

THE BIBLE

- The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16)

GOD

- God is one (Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:6)
- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit exist in unity (Matt. 28:19)
- Jesus the Messiah is God's only begotten Son (Matt. 16:16; John 3:16)
- Jesus the Messiah is the only Mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5)
- Jesus the Messiah is eternal and fully God and fully man (John 8:58; John 14:9; John 10:30)

MAN

- All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23)
- The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus the Messiah our Lord (Rom. 6:23; John 3:16,36)

SALVATION

- Salvation is by grace through faith as a gift of God (Eph. 2:8)
- Repentance and baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are outward signs of an inward faith (Eph. 4:4,5)
- Faith is exhibited by a consecrated and holy life; faith without works is dead (James 2:18)

ISRAEL

- The nation of Israel is the apple of God's eye (Zech. 2:8)
- God will not break His covenant with Israel (Jer. 31:35–37)
- God is restoring the Jewish people to Israel, their Promised Land (Jer. 23:7–8)
- Believers from Gentile backgrounds have a debt to the Jewish people (Rom. 11)
- God blesses those who bless Israel and curses those who curse Israel (Gen. 12:3; Isa. 60:12)
- Blessing is promised to those who pray for Jerusalem's peace (Ps. 122:6)

THE FUTURE

- The bodily return of Jesus the Messiah is imminent (Acts. 1:11)
- There will be a literal resurrection of the dead (John 5:28)
- Those in the Messiah shall be immortalized (1 Cor. 15:53–54)
- The wicked shall be placed in hell for eternity (Rev. 20:10)
- Israel will be restored under the Kingship of Messiah Jesus (Luke 1:32)
- All believers shall be joint heirs with the Messiah (Rom. 8:17)

POSITION ON EVANGELISM

Bridges for Peace is a Jerusalem-based, Bible-believing Christian organization supporting Israel and building relationships between Jews and Christians worldwide through education and practical deeds, expressing God's love and mercy.

The history of Christian–Jewish relationships is seriously marred by the anti-Semitic behavior of Christians toward Jews. The Crusades, the Inquisition, the pogroms, the Holocaust and other such persecutions have left a deep wound in the Jewish soul. Tragically, established Christian denominations and institutions participated, either actively or by turning a blind eye, in these atrocities. This has created an atmosphere of fear and distrust that has made honest communication between the two communities nearly impossible.

Bridges for Peace is a Bible-believing Christian organization that does not proselytize. We are committed to being living witnesses of the love of God in the name of Jesus through unconditional friendship and support, in order that the wounds of the past may be healed and doors of communication can be opened between Christians and Jews.

STATEMENT ON MESSIANIC JUDAISM

Recognizing the variety of callings within the body of Christ (e.g. of Paul as an apostle to the Gentiles; James and Peter to “the circumcision”) we believe it is unwise to appear to be promoting the Messianic movement as Bridges for Peace’s mandate, while our calling is building bridges between the Jewish community and the wider body of Christ. This is not meant to restrict your personal choices of worship, it just means that Bridges for Peace, as an organization, is not to be identified with or promote Messianic Jewish activities.

Our ministry seeks to repair centuries of Jewish pain, as members of the worldwide Church. Our calling is unique and specialized. We walk a fine line between the Jewish world and the Christian world.

In light of this, it is necessary that all of the Bridges for Peace staff be in complete agreement with the vision, calling and style of Bridges for Peace. It is not possible or permissible for a person to be a staff member of Bridges for Peace, sharing our calling, vision and values during working hours and then be involved in activities during off hours that are not in full agreement with our calling, vision and values. A staff member must commit to follow the vision 24/7. While a staff member may attend a congregation which is not in full agreement, that staff member should not be in leadership, frontline involvement or participate in any outreach programs which could jeopardize the ministry of Bridges for Peace in Israel.

When a Bridges for Peace center opens in a new region of Israel, any staff members attached to that center will not attend local congregations until such time as a positive reputation has been developed in the community. Bridges for Peace leadership has an opportunity to assess the reputation of the various congregations in the eyes of the Jewish majority and the senior leadership team determines that the image of Bridges for Peace will not suffer.