



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?**

1 John 5 4 ... 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.

- We are overcomers- We are victorious- Our victory is secured in Jesus Christ - last week we referenced the “need of a victorious mindset as we live the new life in Christ” & how victorious living or defeated living can both become a habit...

- In what ways have you changed your approach to life to **overcomer/victorious** this past week? (the Key is our Faith v4)
- Again, not overcomplicated – **our faith** in Jesus Christ and the complete work of God in giving us a new life.
- I want to look further at something that will assist us in maintaining God's truth about our **victorious/overcomer** approach to life
- We read here that our faith is the key to victory – our faith is rooted in the victory of Christ

- The next statement is taking that truth deeper for us
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.

- Baptism alone won't do it for you – it requires the blood of Christ – the sacrificial giving of His life – which is what has given us the opportunity for this overcoming / victorious life
- Our faith believes this but God did not simply leave it to “our ability for positive thinking”

- Positive thinking won't save you – nor will it give you everything you need in life!
- I hear athletes in interviews and other experts saying “If you set your mind to it and work hard you can accomplish your goals” – That's not true!
- No matter how much I believe and work I will never play in the NBA, NHL, MLB, NFL, etc. I don't have the basic framework or natural ability... I can improve but I can't reach those goals and all I will do is grow discouraged and become defeated
- I'm not suggesting setting easily attainable goals

- Remember our overcomer mindset is based on our FAITH in the work of Jesus Christ
- But it is not just a mind-game that we are playing against the world or ourselves
- God has not left it to our ability to think positively or for us to set up a great victorious game-plan

(NLT) 6 And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross – not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony.

- The Holy Spirit confirms this truth
- The work of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised – the Holy Spirit confirms this truth within us and it is here our faith and overcomer mindset is based
- On God’s truth and on God’s work – not on me
- The Holy Spirit witnesses to Truth for He is the Spirit of Truth!
- I often reference the teachings of Jesus on the coming of the Holy Spirit (which happened in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost after His ascension)
- We will look at these verses to help us establish the foundation of our victorious life

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

- There is a lot there but I want to take us to the focus on the Witness to the Truth

Romans 8 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

1 John 3 24 The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 4 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

- Our faith is secured on the witness of the Holy Spirit within our hearts when we believed

Action Steps

- Do you have the witness of the Holy Spirit within you that you are a child of God? (A Christ follower)
- Have I been relying on me for victory or is my victorious mindset based on my faith in Christ?
- Are you living by faith as an overcomer or in expectation of defeat?
- Is there a change I need to make to live in the victory of God for my life?