

3. STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are an evangelical, Bible believing group of Christians. We believe that:

1. There is one God, Who is the Creator and He eternally exists in three Persons:

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

He is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent.

Psalm 90:2; John 1:1-14; Hebrews 1:1-8; 1 John 5:6-8.

2. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was born of a virgin. He is sinless. He was crucified, suffering for the sins of the world, died and was buried. He rose again on the third day. He is now seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

Isaiah 53; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35; Acts 5:30-31; Hebrews 1:3.

3. All humans are born sinners and need salvation, which is through the Lord Jesus Christ alone, without human works and solely by His grace. Each human must repent of his or her own sins and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith accepting Him as their own personal Saviour.

Matthew 1:21; John 3:16-17; 14:6; Acts 4:10-12; Romans 3:23-25; 10:9; Ephesians 2:4-10.

4. The deity of the Holy Spirit and His work in regeneration of people.

Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:9-11.

5. There is a place called Heaven which is the eternal home of all humans who accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. There is a place called Hell which has been prepared for the devil and his angels and is also the eternal destiny of those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Psalm 9:17; 37:28; John 14:1-3; 2 Peter 2:4-9; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-3.

6. The Holy Scriptures are inspired by God and are the Word of God. There is no error in them. They are provided by God for our spiritual growth and learning.

Psalm 12:6-7; 19:7-11; 119:9; Proverbs 30:5-6; 2 Timothy 3:12-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Revelation 22:18-19.

7. God created the world and everything in it in six days by the power of His Word, each day having an evening and a morning. Man was uniquely created by God in the image of God. There was a global flood in which all humans, except Noah and his family, perished.

Genesis 1-2; 6-8; Job 38; Psalm 104; John 1:1-3; Hebrews 11:1-7.

8. The body of believers, known as the Church, the bride of Christ, is chosen from among every group of people. They are the beloved of God our Father.

Romans 1:1-7; Galatians 3:22-29; 1 Peter 1:2-5; Revelation 5:9-10.

9. There will be a day of Judgement and the Judge will be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:21-30; Romans 14:7-12; 1 Corinthians 15.

10. The physical land called Israel as defined in the Scriptures and known as the Holy land, belongs to the people known as the Jews and was given to them by God.

The Jews are a blessing given by God to all the nations of the earth. Those who curse the Jews are cursed by God and those who bless them are blessed by God.

Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; Exodus 20:20-33; Leviticus 26:44-45; Numbers 34; Romans 9-11.

4. AIMS and PURPOSE

The aims and purpose of the church shall be to glorify God by the faithful preaching and teaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ both in Esperance and in outreach to the world.

Our Mission

The mission of this church is to know and love God in such a way that we cannot help but love each other and share the good news of Jesus Christ with our friends.

Our Purposes

Worship – *When we come together we focus on God revealed in Jesus Christ, bringing honour to Him, and living our Christian faith in all aspects of life.*

Ministry – *Service to people in the community with the compassion of Christ, in non-judgemental manner and “no strings attached”.*

Evangelism – *Offering the good news of Jesus Christ to people in the community.*

Fellowship - *Providing love and practical support within the church as is fitting for a family of believers.*

Discipleship – *Through Bible teaching, prayer and development of gifts, each believer is encouraged to grow in maturity and in loving relationship with God and with all others.*