

**Christ Expressed Living:  
Faithful, Hopeful, Loving Churches**

**A Christian Community Is the Result of Christ's Faithful, Hopeful, Loving Life within Being Expressed  
through Us on Earth - Col 1:2-6; I Thess 1:1-3**

**In a Community of Faith, We Are Learning to Say What God Says - Col 1:4  
(We are doing "life together" under the Word of Christ - Col 3:16-17)**

- A passion for knowing Who God is - Jo 17:3  
...we are conformed to the object(s) of our faith - "You have heard it said... but I say to you..."  
- Matt 5:21ff
- Where Truth sets the agenda - Col 1:5,6; 3:10; Jo 8:31-36  
...we practice the "Holy But..." - Matt 26:39; Lk 5:5
- Faithful people give gifts of faithfulness - Matt 10:8; Col 1:7; 3:16; Matt 10:27  
...we help others listen to God - Ro 10:17  
...we speak the truth in love - Eph 4:15,25

**In a Community of Hope, We Are Learning to See What God Sees - Col 3:1-2  
(We are doing "life together" in the presence of God - Col 3:4)**

- A passion for what is possible because of Who is with us - Col 1:27; II Cor 1:10; I Tim 1:1  
...we practice the "Holy Because..." - II Cor 2:14; Rev 21:5; I Jo 4:4; II Pet 1:3,4
- Where our fellowship with Christ and one another sets the tone - I Jo 1:1-4; Heb 6:19  
...we share equally in His life - I Cor 12:4-6,25
- Hopeful people give gifts of hopefulness - Matt 10:8; Col 1:5  
...gifts of empathy - II Cor 1:3-6  
...gifts of forbearance - Ga 6:1-2; Eph 4:2  
...gifts for the need of the moment - Ro 12:13

**In a Community of Love, We Are Learning to Live as God Lives - Col 1:4; I Jo 4:8  
(We are doing "life together" by seeking the best for one another - Phil 2:3,4)**

- A passion for loving others into being - Col 3:14  
...each for the other - Col 4:12  
...stepping into the "way" of the cross - Phil 2:7
- Where the love of God sets the course - II Cor 5:14  
...for the community we are in - Ro 13:10; I Jo 4:18
- Loving people give gifts of love - I Jo 3:16  
..."fruit" baskets - Col 1:6; Ga 5:22-23; Col 4:14  
...hospitality - Col 4:15; Ro 12:13  
...picking up the "towel" - Jo 13:4

**Formed by faith, fortified by hope, fueled by love = living by the faithful, hopeful loving life of Christ!**