



CFA Finding Our FAITH

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- **Our Vision Is What Are We Called To Do**
- **Our Vision Is The Direction We Are Headed**
- **Vision Involves Seeing It--Believing It-- & Doing It**

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In Accomplishing A God Given Vision

***FIRST,** You Must See It*

***THEN,** You Must Believe It*

***FINALLY,** You Must Do It*

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The Problem Is Not The Problem.

- *The Problem Always Leads Somewhere -- It Is Really About Where You Are Heading*

Nehemiah: His Problem Was A Steppingstone To A Fresh Encounter With The Lord

- ***God Is Calling Us To Fulfill The Vision Of The Lord***
- ***To Find Our Part And To Do It With All Of Our Might***

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FINDING OUR FAITH:

- Faith simply means that a person believes something is true and then commits their lives to it.
- As a church our faith is in the Lord and His Word.
- Our Faith is *faith-based* and *Bible backed*
- Faith is the foundation that we are built upon.

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What Does it Mean to be a Christian?

A Christian is a follower of Christ— One who has Believed, Received, and Follows *the Lord Jesus Christ*

The term “Christian” is a Biblical term

- **“Christian”** was first used in Antioch. (Acts 11:26)
- A Christian is a person who is “of Christ”— *a follower of Christ*

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HOW DOES SOMEONE BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

A true Christian is someone who has had **their life made new, changed and impacted by Christ**

A requirement for God's kingdom is to be “born again,”

We have all been born naturally -- **to be born again you must be born spiritually**

John 3:3 (NIV) — 3 Jesus replied... , “no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

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The building blocks of our Christian faith and of our church are all built upon this born-again experience

- It is salvation by grace through faith
- **Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV)** — **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

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Why It's So Important And Significant To Have A Christian Faith And To Be Born Again

- 1. All people are separated from God by sin (Romans 3: 23)**
- 2. God loves the people he created but He is holy, and He must punish sin**
- 3. The punishment for sin is death (Romans 6: 23)**
- 4. The gift of God is eternal life (Romans 6: 23)**

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As with any gift, we must receive it before we can experience it.

- **Being born again is the start of a whole new life in Christ for the Christian believer.**
- **It is an ongoing progression that spans an entire lifetime**

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Once You Have Been Saved --

- **There Needs To Be A Declaration**
- **It Is A Point Of Demarcation**
- **Your Next Step Is Get Baptized In Water**

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Why do we Baptize in Water?

- Baptism symbolizes the beginning have a new spiritual life.
- The old is gone the new has come

The first person we see baptizing people in the New Testament is **JOHN THE BAPTIST**.

- He called the people to repent and turn to God.
- To next step for those who repented was water baptism

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How Important Is It To Be Baptized In Water?

- *Every Christian should be baptized*
- **Acts 2:38 (NIV) — 38** Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- **Peter connected water baptism as the next step for believers**

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Baptism is a symbol of a brand-new life.

- If you are believer in Christ you need to be baptized

Baptism is a public sign of repentance & identification with Christ.

- **Going under the water symbolizes burial with Christ,**
- **Coming out of the water symbolizes rising to new life in Him.**

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How Do We Baptize?

- We baptize by immersing a person in water, that is, dipping them under the water,
- *Jesus was baptized (fully immersed) in the Jordan river*
- *To be like him we will be immersed in baptism as well*

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Who Should Be Baptized

- *All People Shoud* Be Baptized If They Have **Believed** And **Repented**.
- **Every Convert To Jesus Christ Needs To Make A Public Confession And Be Baptized In Water**

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6 reasons all believers should be baptized in water:

- 1. Water baptism is vital because Jesus commanded it**
- 2. Water baptism testifies to new life in Christ**
- 3. It is our public witness that we have accepted Christ and are born again**
- 4. Baptism declares our allegiance to Christ**
- 5. Water baptism shows the seriousness of our commitment**
- 6. Water baptism is an act of obedience to our Savior and Lord**

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FALL FESTIVAL & OUR PURPOSES

Our Purpose

*To Fulfill The Great Commandments: **Love God & Love People***

*To Fulfill The Great Commission: "**To Go And Make Disciples**"*

Fall Festival Is About Us Aligning With God's Call To Us

To Present The Love, The Truth, And The Changing Power Of The Gospel To The People Of Our Community

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Luke 5:1–5 (NIV) — **1** One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

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Luke 5:6–11 (NIV) **6** When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. **8** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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Becoming Fisher's Of Men:

- 1. The Frustration Of Fishing & Not Catching
- 2. To Go... Or Not To Go?
- 3. The Deep Are Where The Fish Are: (Lord's Direction)
- 4. The Nets Are The Method To Bring Them In
- 6. In Christ: The Catch Is Overwhelming

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WHY DID JESUS DO THIS???

- 1. *To Show His Divine Wisdom & Knowledge*
- 2. He Wanted Them *To Encounter His Power*
- 3. He Wanted *A Life Changing Event* To Mark Their Lives
- 4. He Wanted *To Relate To Them In A Way That They Could Understand*. He Called Them To Be “Fishers Of Men”
- *The Lord Is Not Willing That Any Should Perish --But That Everyone Should Have Eternal Life*

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8 THINGS THE LOST HAVE TO DEAL WITH:

- 1. No God:**
- 2. No Christ:**
- 3. No Life:**
- 4. No Peace:**
- 5. No Hope:**
- 6. Change From Bad To Worse:**
- 7. They Have No Excuse**
- 8. They Have No Escape**

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9 THINGS BELIEVERS FIND IN CHRIST:

- 1. Freedom From Sin**
- 2. Comfort; Beauty; Gladness; Righteousness; Splendor**
- 3. Healing**
- 4. Strength**
- 5. Fruitfulness**
- 6. Peace**
- 7. Rest**
- 8. The Fullness Of The Spirit:**
- 9. Eternal Life**