



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!**

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend at least 5 minutes a day – at least 5 days last week reading/hearing the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with someone this week?**
- **Did you spend time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked you give?**



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

- To be a Christian is to be a Christ Follower
- We begin the life of being a Christ Follower thru confessing our sin – believing Christ died on the cross for our sin and by FAITH receiving His forgiveness for our sin.
- We are now “A Christian – A Christ Follower – Born Again – A Believer – People of the Way – etc.”
- Through this step of faith God has brought us into His family & made us part of the body of Christ.
- The Bible uses the reference of the Body: Christ being the head to describe our relationship with Christ & each other.

Ephesians 4 1 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. 2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. 4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

- To “*live a life worthy of your calling...*”
- There is no question when we read the scriptures that being a Christ follower is not just a belief system - it’s not simply a faith thing – it’s a life changing relationship that causes you to live differently!
- The reference made that Christ is the head of the body is stating that Christ now makes the decisions – it’s His way **NOT MY WAY!**
- Before Christ - we were the head of our life - we lived for self - this is why our lives were so screwed up – to become a Christ follower is to surrender headship to Christ! Allowing Him to lead and us to follow!

- “1 ...you have been called by God.” – I am Called By God
- “2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.”
- “3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”
- What we are being challenged by here is the relationship with God and how it affects our relationship with one another
- We are to live in love for one another, giving grace - allowing others not to be as perfect as we think they should be while we live the life God has called us to live – ‘*a life worthy of your calling*’

- To be part of the body we need to know how to function together in the faith.

Ephesians 4 11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be immature like

children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. 15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

- There are a lot of people who think they don't need to be part of a church to be a Christian – when we read the Bible we will find that to be very untrue...

- To be a Christian is to be part of the body, and the Church is learning to live like the body of Christ – family – functioning in God’s love for one another.
- If we can’t learn to live and function together in love how are we ever going to love the world that we are called to love? (This is our calling!)
- So, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers... these leaders in the Church have been appointed by Christ – not to do all the work of the body but to equip the body to ‘do God’s work’
- God’s work is reaching the lost, making disciples!

- The functioning within the church is the ‘maturation of the Christ follower,’ the multiplication of the body – reaching the lost = the body living outside the church.
- This will continue until we are all unified and mature as Christ followers = living Christ like!
- This maturation that happens here in the body is the understanding of my forgiveness from God – My forgiveness of others – my forgiveness of self – and the healing of my brokenness.

Ephesians 4 16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

- This is the call to CFF – this is the call to each of us – this is the activity of the body here as we become healthy – grow and are full of love!

Action Steps

- Are you living a life worthy of your calling by Christ?
- Are you being humble & patient with other members of the body – allowing for their faults?
- What area of your life do you need to grow to become more Christ-like?
- In what ways do you see the Church coming together to function as the body of Christ?
(specifically CFF)