

# Spirit and Truth Christian Fellowship

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## Foundational Pillars

The following four pillars are of extreme foundational importance to how we as a church shall operate (see tenants of faith for complete list of key doctrinal beliefs):

- **Jesus is the Chief Corner Stone and Head of the Church.**

**I Cor 3:11** For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Col 1:18** He is also head of the body, the church, and He is the beginning, the first born from the dead...

- **Love**

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Matt 5:44** But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.

**John 15:12** This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

**I John 4:8** The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

- **Prayer**

**Mark 11:17** And He began to teach and say to them, Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a robbers den.

**Acts 2:42** And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

- **Worship** (of which there are multiple expressions)

**Is 30:31-32** For at the voice of the Lord Assyria will be terrified when He strikes with the rod. And every blow of the rod of punishment which the Lord will lay on him will be with the music of tambourines and lyres, and in battles, brandishing weapons He will fight them.

**2 Chr 20:21** And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the Lord and those who praised Him in holy attire, as they went out before the army...

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## Summary of beginning principals

- **Tabernacle of David (Praise and Worship)**

**Acts 15:13-18** And after they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying "Brethren, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. And with his the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written: After these things I will return, and I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, and I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, in order that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord, who makes these things known from of old.

Very interesting that during the time of David & Solomon, there were two locations in which there were tents: Gibeon where the tent of meeting was and Jerusalem where the ark of the covenant was. The tent of meeting is where the sacrifices took place and the tent of the ark was where the presence of God was and praise and worship took place continually.

In Acts, James talked about the restoration of the tabernacle of David. Not the tent of meeting, nor the original tent of Moses (which housed both sacrifices, meeting, and the ark of the covenant), nor the temple of Solomon, nor the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple, etc....

God also told David in 1 Chr 17:1-6 that He never requested a house of cedar. That was just a desire of David's. Therefore, the restoration in the end of times is not from an earthly perspective of importance such as an impressive temple, but the all important inside value of the presence of God and praise and worship.

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Praise and worship is a very important spiritual weapon of warfare.

- **Called out like Abraham**

**Heb 11:8-10** By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise, for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Many of us have been called out to walk by faith as led by the Holy Spirit to a journey out of familiar and into a new adventure.

We along with a few others have not received much in specifics of the new work, just general principals as outlined in this summary. But we just have to move as God shows, not faster and not slower.

- **Zeal for the Lord and for Thy House**

**John 2:15-17** And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the moneychangers, and over-turned their tables; and to those where were selling the doves He said; Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a house of merchandise." His disciples remembered that it was written "zeal for Thy house will consume Me".

**Is 9:7** There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord will accomplish this.

**Is 42:13** The Lord will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.

**Is 59:17** ... and wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle.

Definition of zeal: great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective. Passion, Love, Fire, Intensity.

The zeal of the Lord will rise up within His bride to cleanse herself from the clutter, distractions, and sin. No longer will His bride be luke-warm, non-committed, etc... His bride will be filled with the Zeal of the Lord to accomplish His will. We must embrace the zeal of the Holy Spirit as He comes upon us, as He wakes us up, as He reveals both the sin and beauty of our hearts. As He reveals His will both for us and others we will once again fight for each other rather than against....

The zeal of the Lord is rising, a younger generation will experience the zeal of God and be filled with a passion to do His will.

Let the Holy Spirit baptize us with the fire of His zeal. To burn away chaff and ignite us with a passionate love for Him. A passion that displays a love of great strength and resolve.

- **Prophetic Community**

**1Cor 14: 1-3** Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one understand, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries. But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.

Many of us have experienced participating in a small group that evolved into a small prophetic community. In this environment, everyone grew in prophetic maturity, practicing and bonding organically through relationships, specific lessons as well as just living life together.

It is clear that Paul desired all to prophesy, as well as Moses. It is not for an elect few, or just "special" people. But we believe all can and should prophesy. Prophesying can be very creative just like the many personalities of God's people. So the form and methods can all vary, but we desire an atmosphere where all are encouraged to prophesy.

Eventually, there can be an atmosphere in the church that causes all to experience what true prophesy is all about. Look at the example of Samuel when messengers and even Saul himself were inundated with a prophetic atmosphere (I Sam 19:18-24)