

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

Being Like Jesus

Following His Example

Romans 8:29

“For those God foreknew **He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

- This is our God given **destiny!**

John 13:13-17

“You call Me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. **I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.** Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

- This is our Christ given **calling!**

John 20:21

“Jesus said to them again, ‘**Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**’”

- This is our God given **assignment!**

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power when the Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- This is **God’s promise to fulfil them all in us!**

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How?

Some say by the exercise of spiritual gifts...

- Especially power gifts

I Corinthians 12:7-11 & 28-31

Yet none have all of the gifts

- how can all of us follow **His example** & be conformed to **His image?**

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Jesus is in **the people business**

- Zacchaeus
- Nathanael
- Mary Magdalene
- Gadarene demoniac
- Samaritan Woman
- Man at the healing pool
- Woman in adultery

He **welcomed in love** people others rejected

- People who **expected** to be rejected

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Do you talk with God about how you’re **not like Jesus?**

- **I do**
- If we aim at nothing, we’re sure to hit it
- We have not because we ask not

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What can we **confidently** ask God for that is **exactly like Jesus?**

1) A servant's **heart, mind, identity, desires & opportunities**

2) The growth of **His fruit** in our lives

John 15:16

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you. I appointed you that you should go out and **produce fruit** and that **your fruit** should remain, so that whatever you **ask** the Father **in My name**, He will give you."

- **I Corinthians 12:31** says "desire", not ask

Galatians 5:22-23

"But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law."

That's **how we treat people...** not what we do for them.

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Jesus **connected** with people

- He looked for, and looked forward to those He hadn't met yet
- He engaged those who seemed unlikely
- He loved them before He met them
- He freely & humbly served them
- Though He had ALL Authority...
- He openly identified Himself as a servant

He still does, and we are His body

I John 4:17-18

"This is how love is made complete **among us** so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world **we are like Jesus**. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment."