

WHY I LOVE CHRIST FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH [PART 4]

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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.

The Apostle Paul said that he labors and strives because he has fixed his hope on the living God who is the Savior of all men — especially of believers. He agonized for godliness. He took pains in his spiritual progress. People who have received God's salvation, who have been set free from sin's dominating grip, have become slaves of God which leads to sanctification and the outcome is eternal life. God's people know this because the Word of God reveals this. A justified sinner will become a sanctified person. He will increasingly hate his sin, more zealously love Christ, more tenaciously cherish the gospel, and more fervently walk in the Spirit. Without holiness, the Bible declares, no one will see the Lord.

God has glorified His name in bringing families to CFBC who zealously pursue holiness and conformity to Christlikeness in all things. An undergirding tenor guides what happens at CFBC, namely, 'will this make me more like Christ?' Paul commanded Timothy to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith and love. I praise God for the likemindedness of the believers at CFBC.

The flock knows and understands that coasting through life does not produce holiness. Following step with cultural practices cannot produce godliness. Gliding in neutral will not lead to heaven. A believer must actively, intentionally, aggressively, and daily commit himself to the most glorious pursuit that a man could ever have — 'practicing his position.' A regenerated sinner is saved; clothed in the righteousness of Christ. He is washed, cleansed, purified, holy, and blameless — because he is *in Christ*. Yet this is the position that the believer has before God in Christ. Yet the practical and daily outworkings of the Christian's duty is to manifest that position in his conduct as he increases in holiness, lives for God's glory, and serves the Savior. CFBC does pursue holiness and for that I glorify Christ and magnify His name.

Additionally, the purpose of all things is for God's glory to be supremely displayed. All that happens in a believer's life works together for good and is thus intended by God to conform the Christian more to the image of Christ. Conformity to Christ is the goal of the Christian's life. God desires to make His children holy; that is, to fit them for heaven. I praise God that biblical counseling has taken firm grounding at CFBC and that the flock recognizes that the Word of God must be brought to bear in the believer's life as they speak biblical truth one to another, in discipling relationships, so that through the Spirit-indwelling power, fervent prayer, and daily effort, a child of God resembles the glorious likeness of Jesus Christ on earth.