



Instant Prayer

Articles of Faith

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The Owners/Leaders/Ministers of the ministry of InstantPrayer subscribe to the following Articles of Faith without hesitation or mental reservation:

I. The Holy Bible

We believe the Holy Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God. It was written by men divinely inspired by God, and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a unified collection of books that form one story whose purpose is to point to the Messiah. It is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. The Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (2 Peter 1:21, Heb.4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Luke 24:25-27).

II. God

We believe there is one and only one living and true God. He tells us in His Word that He is, I AM THAT I AM (Exodus 3:14) and the LORD GOD, the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob (Exodus 3:16). He is the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. The Holy Bible provides at least thirty-four (34) different names for God based on God's innumerable characteristics – yet none of them sufficiently describe Him. Some of them are: ELOHIM, YeHoVaH, EL BRIT, EL SHADDAI, EL KANA, EL ELYON, YHVH RAPHA and IMMANUEL.

God is infinite and holy. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. God, as Father, reigns with providential care over His universe, His creation, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purpose of His grace. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:15, 1 John 3:1).

III. Jesus Christ – Son of God

We believe in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16). He is our Lord and Savior. He is the Word who was with God the Father in the beginning. (John 1:1-2). All things were made by Him. (John 1:3). His name in Hebrew is Yeshua, a shortened form of Yehoshua, but was later transliterated into Greek (Iēsous), and then became Jesus (in English). Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. The Word became flesh, and took on human nature with its demands and necessities, yet He was without sin. (John 1:14, Hebrews 4:15). Jesus taught from and studied the Torah – the first 5 Books of the Old Testament. (Matthew 5:18, 19). When He walked on earth, His custom was to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the divine law (Torah) (Luke 4:16-19). He died on the cross, to provide for man's redemption from sin. (Matt. 27:50 and Romans 5:8). On the third day, God raised Him from the dead. (Matt. 28:6 and Acts 10:40). He appeared to many, including His disciples after His resurrection. (Matt. 28:9-10 and John 20:16, 19). He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-11) and is now exalted at the right hand of God. (Mark 16:19, Hebrews 12:2). He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no one can come to God unless they come through Yeshua (John 14:6). He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission as KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS. (Matt. 25:31-32, Revelation 19:11-16).

IV. The Holy Spirit of God

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Sovereign God. (Genesis 1:2, Isaiah 61:1, Matthew 3:16). He raised Jesus Christ from the dead. (Romans 8:11). The Holy Spirit inspired holy men of God to write the Scriptures. (2 Peter 1:20-21). He guides men to all truth (John 16:13). He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit lives in those who believe in Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:9). He seals each believer and guarantees their inheritance. (Romans 8:9, Ephesians 1:13-14, 1 Corinthians 3:16). He cultivates Christian character, comforts Believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. (John 14:26, 1 Cor. 12:7-11). He helps us pray. (Romans 8:26-27). He produces the fruit of righteousness in the believer. (1 Cor. 12:7-11).

V. Salvation

Being saved is to accept God's salvation through Jesus Christ. You are saved when you believe in and put your faith in Yeshua, (Jesus Christ). By His death, Christ paid the penalty for our sins, so we don't have to. (Isaiah 53:4-5). In order to be saved, you must repent from your sins, confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. (Acts 3:19, Romans 10:9, John 3:16). Through salvation, we have victory over sin and death and we have eternal life. (Genesis 3:15, 1 Cor 15:55-57, Romans 6:14, John 3:16).

VI. The Need for Salvation

God created man (Adam) in His own image therefore, man had no sin. (Genesis 1:27). God created woman (Eve) to be a help meet for Adam. (Genesis 2:18, 22). God gave Adam and Eve instructions not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:17). Eve was tempted and deceived by the serpent (Satan) in the Garden of Eden. She disobeyed God and fell into sin. (Genesis 3:1-13). Adam also disobeyed God and sinned. (Genesis 3:6). Sin led to death, and death passed to all men after that (Romans 5:12, 1 Timothy 2:14). All men are born in sin (Romans 3:23). Sin separates us from God. (Hebrews 12:14). But through believe and faith in Jesus Christ, we can have salvation from sin and its consequences and eternal life. (John 3:16, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8). If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9, 1 John 1:9). God's grace manifested through belief and faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ can restore or reconcile us back to holy fellowship with God. (Romans 5:10).

VII. The Church

Greek word - *Ekklesia*.

The Hebrew - *qahal* (קהל).

Ekklesia – the called-out people of YeHoVaH. An assembly of Believers with YeHoVaH in the midst of them. The first mention of an assembly in the Bible is found in Exodus 35:1.

It is translated in most occurrences in the Bible as *an assembly – not a building*.

The *Ekklesia* is centered on: Discipleship, The Apostles' Teachings, Breaking of Bread, (Communion) and Equipping. (Deuteronomy 4:10, Matthew 18:20, Acts 7:37-38).

The New Testament speaks of the church as the body of Christ and the Bride of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages. The bride of Christ symbolically represents all Believers, from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation since the time of Adam, who had and have the Holy Spirit within them. (Ephesians 5:27; 2 Corinthians 11:2).

VIII. PRAYER

Believers must pray at all times and in every situation. (Romans 12:12, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4: 6, 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer is talking to God. Prayer allows us to come directly to God's throne. (Hebrews 4:16). Communicating with God is essential to grow our relationship with Him and to grow our faith in Him. (Psalm 16:11, Psalm 145:18). Believers pray to God, the Father, only. (Matthew 6:9). We (in our human weakness) do not know what to pray for or how to pray. But the Holy Spirit of God helps us in our weakness by interceding to God for us with groanings too deep for words. (Romans 8:26-27). We can be taught how to pray. (Luke 11:1-4). God hears and answers our prayers according to His will. (Jeremiah 29:12-13, 1 John 5:14-15). Prayer is not only talking to God but listening to His voice and following His

Word as well. (Isaiah 30:21, John 10:27, Revelation 3:20). The prayers of the saints are stored in heaven, and those prayers have an important role in end-time prophecy. (Revelation 5:8, Revelation 8:3-5).

IX. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a Believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the Believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior. Water baptism symbolizes the Believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. (Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 3:16, 21, Acts 10:47, 48).

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby Believers, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. (1 Cor. 11:23-34).

X. The Sabbath

The first mention of the Sabbath in the Bible is found in Genesis 2:2 where it states, God rested on the seventh-day from all His work which He had made. There is only one Sabbath in the Holy Bible, and it is on the seventh-day. The Sabbath is formally instituted in the Ten Commandments as a day of rest and sanctity. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh-day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God" (Exodus 20:8-10). This commandment underscores the importance of dedicating time to God, ceasing from labor, and recognizing God's sovereignty over creation on the seventh-day.

The Sabbath serves as a sign of the covenant between God and His people. In Exodus 31:13, God instructs Moses, "You must observe My Sabbaths, for this will be a sign between Me and you for the generations to come, so that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you".

During His earthly ministry, Jesus Christ consistently observed the Sabbath. The Gospel of Luke records, "On the Sabbath, Jesus went into the synagogue, as was His custom" (Luke 4:16). This passage highlights that attending synagogue services on the Sabbath was a regular practice for Jesus, underscoring His respect for the day.

Christ's followers in the first-century Church continued to systematically keep the seventh-day Sabbath. For instance, Acts 13 says that Paul "went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.... Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand" he began to preach the Gospel to them (vv. 13–16). Even the Gentiles went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. When the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath" (Acts 13:42). And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. (Acts 13:44).

XI. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every assembly of Believers to endeavor to make disciples of all people of all nations. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a lifestyle that is in harmony with the gospel of Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20).

XII. Messiah's Return

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth. (Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 19:11-16). The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever with the Lord. (Matthew 25:46). Those who reject the Messiah will be judged at the White Throne Judgment. (Revelation 20:11-15). Those whose names are not written in the Book of Life will be cast to the lake of fire, the place of everlasting punishment. (Revelation 20:15).

Believers will also stand before the Judgement seat of Messiah, where we will be required to give an account for ourselves to God - Bema Seat. (Romans 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10). Messiah will inspect our works. It will be a time of examination, but we will also receive our rewards. (Philippians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, 2 Timothy 2:5, 1 Peter 5:4, 1 Peter 5:4, Revelation 2:10, 2 Timothy 4:7-8). Hallelujah!

XIII. The Kingdom of Christ – The New Jerusalem

Before Christ's Kingdom is established, the devil will be thrown in the lake of fire where he will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Rev. 20:10). Then, the Kingdom of Yeshua will be established. Yeshua, our Messiah will reign on the seat of King David forever. (Ezekiel 37:24-28). And His kingdom will never end. (Luke 1:32-33, Isaiah 9:6-7). There will be a new heaven and a new earth. The holy city, new Jerusalem, will come down from God out of heaven. (Isaiah 65:17-25, Revelation 21:1-2). Believers in Yeshua will live there - To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne. Rev. 3:21. This is the eternal home of believers in Jesus Christ. It is a city of peace. Where God dwells. The Old Testament saints look for this city in Hebrews 11. They looked for a heavenly city. (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

There will be no dirt, filth, sickness, darkness, crimes, tears, injustice or death in the New Jerusalem. This is the place Jesus prepares with many rooms/mansions. (John 14:2-3). All believers will be "at home. The throne of God will be there, and the Lamb of God will be in it. (Revelation 22:3). Everyone will see the face of God. (1 John 3:2, Revelation 22:4).

Maranatha!