

Why the Name Christian Israelite?

The name of our church symbolises the joining together of two Biblical concepts:

Christian

We are firstly called “Christian” because we believe the Bible to be the Word of God and given by his inspiration, and we accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God. We believe that God so loved the world that he allowed Jesus’ blood to be shed on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, that we might be redeemed and reconciled to him:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9.

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:14.

“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself.” Colossians 1:20.

Israelite

Israel was the name given to Jacob, the father of the Twelve Tribes of Israel:

“And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called anymore Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.” Genesis 35:10.

The descendants of Jacob, especially those who believe in the laws as given to the prophets in the Old Testament, and who endeavor to carry out the laws and statutes contained in the four books of Moses (Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy), are called Israelites. We believe our church is referred to in Isaiah 44:5 as the ones who will surname themselves “Israel”:

“One shall say, I am the Lord’s; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel.”

As such, because we believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son and that through him we are saved, and because we endeavor to also follow the laws of the Israelites, we are called Christian Israelites.