

The identity of Calvary Life Fellowship

Often I hear questions about the identity of Calvary Life Fellowship.

What kind of a church is Calvary Life Fellowship?

A protestant church?

An evangelical church?

A charismatic church?

A Spirit-Filled church?

An expat church?

An American church?

Is it becoming an African church?

Are Indonesians welcome?

AT CALVARY LIFE FELLOWSHIP WE ARE BASICALLY A BIBLE CHURCH.

The Bible is our manual, our handbook for belief and behavior.

In the Bible we find several names to show the identity of Calvary Life Fellowship.

Calvary Life Fellowship is THE CHURCH OF GOD

ACTS 20:28, Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

As the Church of God we have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. We are not our own any more. We have changed ownership.

1 Corinthians 1:2, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours

We are SANCTIFIED in Christ Jesus – SEPERATED from worldly behavior.

We are called to be HOLY, live HOLY lives for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We call on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:9, For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am.

We are unworthy and deserve nothing BUT WE ARE WHAT WE ARE BY THE GRACE OF GOD

2 Corinthians 1:1, To the church of God in Corinth, together with all the saints throughout Achaia.

PRAISE GOD WE ARE THE CHURCH OF GOD AND ARE CALLED SAINTS!

Calvary Life Fellowship is the Church of the Living God

1 Timothy 3:15

If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

**We are the Church of the Living God, We are God's Household.
We are the family of God.**

Calvary Life Fellowship is a group of faithful men and women

Ephesians 1:1, *To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus.*

Phil 4:22, *To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus.*

We must be faithful to each other, faithful to Jesus Christ, faithful to our families, faithful to those in authority.

Calvary Life Fellowship is a Family of Believers

Acts 2:44, *All the believers were together and had everything in common.* ⁴⁵ *Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.* ⁴⁶ *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,* ⁴⁷ *praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Acts 15:23, *To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia:*

Galations 6:10 *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

1 Timothy 4:12, *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.*

James 2:1, *My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.* ² *Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in.* ³ *If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet,"* ⁴ *have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?*

1 Peter 2:16, *Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.* ¹⁷ *Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.*

As believers we are told to help each other, do good to all people but especially to our brothers and sisters. We must be examples in the community. There may not be any discrimination or favoritism at Calvary Life Fellowship. As brothers and sisters we are all equal before God as we serve the Lord together. We must be a growing church.

Calvary Life Fellowship is a Holy Nation, a Royal and Holy Priesthood

1 Peter 2:4, *As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:9, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Praise God we have been chosen by Him to praise Him with our words and deeds.

Calvary Life Fellowship are people of Light, forgiven of all sin

1 John 1:7-8, *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.*

1 Corinthians 6:11, *Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

Praise God we have been washed by the blood of Christ, sanctified, justified, purified from all unrighteousness FORGIVEN! Now we must walk in the light and not in darkness.

Calvary Life Fellowship is the Bride of Christ, passing out invitations to all people to attend the Great Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

Revelations 19:9, *Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God."*
 Revelations 22:17, *The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.*

Revelations 3:20, *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

Praise His wonderful Name! We are called the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been given the honor to pass on the invitations to all men and women, boys and girls to enter heaven and attend the greatest wedding party ever to be held, when Christ is presented to His bride, the Church. There is no charge and all people may come, rich and poor, young and old, black and white.

The songwriter has put it so beautifully:

**Come to the Savior, make no delay;
 Here in His word He's shown us the way;
 Here in our midst He's standing today,
 Tenderly saying, "come"**

**Joyful, joyful, will the meeting be,
 When from sin our hearts are pure and free.
 And we shall gather Savior with Thee,
 In our eternal home.**

**"Suffer the children!" O hear His voice!
 Let ev'ry heart leap forth and rejoice;
 And let us freely make Him our choice:
 Do not delay but come.**

**Think once again, He's with us today;
 Heed now His blest commands, and obey;
 Hear now His accents tenderly say.
 "will you, my children, come?"**