

Faith Christian Fellowship
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2014 Being a Real Church
Transformed Lives

TEXT: Matt 9:35-38 / Php 2:14-16

A fountain of healing power: Repair, prepare, celebrate!!!!

“The Word and the Spirit ...Keepin’ it real!

2014: **We are now a real church with a sustainable base and a long reach. It is time to impact Tucson.**

A Real Church: Without pretense or artifice. It is the people of God striving together to follow God, individually and corporately, through His Word and His Spirit

We have a plan and process. A real church prays, and bears fruit. We are known by our fruit. Our fruit is not programs, it is people!

3 aspects: We have a unique atmosphere, a houseful of transformed lives, and ministries and places of service that spring from the hearts of the people God put here. Last week: Charging the Atmosphere with Welcome, Word, and Worship.

Today: The fruit of transformed lives

❖ **REMEMBER:** To be a Christian requires a miracle:

➤ You were a mess, whether you know it or not. Eph 2:1-3

- Dead in sins
- Walking in accordance with the world
- Guided by the prince of the power of the air
- Sons (offspring) of Adam’s disobedience
- Dragged about by desire (mind and flesh)
- By nature children who deserved wrath

➤ But God: Eph 2:4-10

- He saved you because of who He is, not what you did. Grace!
- He gave us a new life just like His life (Jn 3:1-8)
- He carefully crafted each of us for a purpose.

❖ We who have been transformed now shine brightly if we simply live like who we are.

- Our whole life is now about living on the outside what we have become on the inside: Eph 4:20-24
- We are not building a church, we are building people – they are living stones being placed by the Lord:
 - Matt 16:18. He is building His church. We are the building material

- 1 Pe 2:4-5 We are living stones and a royal priesthood.
- The REAL Church grows when ministry is done outside the walls of the church building by the saints: Eph 4:12, 16
- We all have a role to play in the place where God has planted us. You don’t have to “do” anything. Just be Christians in the marketplace. It is a calling:
 - 1Co 7:20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was **called**.
 - Php 2:12-16 God is working in you to cause you to shine.
- ❖ Our fruit advertises itself
 - Your transformed life and real discipleship makes you a representative everywhere you go – your job, your home, your friends – they can taste your life.
 - You are changed. 2Co 2:14-16 GW a life-giving fragrance.
 - The way you live causes questions. Have an answer! 1Pe 3:15 MSG ...Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.
 - **You are a letter from FCFT introducing Jesus to the world you live in.** 2Co 3:1-3
 - From a “visibility” standpoint, I want to make the fruit of your lives more visible so others can taste it? I need to hear testimonies: Send briefs of them to me by email, Facebook, on paper...

What has Jesus done for you?

One sentence each:

- 1. What was it like before?**
- 2. What happened?**
- 3. What is it like now?**