

I. Vision Statement of Restoration Fellowship

To Glorify God as we walk in Faith, rejoice in Hope, and are known by Love.

II. Glorify God

A. Biblical Meaning -

Glorify - Responding Accordingly to who God is and what He is Like

1. Inward - Responding Accordingly to who God is and what He is Like in our inner man. Biblically, this is a higher priority for the Holy Spirit's work than with the outward person. Jesus also told us that the heart or the inner life is where God desires to be glorified.
2. Outward - Representing Accordingly to who God is and what He is Like in our lifestyles and outward actions. The result of God being glorified in our innerlife is outward works that glorify God as a witness of God to others.

- B. Biblical Precedent - There are a plethora of biblical references concerning the desire of God that we would set a vision for our life and church to glorify Him. (Ecc. 12:13-14; Jhn. 13:31-32, 14:12-14, 17:1-6; 1 Cor. 6:20, 10:31; Phil 1:19-22; 2 Pet. 1:3; Rev. 5:10-14)

“Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.” - Westminster Confession of Faith

III. Walk In Faith

- A. Relational Belief - Biblically, faith is not the expectation of a particular outcome or psychological certainty that you can accomplish a certain exploit. Faith according to the bible is confidence in the character and nature of the person of God and because of that confidence you have certain expectations. (Jhn 14:1-6; Heb. 11:6; 1 Pet. 1:20-21)

1. Personal Conviction and Action - Our faith serves as the foundation of our convictions and values of our life. God has a deep desire to establish the truth of who He is, what He is like, and His righteousness in you, in order for you to walk in faith in every aspect of your life. (2 Cor. 1:24; Gal. 2:20; Heb. 10:38)

IV. Rejoice in Hope

- A. Hope - Biblically, hope is the confidence in something that will happen rather than wanting something to happen. True hope causes us—or gives us the ability—to have joy in every season. Our vision is to see Restoration Fellowship have hope in three main ways. (Rom. 15:13)
1. Victorious Joy - Rooted and grounded in biblical promises and truth that produce hope, resulting in victorious joy in the face of suffering or difficulty in this age. (Jam. 1:2-3)
 2. Hope of Breakthrough in this Age - God promises that we will see a measure of fulfillment of the coming Kingdom in order to bring witness to its truth. In light of these promises, we rightly hope to see Him answer our prayers and work through us to bring breakthrough in this age. (Mat. 10:7-8; 1 Cor. 14:1)
 3. Ultimate Hope - At the heart of all biblical hope is the ultimate fulfillment of the promise of the restoration of all things through the rule and reign of Jesus. This blessed hope is the anchor for our soul and frees us to die to ourselves daily in this age. God desires to establish this hope so deeply in us that we are unshakable in the face of any type of shaking we may experience. (Heb. 6:16-20)

V. Known by Love

- A. Biblical Love - In our culture today, the biblical definition of love has been replaced by the cultural definition of love. When we look to the bible to define love, we see it defined both by the teachings and the actions of Jesus. Then Paul, under the inspiration of the Spirit, wrote out the teachings and actions of Jesus in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 in order to define love to the Corinthian church.
1. Knowing you are Loved - The first priority of God in escorting you into walking in love is to ground you in His love for you. We cannot love from a vacuum, but rather, we love because we have experienced love and have had love formed in us by knowing and experiencing His love. The vision of God that you would walk in His love actually starts with and prioritizes your own life and heart. (1 John 4:19)

- a. The pinnacle of God's destiny for you in love is to love God in the way that He loves you, with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength.
 2. Making Love Known - From the confidence and experience of relational love, we are then able to walk out the commandment to love others. The love of God is so supernatural and countercultural that this is the greatest and truest witness to ourselves and those around us of the reality and truth of who God is and what He is like. (Jhn 13:34-35, 15:9,12)
- B. Chief aspect of Vision - The priority of experiencing and being filled with the love of God is so paramount to Him that all the other aspects of the Christian life and destiny become nothing without it. So too, with our vision here at Restoration. (1 Cor. 13:1-3; 1 Jhn 4:7-21)