

Mazi Church – Statement of Faith

God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God in His grace, has a mission to redemption for anyone who believes in His son.

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 90:1-2; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 3:16-17; 5:48; 28:19-20; John 17:24; Romans 16:25-27; Colossians 1:15-17; 1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 21:1, 5

Bible

We believe that the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God, a divine revelation without error communicated through the words of human authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is an authoritative source in all matters of faith.

Isaiah 40:8; Isaiah 55:8-11; Matthew 22:29; Luke 1:1-4; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 2:5-6

Humanity

We believe that all men and women are created in the image of God and are therefore highly valued by God. Through our sinful disobedience, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and the wages of that sin is death. Our salvation is found in the belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 1:26,27; 3:1-6; Matthew 25:41; Romans 3:23; 5:12,15,19; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-2; Revelation 20:14-15

Jesus

We believe Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a righteous and sinless life, was crucified, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our high priest, intercessor, and advocate. We believe there is no other way to righteousness, except through belief in Jesus.

Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18; John 1:1-2, 4; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15; 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2.

Atonement

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross, as our atonement, for the forgiveness of our sins. He rose from the grave to secure our justification. By grace He provides salvation for all who believe in Him, justifying them through His shed blood and all-sufficient sacrifice that brings reconciliation with God.

Isaiah 53:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 9:22, 26-28; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 John 4:10; Revelation 5:9

Salvation

We believe the only way we can personally receive the salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, and justification God offers us is by His grace alone through our faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. There is no other way to be redeemed; our good works cannot earn the righteousness of God.

Genesis 15:6; John 1:12-13; 3:16-17; 14:6; Romans 4:23-24; 5:1; 10:9-10, 13; Galatians 2:15-16; 3:26; Ephesians 2:4-9; 2 Timothy 1:9-10

Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit, present at creation, was sent by God to be active and present among us. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin and encourages our faith. He convicts, regenerates, indwells, guides, teaches, and empowers the believer to become more like Christ, equipping every Christian for service with spiritual gifts. We believe the Holy Spirit is active and the fruits of the Spirit are evidence of a life devoted to the discipleship of Jesus.

Genesis 1:1-2; John 15:26; 16:7-8,13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 12:11; Galatians 5:16-17; Titus 3:4-7

Sanctification

We believe that all believers are on a constant journey toward sanctification which begins at their belief in Jesus' death and resurrection, and continues until we leave this earth. We believe all believers should strive to live for Christ in obedience to the Word of God and not for themselves. We acknowledge life is a journey and everyone grows and matures at different rates. In light of this, God commands us to love Him and others. Our faith expresses itself through spiritual growth in godly character, good works, and inviting others to know and follow Jesus by our belief, actions, and words.

Matthew 22:36-40; John 14:15; Romans 8:12-13; Romans 10:13-15; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 2 Peter 3:8

The Church

We believe the mission of the Church is to glorify God by loving Him and making disciples among all people by presenting the Gospel clearly with boldness and grace.

Matthew 28:19-20; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; Ephesians 4:3-6; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 10:24-25

The Future

We believe that Jesus is coming back and because of that, we need to do all we can to help others know Jesus and experience his redemptive power.

Isaiah 65:17; Matthew 24:36; John 5:28-29; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:12-14; Hebrews 9:27-28; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:1-5; Revelation 22:7