



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 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?**

- Over the past several weeks we have been challenged in the word of God on the topic of Love & Forgiveness
- Thru the redemptive plan of God we see that the forgiveness of our sin is 100% a work of God and is simply something we have to accept by faith and it is a done deal!
- We have also seen in God's word that we **MUST** forgive others in the exact same way that God has forgiven us... We must live in a state of forgiveness — whether it is deserved or not is not the issue!

- We then looked into God’s word and saw that we must forgive ourselves and release the failures of the past! We MUST accept the love and forgiveness of these things and release them in order to be free to serve today!
- As we prepare for the final challenge of this series on Love and forgiveness we will do something I have never done before... we will begin by reviewing the “Action Steps” of the previous messages on Love & Forgiveness!
- If we are not applying God’s word – it’s all worthless

Action Steps - August 6 (God's Love & Forgiveness)

- Have you received the gift of Love from God – Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?
- Have you been cheating on God - pursuing “other things” to fill your love gap and need forgiveness and restoration with God?”
- Are you living in this new relationship of Love – learning the boundaries and expectations of this love?

Action Steps – August 13 (Loving & Forgiving others)

- Step 1 is for us to receive the forgiveness God has offered to us through Jesus Christ.
- Step 2 Who have I not offered this same forgiveness to?
- Step 3 we must release them to God - asking Him to teach us to love the unlovable! (He knows how because He loves us)
- Step 4 Begin to “act in love” every day to those around us – being true Ambassadors of Jesus Christ – that the world might see there is hope for them!

Action Steps - August 20 (Loving & Forgiving myself)

- Everyone has a screwed up past and we must be forgiven - When did you receive forgiveness thru Jesus Christ?
- What are you hanging onto from your past (after being forgiven)?
- Do we think our past is too much for God to overcome? (Who would be the one reminding you of your failures?)
- Let's commit to “forget those things that are behind and press on to what Christ is doing for our future”

- The purpose of revisiting our Action Steps: The topic and these action steps are foundational to our faith!
- It is critical for us to understand what is required to be in a relationship with God thru Jesus Christ
- The items of receiving forgiveness – giving or living forgiveness with others – and forgiving ourselves are the foundational blocks of our Christian faith
- We cannot simply do these things the week we are challenged and then go back to living like we always have... we **MUST CHANGE!**
- Have you applied these to your life?

- Before we take the next step today we MUST be sure we are applying these truths right now... as we read the scriptures today you will see how critical it is for us to be applying and living these truths
- Let's pause here and allow the Holy Spirit to bring our attention to any area that we may need to address before we continue with today's verses...

1 Corinthians 11 23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread 24 and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.” 26 For

every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. 27 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. 29 For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

- The purpose of us sharing in Communion is to call us to a reminder of the Great Price that God has paid for us to be His
- To call our attention to the fact that we are to LIVE CHANGED LIVES by the power of God
- To examine ourselves (ME not OTHERS) and to be sure that my heart is right with God according to HIS standards... not mine or anyone else's
- This isn't about anyone else but you right now!

John 3 16 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. 18 “There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.

John 3 in personal application form...

16 For this is how God loved me: He gave his one and only Son, so that if I would believe in him – I would not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge me, but to save me thru Jesus Christ. 18 “There is no judgment against me if I believe in him. But if I do not believe in him I have already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.

- This is the application of God’s truth to my life!

Communion

- Before we approach the table... we must have a pure heart before God
- Is there anything you need forgiveness for?
- Is there anyone you need to forgive?
- Will you approach the table of the Lord to receive a tangible gift of His love & forgiveness for you?