

CLF started on earth in May of 1985, so we are now approaching our twenty-ninth birthday.

At first we did not have a name - so we just called ourselves US.

The first offering received was \$67.87 which we promptly gave away.

At first we met on a

sun porch and in the back yard at Gallo's home on Lanson Rd. Later

we met in a classroom

across from the High School which we rented for \$200 per month and

we sat on borrowed hard metal chairs. [No one slept!]

Below is a letter written in July of 1985 outlining the then Word of the LORD along with a glimpse of income and expenses. You might enjoy looking back over 29 years to see CLF as an infant-bride and hearing what the LORD was saying then!

For a glimpse of HIS STORY of CLF take a look at the attached letter g.

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Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the last three weeks in particular, I believe that the Lord has been trying to get us to understand that He is good, He is present, He is powerful, and He lives and speaks and acts for our good. He is interested in every detail of our lives and wants to be intimately involved with us. He wants to speak into our lives, our homes, and our fellowship.

Last week He reminded us that He was involved with and spoke to every single one of the great saints of the Bible. The most important difference between saints and sinners of every age including our own is that the saints have heard and heeded God's voice. They did not always hear perfectly, nor did they obey perfectly, but He did speak and they did hear and often they obeyed. Because they heard and obeyed they lived in the provision and protection of the Lord their God.

The sinners of every age, on the other hand, seldom heard and obeyed the Almighty. Instead they listened to and obeyed the voice of their father the devil and lived with his provision. His provision often appears to be nice and even seems to satisfy the needs and greeds of his servants for a time, but in the end those very provisions become poison and death to the recipient. Satan's provision always brings a curse and ultimately death; God's provision is always blessing and life, ultimately eternal life.

The past week we again reviewed these thoughts and heard again the words of Jesus who said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27). The invitation before us is to take time to listen, and hear, and obey. It is in listening and hearing that we come to know Him.

It is in responding and obeying that He comes to know us.

When we respond to His voice with love and obedience, He knows that we are His.

In Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus identified the ones He did not know. Some of them were very religious. They called Him Lord. They declared that they had done good and had even done many miracles in His Name. But sadly Jesus said, "I never knew you. Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."

Lawlessness is the mark of every man who does not listen to God's voice and obey the Spirit.

Knowing God, like knowing anyone else, is not accomplished by reading books, watching movies, or listening to other people talk about Him, it is not