

WHY I LOVE CHRIST FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH [PART 8]

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There are many reasons why I love CFBC. This continues the series as to why I love the flock of God at CFBC.

- I. CFBC HAS A LOVE FOR THE TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE.
- II. CFBC LOVES, CARES FOR, PRAYS FOR, & ENCOURAGES ME AS THEIR TEACHING SHEPHERD.
- III. CFBC COMPRISES PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT RACES, NATIONALITIES, CULTURES, BACKGROUNDS & AGES.
- IV. CFBC ZEALOUSLY PURSUES HOLINESS AND CONFORMITY TO CHRISTLIKENESS IN ALL THINGS.
- V. CFBC SEEKS TO APPLY THE VISION STATEMENT OF THE CHURCH, NAMELY, TO BE A DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH.
- VI. CFBC EVIDENCES A PASSION FOR EVANGELISM, SOUL-WILLING, OPEN-AIR PREACHING & GOSPEL PROCLAMATION.
- VII. CFBC WEEKLY COMES TOGETHER FOR TWO CORPORATE PRAYER SERVICES TO PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, REVIVAL, ONE ANOTHER & THE PURITY OF THE CHURCH.

VIII. CFBC LOVES ONE ANOTHER AND WILLINGLY SACRIFICES TIME, RESOURCES, MONEY, AND EFFORT TO SERVE OTHERS IN THE FLOCK.

Jesus set the perfect example of what it is to serve one another. He humbled Himself so that deity clothed itself with humanity and gave Himself as a ransom for men. Also, just before His death, Jesus took a towel and a bowl of water and washed the feet of all His disciples — including Judas. True love is demonstrated in one sacrificing time to serve others in the body of Christ.

I give thanks to the Lord that CFBC is a church that demonstrates this. Albeit not a perfect church (far from it; I am there!), CFBC evidences a genuine love for one another and a constant desire to sacrificially serve one another. Serving others can take many forms — sacrificing time to help others in need, to meet with others in weekly discipleship, to come early to set up/clean up on Sundays, to provide resources (financial or material) for those in need, and to expend effort in equipping and edifying the flock of God which He purchased with His own blood.

God has gathered a group of saved sinners, bought with the blood of Christ, depending solely on Christ's substitutionary work at Calvary, who have a heartfelt desire to fellowship, serve, care for, and edify one another. To give sacrificially is a very God-like thing to do. After all, Jesus came not to be served but to serve and to *give* His life a ransom for all. He did not come to be an example; He came to die for sinners. For blood-bought saints who have been captivated by & in love with Christ's atoning work, the serving of other believers is not a burden, but it is a joy! One way that Christlikeness takes shape at CFBC is when the flock joins together to pray for one another, to do gospel proclamation and outreach downtown, to give financially to assist CFBC members in need, to willingly and joyfully give time each week to meet with believers for discipleship, prayer, Bible study, and accountability. To serve other believers in the flock sacrificially is one proof that Jesus Christ is the Lord over this local flock. To serve sacrificially is not to ask *what can I get out of this* but rather it is to ask *who needs help and how can I come alongside a brother to serve him/her to point them to the gospel & to the Savior?* That is what Christian service is all about. And I praise the Lord that CFBC does endeavor to be a flock that sacrificially cares for one another as needs arise — with joy! — so as to demonstrate the gospel tangibly in the body of Christ.