



## Our Values

While the vision tells us what God has called us to do as a church, our values tell us exactly how we are to go about it. Our values address issues of character, faith, leadership style and heart. We want to live by 25 Bible-based values. We encourage you to read the Bible verses behind each value.

1. We are a people of faith and allow our theology to determine all areas of our lives. We need to truly know our God, the one true God, and grow in our understanding of who He is and who we are in Him.

*Jeremiah 9:23-24, John 17:3, Hebrews 11 (especially verse 6), Romans 10:8-17, Romans 4:16, Daniel 11:32, Hosea 6:3*

2. We embrace the totality of all that Jesus is and surrender our all to Him unconditionally.

*Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:1-4, Acts 17:28, Colossians 1:15-20 & 28-29, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

3. Through the Holy Spirit, we are focused on preparing the Bride of Christ, His Church.

*Ephesians 5:22-33, Revelation 19:7*

4. We aim to be completely and radically Bible-based; not just hearing the Word but living it out at every level.

*Romans 15:4, Psalm 119, Joshua 1:8, Deuteronomy 11:18-19, Psalm 1:2, John 15:10, Deuteronomy 4:1-2, Revelation 22:18-19*

5. We build covenantal relationships forming genuine friendships, not just function-based contacts. We aim to be committed, submitted, serving and protecting one another.

*Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:24-25, John 17:22-23, 1 John 4:11-12, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Matthew 18:15-20*

6. We are a priesthood of all believers; all evangelizing as a lifestyle, a church without generational, cultural or gender gaps with the 'majority' carrying the 'minority'. We are all the 'A-team'.

*1 Peter 2:9, Exodus 19:6, 1 Corinthians 12, 13 & 14, Romans 15:16-20, Acts 1:14, 2:32-33, 42-47, Titus 2:1-10, Matthew 19:14, 1 Timothy 4:12*

7. We are a people supernaturally natural and naturally supernatural – wild but not weird, demonstrating the authentic life and power of God (not fake or hyped-up by others).

*Acts 3:1-10, Luke 3:1-20, John 4:1-24, Acts 2:14-21*

8. We desire to understand and release the anointing of the Holy Spirit – the anointing that breaks yokes and changes lives. With His presence and grace, it is what distinguishes the Church from the world.

*Isaiah 61:1-3, I John 2:20-21, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Exodus 33:15-16*

9. We are a people of prayer – with fasting and warfare – both personal and when meeting together.

*Acts 1:14, 2:42 & 4:24, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Colossians 4:12, James 5:16, Ephesians 6:18*

10. We strive to be a people of character.

**Love:** *1 Corinthians 13:1-17, Galatians 5:22-23*

**Integrity:** *1 Kings 9:4-5, Matthew 22:16, Titus 2:7-8*

**Purity:** *Romans 6:1-2 & 11-14, 1 Timothy 4:7, Matthew 5:8*

**Humility:** *James 4:6, Isaiah 66:2, Acts 20:19*

**Excellence:** *1 Corinthians 14:12, 2 Corinthians 8:7*

**Vulnerability:** *2 Corinthians 12:7-10, 1 Corinthians 4:9-13*

**Honesty:** *Matthew 5:37, Proverbs 24:26*

**Teach-ability:** *1 Timothy 4:6, 2 Timothy 1:13-14, 1 Timothy 1:18*

**Creativity:** *Exodus 35:30 & 36:2*

**Passion:** *John 2:17, Romans 12:11*

**Faithfulness:** *Luke 16:1-13, 3 John:3 & 5*

**Transparency:** *Psalms 51:1-12, 1 John 1:7-9*

#### **A model and example to others**

**Personal:** *1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Peter 5:3, 1 Timothy 4:12, Philippians 3:17*

**Corporate:** *1 Thessalonians 1:7, 2 Thessalonians 3:9*

11. We are not distracted by every new emphasis but are grounded in the truth.

*1 Timothy 1:3-7, Galatians 1:8-10 & 3:1, Hebrews 6:1-2*

12. We are a people of Biblical freedom – not legalism or licentiousness.

*Galatians 5:1, 2 Corinthians 3:17, John 8:32-36*

13. We believe in a ‘total Grace package’ – understanding, experiencing and extending grace to others.

*Titus 2:11-12, Acts 4:33, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 15:10*

14. We believe in everyone growing in their spiritual maturity – teaching people accountability.

*Hebrews 6:1-2, James 1:4, Philippians 3:15, Ephesians 4:13*

15. We aim to live in financial freedom – debt free lifestyle, tithes, offerings, alms, apostolic giving and a generous lifestyle.

*Romans 13:8, Malachi 3:8-12, 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, Deuteronomy 12:5-19*

16. We believe in training and equipping all believers to be leaders – to recognize, raise up and release leaders, taking them from dependence to independence and then interdependence.

*Ephesians 4:12-14, Exodus 18:21-23, Matthew 25:14-30*

17. We are all part of a team – no superstars, all of us working together, at all levels (in plurality).

*Genesis 1:26 (God with mankind), Exodus 7:6, 15:1 & 20 (Moses with Israelites), Mark 3:13-19 (Jesus with twelve apostles), Acts 14:21-28 (Paul with others), Acts 2:14 (Peter with others), Genesis 1:26-28 (Marriage is the first team – serving, shaping and sharing together), Acts 6:1-7 (Deacons), Acts 15:22 (Church Leaders and the Body), Acts 20:17-31 (Elders), Ephesians 4:11-16 (Translocal)*

18. We aim to build away from ourselves.

*1 Corinthians 4:17, Acts 8:4-37*

19. We believe in placing equal importance on the wine (Holy Spirit/His power) and the wineskin (pattern/structure).

*Luke 5:37-39, 1 Thessalonians 1:4-7*

20. We preach the kingdom of God – it is God's total answer for man's total needs. Preaching the King and the Kingdom and a Kingdom culture.

*Matthew 4:17 & 23-24, Ephesians 3:1-13*

21. We acknowledge the need for restoration of all that was lost, stolen and most needed.

*Acts 3:21, Colossians 1:15-20, Acts 15:16*

22. We aim to live in the reality of the Apostolic/Prophetic ministry.

*Ephesians 2:19-20 & 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 3:5-13, Romans 16*

23. We take part in fulfilling the Great Commission – of, to and for all nations.

*Matthew 28:18-20*

24. We see the value in 'going beyond the third generation' – continuity and passing the baton to the next generation.

*2 Timothy 2:2, Psalm 78:1-6, Psalm 103:17, Deuteronomy 11:18-25 & 34:4-9, John 20:21-22*

25. We see the Church as God's healing community.

*Revelation 22:1-6, Acts 8:18-25*

## What We Believe

At Free Life Church, we believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the ultimate good news, and we desire to see people live the full and unique lives that God has created them to live. We believe God's grace, through the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross, justifies us and transforms our lives. We believe that we grow as Christians through an intimate relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit and not through the imposition of guilt, laws, and regulations. We know that true freedom is only found in a relationship with God and He is the ultimate source of faith, hope and love.

### We believe...

- In the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in their original writing as fully inspired by God, and accept them as the full and final authority for faith and life.
- In one God eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- That the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
- That God created man in His image; that man sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of death, physical and spiritual, and that all human beings inherit a sinful nature which issues in actual transgression involving personal guilt.
- That the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, a substitutionary sacrifice, according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe and trust in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood.
- In the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, His ascension into heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.
- In the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- In the personality of the Holy Spirit, His regenerating work, and abiding presence in the true believer. That the Holy Spirit indwells all true believers and that He has been sent to be the Comforter and Empowerer of the Christian Church, to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the Scriptures.
- That all who repent of their sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- That all Christians are called to a life of holiness, devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and service to Him.
- In the resurrection both of the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed, and the eternal banishment from God of those who have rejected the offer of salvation.
- That the whole company of those who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour have been redeemed by Him and regenerated by the Holy Spirit and form the one true Church, and that each local church on earth should take its character from this concept. Therefore, the new birth and personal confession of faith in Christ are essentials of Church membership.

- In the priesthood of all believers in Jesus Christ.
- That the ascended Christ has given various ministries or ministers to the Church in order to bring all believers to the place of Christian maturity in the understanding of truth, and the performance and function of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11; Romans 12:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:10 ff.).
- That the healing of the sick in the name of Jesus Christ is still active in the Church (Mark 16:16-18; Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14-15).
- That God never removed the gifts of the Holy Spirit from the Church, and that the Scriptural commands to “seek earnestly the best gifts”, and to “forbid not to speak in tongues”, are still applicable today (1 Corinthians 12,13 & 14:1-39).
- That the miracles as recorded in the Bible were real miracles, and are possible in the present day (John 14:12 and 1 Corinthians 12:10).
- That all believers are called to fulfil the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).
- That Christ is the Head of His body, the Church, and that in all things He has pre-eminence.