

## **Our Tenets**

We believe in the Holy Scriptures as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy and the supreme authority in all matters of faith.

We believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all things, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth and sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His mediatorial work and His personal return in power and glory.

We believe in the universal sinfulness and guilt of all mankind since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.

We believe in the redemption through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and the regeneration by the Holy Spirit as absolutely essential for the salvation of the lost and sinful mankind.

We believe in the justification of the sinner solely by the grace of God through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling a Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of judgement.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, who comprise the Church which is His body.

Tell us about any moral or ethical framework that is promoted by the religion the organisation is set up to advance.

The moral framework promoted by the Christian faith that the organisation is set up to advance is The Fruit of the Spirit. This is summarised in how the Holy Spirit work in and through and believers. We believe that the Holy Spirit is indwelling in every Christian and that this enables them to live a Godly life.

The Fruits of the Spirit and their purposes are as follows

- Love: agape (pronounced ah-gah-pey): Seeks the highest good of others Love is not based on emotions or feelings. It is a decision to be committed to the well-being of others without any conditions or circumstances. (John 3:16, John15:9, John15:12-14, 1 John 4:7-12)
- Joy: chara (pronounced kah-rah): Gladness not based on circumstances Joy is not based on happiness. It is not based on financial success, good health or popularity. By believing in God, obeying His will, receiving His forgiveness, participating in fellowship with other believers, ministering to others, and sharing the Gospel, believers will experience joy. (Luke 10:21, John17:13, John 16:22-24, 1 Peter 1:8-9)

- Peace: eirene (pronounced eh-rey-ney): Contentment, unity between people Peace is a state of assurance, lack of fear, and sense of contentment. It is fellowship, harmony and unity between individuals. Peace is freedom from worry, disturbance and oppressive thoughts. (Isaiah 9:6-7, Romans 14:19, 1 Corinthians 14:33, Philippians 4:6-7)
- Patience: makrothumia (pronounced mah-kroe-thew-me-ah): Slow to speak and slow to anger Patience is a slowness in avenging wrongs. It is the quality of restraint that prevents believers from speaking or acting hastily in the face of disagreement, opposition, or persecution. Patience is bearing pain or problems without complaining. (1 Timothy 15-17, Proverbs 14:29, Proverbs 15:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:14, James 5: 8-9)
- Kindness: chrestotes (pronounced krey-stah-teys): Merciful, sweet, and tender Kindness is an eagerness to put others at ease. It is a sweet and attractive temperament that shows friendly regard. (Titus 3:4-5, Ephesians 2:6-7, Proverbs 11:16-17, Jeremiah 9:23-24)
- Goodness: agathosune (pronounced ah-gah-thow-soo-ney): Generous and open hearted Goodness is the selfless desire to be open hearted and generous to others above what they deserve. (Titus 3:4-7, Psalm 23:6, Ephesians 5:8-10, Galatians 6:9-10)
- Faithfulness: pistis (pronounced piss-tiss): Dependable, loyal, and full of trust Faithfulness is firm devotion to God, loyalty to friends, and dependability to carry out responsibilities. Faith is the conviction that even now God is working and acting on one's behalf. (Isaiah 11:5, Revelation 19:11a, Hebrews 3:6, Proverbs 3:3, Matthew 23:23, Revelation 2:10b)
- Gentleness: prautes (pronounced prah-oo-teys): Humble, calm, non-threatening Gentleness is a humble non-threatening demeanour that derives from a position of strength and authority, and is useful in calming another's anger. Gentleness is not a quality that is weak and passive. (Matthew 11:28-30, Matthew 21:5, Proverbs 15:1, Philippians 4:4-5, 1 Peter 3:15)
- Self-Control: egkrateia (pronounced eg-krah-the-ee-ah): Behaving well Self-control is to restrain one's emotions, actions and desires, and to be in harmony with the will of God. Self-control is doing God's will, not living for one's self. (Luke 22:41-42, 1 Peter 2:23, Proverbs 25:28, Proverbs 29:11, Titus 2:11-12, 1 Peter 4:7)