

AMBASSADOR'S BRIEF

“A church where everybody is somebody- Christ's Ambassadors”

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Who are you?

“The heart is more deceitful than all else...”

“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked

“Who can understand the human heart? There is nothing else so deceitful; it is too sick to be healed.” (Jeremiah 17:9 GNT)

The plan of the devil is to kill, steal and destroy. Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly. A Chinese proverb says, “You can't wake a person who is pretending to be asleep.” A person lies to themselves when they convince themselves into believing something that is false, when they refuse to accept something they know to be true. “The areas in which we felt most insecure, unsafe, unloved, uncomfortable, embarrassed, angry, generally unresolved as a child are the areas that we will be most prone to self-deception as an adult” (Cortney S. Warren). But Ezekiel declared the purpose of Jesus ahead in Ezekiel 36:25-27. You see similar prophesy in all the major and minor prophesies.

Too often people know in their heart they are on the wrong path but still lie to themselves that all is well. Even in the Church today, there is plenty of self-deception. Anyone who deliberately speaks lies is self-deceived, and the person who knowingly believes lies is equally deceiving themselves. Concealing and defending personal weaknesses is the same thing as lying to oneself. Knowingly walking into temptation and pretending you will overcome, is lying to yourself. Telling everyone you are fine instead of getting the help you need is a sign you are not telling yourself the truth.

Self-deception involves brushing things under the carpet instead of confronting them. It leads to a life of fantasy and self-flattery. It gives people temporary peace as they pretend to themselves, but in the long run it can lead them to the wrong and a regrettable side of life. The bible says when a person hears the Word of God but doesn't do it, they are deceiving themselves (James 1:22).

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” (James 4:6-8 KJV)

“A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart” (Proverbs 21:2 NIV). People who lie to themselves tend to justify their own behaviour; they avoid being told the truth, and rarely listen to other people's advice, because the advice will collide with something about themselves. “If you want to be successful, you must respect one rule: never lie to yourself.” (Paulo Coelo)

“Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong— then guide me on the road to eternal life.” Psalm 139:23-24 MSG . The place of our conscience is for personal daily constant self-examination not to be in deception.

“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.” Galatians 5:24 KJV
When the word of God comes to us through genuine men of God, they are like prophets, many times they are not “reasonable”, accommodating themselves to what makes sense to us. They are not diplomatic, tactfully negotiating an agreement that allow us a “say” in the outcome. What they do is haul us unceremoniously into a reality far too large to be accounted for by our explanations and expectations. They plunge us into mystery, immense and staggering. Their words and visions penetrate the illusions with which we cocoon ourselves from the reality. We humans have an enormous capacity for denial and for self-deceit. We incapacitate ourselves from dealing with the consequences of sin, for facing judgment, for embracing truth. Then the prophets step in and help us to first recognise and then enter the new life God has for us, the life of hope in God opens up. They don't explain God. They shake us out of old conventional habits, of small mindedness, of trivialising god-gossip, and get us on our feet in wonder and obedience and worship. If we insist on understanding them before we live into them, we will never get it.

Prophets insist that God is the sovereign centre, not off in the wings awaiting our beck and call.

Romans 6:6- “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Christ, so that the body of death might be destroyed.” Above all, this is what we must know and accept and that must become our conviction.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission as a church is to

- 1. Preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, in word and in action, teach the scriptures and disciple those who receive the message of Christ;*
- 2. Help discover the greatness in through discipleship, and provoke that greatness unto manifestation so that you can fulfil destiny and be a blessing to humanity;*
- 3. Become like Jesus.*

THE VISION

Our vision is to raise a crop of people who will carry the Great Commission around the world (Matt 28:18-20). We will reach the unsaved through strategic and unique community development initiatives. We will be Christ's Ambassadors. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Our Core Values

To accomplish this vision, the Lord has led us to develop the following seven structures:

- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Prayer Ministry
- Drama Ministry
- Europe Missions & Missions
- Outreach Ministry
- Care Ministry

- To love God wholeheartedly
- To love people unconditionally
- To hate sin militantly
- To pursue destiny passionately

OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS

- ✓ Youth Church ~ Saturdays @ 7pm on ZOOM
- ✓ Children's Praise Time ~ Tuesdays @ 5pm on ZOOM
- ✓ Intercessory Meeting ~ Tuesdays @ 7pm-8.30pm in church
- ✓ Bible Study ~ Wednesdays @ 7pm-9pm on ZOOM
- ✓ Sunday Family Service @ 10.30am-12.30pm (in church and on ZOOM)

Please join us in church for Sunday services.

CONTINUE TO SANITISE YOUR HANDS, WEAR A FACE MASK AND KEEP YOUR DISTANCE WHERE NECESSARY.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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