"God is faithful, by whom You were called to the Fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:9

Our Expressions

We wish to thank everyone who has encouraged us in our efforts to build a fellowship which reflects the union and power of God and Christ.

It is our hope to make more than an association and partnership of the individuals who become involved in this effort. The church has been referred as a family of God.

Although, works such as this are not easily established, we know God will provide fore our needs according to his riches in glory. And, God will direct us as we allow him to rule supreme over our every decision.

So we ask for your sincere heart felt prayers and supplications that this work be fruitful, abounding and effective for the saving of the people of God.

Your prayerful support and generous gifts are necessary to meet the needs of the weak, defenseless, homeless, sick and needy. Through your support we hope to help many in our community. Thank you from the members of **Fellowship of Christ Church of Corona**

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Mission Statement

1. Teach all to follow God's word as the guiding principle for daily living.

2. Establish a fellowship where people of all nations live together in godliness and peace.

3. Present the Gospel of God and Christ as a lifestyle to warn against the dangers of self, sin and evil.

4. Continue in hope with Christian living being different and making a difference in an troubled society.

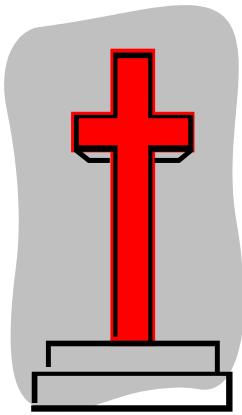
5. Seek to present the truth of the Gospel of Christ Jesus to the world; looking to God to send others, who are like-minded in faith to the praise and glory of God, while asking Him to open the door of opportunity to bless others who are in need.

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BIBLE STUDY LESSONS ON CHRISTIAN LIVING SUBJECT: TRUE FELLOWSHIP SCRIPTURE: 1 JOHN 1:7-10 SCRIPTURE

1Jn 1:6-10 "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

DISCUSSION

The above verses are one of the most misunderstood portions of the bible. There is a lack of understanding because there is a lack of knowledge and power in the Holy Spirit.

Before we attempt to make broad statements about scripture, we must be careful in our interpretation of them.

Here is а perfect example of misinterpretation. In 1 John chapter one verse ten, scripture does not say, "If a person says they do not sin they make God a liar" but only "if a person says they have not sinned". We must keep the unity of the scripture which encourages "righteousness and true holiness". Why lead us in this path when you can only expect we will not follow? Apostle Paul wrote, "Let this mind be in you which also was in Christ Jesus, who thought it not robbery to be equal with God." Philippians 2:5 Why equal? In the beginning God made all things, even man, "in his image and likeness He made man".

Gen 1:26-27 "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 2:7 "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into

his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." We are originally descended from God. And as new-born babes we are the children of the living God. Psalm 82:6 "I have said, You are gods; and all of you are children of the most High." Or in John 10:34, we read: "Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your law, I said, you are gods?""

So as children of God through the blood of Jesus Christ, how are we to live under the power of sin or the power of a living spirit? You say "we live in the flesh and do the things of the flesh therefore we must confess and repent continuously." I say this is how the Israelites lived under the law, continuing to offer sacrifices for their sins and transgressions never knowing the freedom from the power and oppression of the flesh. However, the Apostle Paul wrote, in Galatians 5:16 "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Also in Galatians 5:25 "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Why speak of the Spirit keeping us from fulfilling the lusts of the flesh? How can we do this? In the book of Acts 2 give a vivid picture of this new life when describing the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is what is needed for "life more abundantly". If you have never received him then you are unfamiliar with the power God gives to his children.

To better explain the difference: to walk in the flesh is to live as Adam and Eve after being cast from the garden. Life for them was all in the flesh, carnal and naturally sinful. The beginning of scripture gives a picture of the life of man and all the evil he could think and commit. From time to time God raised up a deliverer who would speak to the people and show the power of God, but these were special instances where God used certain individuals.

This life continued in sin and transgressions against the law of God until Jesus was born, died, buried, arose and ascended into heaven. After Jesus comes the anointing in the Holy Spirit or Ghost.

Proverb 1:23 "Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you." Joel 2:28-29 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." Acts 2:17-18 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: ..."

Now many people discount the notion that it is necessary to seek the Holy Spirit but rather believe simply believing in Jesus Christ is enough to receive him. Yet your weaknesses and failures in evil and sin are proof you do not walk in the spirit. When we were born into the world, we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Only when we receive the Holy Spirit will we know the true power of God and Christ. Then we are able to show we are a true disciple of Christ Jesus and have fellowship with him. It is in this capacity that we receive the cleansing spoken of by Paul in 1Thessalonians 5:22-23 "Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you completely; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

CONCLUSION

2Ch 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and *turn from their wicked ways*; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

PRAYER

Lord, we ask you to empower us with the glory and power of your Holy Spirit, so world might see our goods works and glorify you. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING REMARKS BY MICHAEL NIXON

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