Jesus 3 times – here, filled with the Holy Spirit He is boldly proclaiming Jesus as the Savior and calling the people out for killing Him on the cross!
- The Holy Spirit empowered them to proclaim the Good News – the redemptive plan of God was now in full effect!

- We – the Church – believers - must spend less time on the side bars of the faith and spend more time proclaiming the foundation of the Faith in Jesus Christ!

Action Steps

- Have you repented of your sin – asking God to forgive you and in so doing believed on Jesus Christ as your Savior?
- Have you been baptized as a result of your faith?
- When is the last time you shared Jesus with a non-believer?