



# AGAPE CENTRE

*Changing Communities, Changing Lives*

## MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION CLASS (CLASS 1) CHURCH ORDINANCE

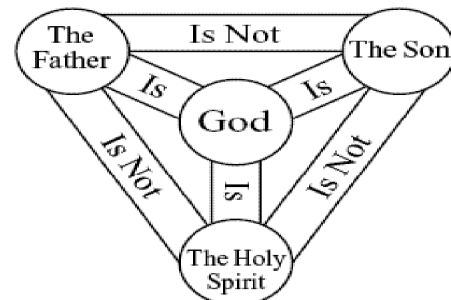
### BELIEF: WHAT WE BELIEVE?

#### In ONE GOD in three persons:

- a) God (Yahweh, Adonai, El Shaddai)
- b) Jesus the Christ (Yeshua the Messiah)
- c) The Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh)
- d) Three are one Identity

#### Tri-unity not Trinity

- The Father-Creator** - Gen 1:1
- The Son-the Word** - John 1:1
- The Helper** - John 15:26
- Genesis 1:26 John 1:1 1John 5:7**



In 325, the First Council of Nicaea established the doctrine of the Trinity as orthodoxy and adopted the Nicene Creed that described Christ as "God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance (*homoousios*) with the Father. The Trinity makes and idol out of God. It's no different to making a graven image from your hands as it is to make God into a diagram in your mind. It is the nature of Man to do so. The Trinity and Nicene Creed is the founding document to the man made organized religion that has suppressed and kept in fear many of Gods people.

Upon that creed many heresies followed. If its origin is man then its fruit will be death, control and fear and history has revealed the fruit of this doctrine. God is a person and the 'Trinity doctrine' says that God is a class/family. We know that there are many gods, so the WORD OF GOD can be used in the sense of class, but there is only one God the person otherwise there would be more than one God. Many others including the Jews believe that God is a person, not an organization.

The **First Council of Nicaea** was convened in Nicaea in Bithynia (present-day İznik in Turkey) by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in 325 AD. It is believed to have been the First Ecumenical/Intitiative council of the Christian Church by the Assyrian Church of the East, the Oriental Orthodox, the Eastern Orthodox, the Roman Catholics, the Old Catholics, and a number of other Western Christian groups. Most significantly, it resulted in the first uniform Christian doctrine, called the Nicene Creed.

**TRINITY** - The teaching of the Bible concerning the Trinity might be summarized as thus. God (Yahweh) is a Tri-unity, with each Person of the Godhead equally and fully and eternally God. Each is necessary, and each is distinct, and yet all are one. The three Persons appear in a logical, causal order. The Father is the unseen, omnipresent Source of all being, revealed in and by the Son Jesus (Yeshua), experienced in and by the Holy Spirit. The Son proceeds from the Father, and the Spirit from the Son. With reference to God's creation, the Father is the Thought behind it, the Son is the Word calling it forth, and the Spirit is the Deed making it a reality.

We "see" God and His great Salvation in the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, then "experience" their reality by faith, through the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit. We are not a denominational church, nor are we opposed to denominations as such, only to their over-emphasis of the doctrinal differences that have led to the division of the Body of Christ. We believe the only true basis of Christian fellowship is God's (**Agape**) love, which is greater than any differences we possess and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians (Christ followers). Please also refer to our Statement of Faith found on the wall and in your welcome letter.

**READ GOD'S WORD: THE BIBLE**—Holy Scriptures—The Word and Mind of God!

**STUDY: (THE BOOKS/GOSPELS OF MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN)**

Divine Guidance 2Timothy 3:16 2Timothy 2:15 Romans 15:4 Joshua 1:8

#### SUBMISSION:

Pastor/Leader:- Hebrews 13:17 Each Other:- Ephesians 5:21 John 13:1-17 Ephesians 4:11 Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints.

#### CHURCH MEETINGS:

##### Meeting Together:

Not forgetting the assembling of ourselves together **Hebrews 10:24-25** with one mind and one mouth glorify God. Romans 15:5-6 God is a God of order so let us do things with Order as God in Genesis **Chapter 1**: As we are made in His image! **1Corinthians 14:40**. King Solomon made sure God's House was In order see: **2Chronicles 4** and in (Chapter 7) King Solomon obtained God's response and God's attention!

**WORSHIP:**

Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord Ephesians 5:19 Colossians 3:16 John 4:24 Worship To God Must Be In Spirit And Truth!

**PRAYER:**

Praying Without Ceasing! 1Thessalonians 5:17 Matthew 6:5 Philippians 4:6 Ephesians 6:18 & Romans 8:26-27

**COMMUNION:**

*In Remembrance Of Jesus!* Acts 2:42 Matthew 26:26 1Corinthians 11:23-29

**EVANGELISM:**

**Do The Work Of An Evangelist :- 2Timothy 4:5 Making Disciples Of Mankind! Matthew 28:19-20**

**Go And Preach To All And Heal The sick! Mark 16:15 Proverbs 11:30**

**GIVING:**

Philippians 4:15-19 A sweet smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God King Solomon offered a sacrifice to God that spoke volumes which pleased God! (2Chronicles 7)

**A. OFFERING: Giving is an act of WORSHIP****B. TITHE: TEN PERCENT OF YOUR INCOME**

**Malachi 3:10: (A GOOD FOUNDATION TO ADOPT AND PROVE GOD) Tithe Into The Store House (Benefit & Provisions) Genesis 8:22: Seed Time Harvest Time**

**Galatians 6:7-9: What You Sow Is What You Reap**

**2Corinthians 9:7: God Loves A Cheerful Giver**

**Matthew 6:21: Where Your Treasure Is Where Your Heart Is**

**Acts 20:35: It Is A Blessing To Give Than To Receive**

**Exodus 35:29: Freewill Offering To The Lord**

**Proverbs 3:9: Honour The Lord With The Best Part**

**Ecclesiastes 11:1-6: Sow Your Seed**

**SPECIAL SERVICES****BABY DEDICATION:**

1Samuel 1:27-28 1Peter 3:21 As Christians we believe in presenting babies in solemn dedication to God.

We see in the Bible that parents brought children to Jesus for His blessing. (Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16)

Jesus put His hands on them and blessed them. Hannah brought baby Samuel to church and presented him to God.

(1Samuel 1:24-28) and Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to church and presented Him to God.

(Luke 2:21-24) Realise a baby dedication is your presentation to God forever God said to Abraham, "I know him.

He will command his children in the ways of God. (Genesis 18:19). The baby must be cared for and raised on earth effectively.

**WEDDINGS:**

*Genesis 2:24: Man Shall leave his father and mother and join together to become one flesh. Mark 10: 6-9*

1Corinthians 7-9 + **Ephesians 5:22-33**

**FUNERALS:**

To Be Absent From The Body Is To Be Present With The Lord When We Die We Face Judgement **Hebrews 9:27**

2Corinthians 5:8 - Ecclesiastes 12:14 **Philippians 1:21**

**WATER BAPTISM:**

Matthew 3:15 Jesus was Baptised to be an example to us. Mark 16:16 Ephesians 4:5 Colossians 2:12 Romans 6:3-11

-IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK THEM-