

# STANDING WITH ISRAEL

“He remembers His covenant forever, ...the covenant which He made with Abraham... and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, ‘To you I will give the land of Canaan’” (Ps. 105:8-11).



“I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! ...God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew... For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Romans 11:1,2,29).

“A friend loveth at all times” (Proverbs 17:17).

Christian friendship and support for the Jewish people and the Nation of Israel have a clear Biblical mandate for this hour in history. Christians are being called upon to uphold Israel and her right to exist. Now, more than ever, the Jewish people need Christians who will not only PRAY for the peace of Jerusalem but will openly STAND on their behalf.

We, as Christian Friends of Israel, want to stand with Israel at this time when their friends are few in the international arena of nations. We want to make amends for the past wrongs of Christianity at this most critical juncture in Jewish history. God has promised that blessings will follow obedience to His commands and curses will follow disobedience (Deuteronomy 6- 8). His promises are forever. Individuals and groups can rise above their governments' responses and actions. They can show compassion and courage and take a stand by not bowing to anti-Semitism. We vow not to remain silent, for Zion's sake (Isaiah 62:1).

According to Joel 3:12,14 all nations will be required to make a decision on whether they will align themselves with God's purposes for Israel. We believe that God will judge the nations on the basis of their attitude towards Israel and the Jewish people. The nations will determine their own destiny. All rulers and nations who oppress and persecute the Jewish people will come to naught. Their glory will wither, just as the grass withers. God says, “I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you” (Genesis 12:3). We are sounding the trumpet and challenging those nations who would desire the blessing of God, to show their alliance with Israel.

## Ministry Statement

As Christians we have received from God a love for Israel and the Jewish people. We want to bless them in the name of the Lord. We believe the Lord Jesus is both the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world; however, our stand alongside Israel is not conditional upon her acceptance of our belief. We exist to comfort and to support the people of Israel, and to inform Christians around the world of God's plans for Israel. CFI teaches the Church's responsibility toward the Jewish people, and brings awareness to the Jewish people of our solidarity with them. We take His love back to the people who first brought it to us.



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## Foundation Principles

Christian Friends of Israel was formed in December, 1985. There are now Directors, Representatives and Distributors for CFI in many nations around the world. Their efforts are supported by the Jerusalem office, which receives direction and guidance from a Jerusalem-based CFI Board, comprised of pastors and leaders in Israel.

- As a Bible-believing organization, we know that the early Church was Jewish and that Christianity sprang from Jewish roots. We believe that Christianity has never ceased to depend upon and be indebted to the Jewish people.
- We believe that the restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel is in accordance with the promises contained in the Word of God and that God's time to "favor Zion" has begun.
- We believe that Israel (the people, land and nation) has a divinely ordained and glorious future, and that God has neither rejected nor replaced His Jewish people.
- We acknowledge that the barriers that exist today between Jews and Christians are largely due to Christian anti-Semitism and Christian persecution of the Jewish people, for which we are deeply sorrowful and repentant.
- We believe in the Jewishness of Jesus and the Jewishness of the New Testament.

## Doctrinal Statement of Christian Friends of Israel

● We believe in the One and Only True God. The Godhead consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Three distinct co-equal persons but ONE unique Godhead (Isaiah 48:16; Mark 12:29; Matthew 28:18,19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

● We believe that God the Father revealed Himself through the Scriptures of the Old Testament as the One True Eternal, All-wise, All-powerful, All-knowing, All-loving Creator God. He has now revealed Himself through His Son Jesus, the Messiah (Hebrews 1:2,3).

● We believe that Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of the Father (Proverbs 30:4; Psalm 2:7). His first coming as a man is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. His "one sacrifice for sin forever" has replaced all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant, and is now the only ground of Redemption (Hebrews 9:12). He rose from the dead and now sits at the right hand of God the Father in glory (Psalm 110:1; Acts 2:34).

● We believe that justification (being accounted righteous before a Holy God) comes about only through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus (John 3:16; Matthew 1:22,23; Luke 24:27,44).

● We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers and that He gives power for service and gifts for the benefit of the Body of Messiah (John 14:23; Romans 8:9-11; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12).

● We believe the Holy Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are divinely inspired, infallible and all-sufficient regarding all matters of belief and behavior (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21).

● We believe the Church, which is the Body of Messiah, consists of all believers born of the Spirit and justified by faith, both Jew and Gentile (Romans 10:12; Ephesians 4:11-23).

● We believe that the restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel is a fulfillment of the prophetic Scriptures of the Old Testament, and that the restored Nation of Israel has a predominant role to play in the final purposes of God among the nations (Isaiah 11:11-16; 2:1-4).

● We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus, the Messiah and King of Israel and Savior of the world (Zechariah 14:4; Matthew 16:27; Acts 1:11).



## General Objectives

- To express friendship and solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world.
- To impart an understanding to Christians of their Jewish roots and of modern Israel.
- To combat all forms of anti-Semitism among Christians.
- To encourage Christians worldwide to intercede for Israel.
- To provide practical support in areas of need within the Land of Israel.
- To assist Jewish people who wish to return to Israel from countries where they are oppressed and to pray for their liberation from these countries.
- To encourage and pray for reconciliation between Jews and Arabs.
- To establish fellowship with Christians in Israel.