



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?**

- When I have made the statement “don’t take my word for it – check it out that what I am preaching is God’s truth”... I did not mean to listen to another teacher or preacher to find out what they say... you can find someone on the radio – internet – TV that will teach everything completely opposite of each other!
- What I mean to say about checking truth is this: take the message – and the Bible verses used – to the Lord in prayer and seek God on the topic and subject being taught to ask God for truth to be revealed in your life thru the word!
- The Holy Spirit will always confirm God’s Truth!

1 John 5 1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands.

- If you are a Christian – you will love your brothers & sisters!
- If you love God – you love one another! This love is seen in action in our lives!
- This love of the Father that exists in us not only causes us to love one another but it also causes us to do what God says (v3)! (Obedience to the word – to the conviction of the Holy Spirit)
- And the proof of the love that we have for one another is verified by our obedience to God!
- Love for God is our obedience to what He says!!

3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

- Church – “keeping His commands is not burdensome” - it’s not a drag or a heavy weight you have to drag around to live an obedient life to God -- Not at all – we are overcomers - That means we are victorious

- To Overcome is to be victorious – to be defeated sucks – to win is awesome - 2 polar opposites
- Victory is believing God will do what He said He would do and doing what He said for us to do
- HE gives us the victory & it is guaranteed when we believe & do what God says for us to believe & do
- Victory or defeat can both become habit forming
- (Lions vs Patriots) (UA Football vs UA Basketball)
- You can expect to fail in your walk with God or expect to be victorious – HE = Victory; Me = defeat

1 John 4 6 This is the one who came by water and blood —Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

- Not water only but water & blood - Baptism means something and has a place in your faith but water by itself does nothing for the sin problem in our lives
- Jesus shed His blood for us and it is thru the death and resurrection that He has purchased our redemption – if water alone could have done it the cross would not have been necessary

- Going back to what I was saying at the beginning of the message about the Holy Spirit confirming truth - here in the verses we are reading together it states again “it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.”
- I have referenced the teachings of Jesus on the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John 14, 15, & 16 often and here again we look back to those verses as reference to the confirmation of Truth!

John 14 15 “If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 15 26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

John 16 7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and

about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. 12 “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

- The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin
- The Holy Spirit convicts us to live in the righteousness of God
- The Holy Spirit lives within the believer
- The Holy Spirit confirms the work and word of Jesus Christ
- The Holy Spirit will reveal the truth of Jesus Christ and His teaching
- The Holy Spirit will guide us in the truth (confirmation of what you are being taught as truth)
- The Holy Spirit will reveal future things to us

Action Steps

- Are you loving the family of God? (this is evidence of your love for God!)
- Are you relying on your baptism to secure your relationship with God?
- What has the Holy Spirit spoken to you about living in obedience to the Father?
- What truth has the Holy Spirit been revealing to you about your walk with God?
- Are you living by faith with Victory as your expectation or in expectation of defeat?

Baptism

- All Being baptized please come to the chairs up front
- Do you believe Jesus Christ is the One and Only Savior of the world?
- Do you believe thru His death and resurrection He has offered to you salvation?
- Have you personally accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior?
- Do you commit to living a life of pursuing God's truth – all the while growing in your faith from this day forward?
- Is there anything the Holy Spirit is convicting you of that you need to release or be forgiven of before being baptized?