This is an initiative to unite the Church in South Africa and the world at large under the flag below. The six colours are that of the flag of South Africa, it has just been zooped up a little. Read more inside.



THE FLAG OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,

I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

The Seed of the Sower:

1. The top yellow band with the sun in it.

The Sun is the star at the center of the Solar System. It is a flaming ball of hot plasma with a surface temperature of 5500°C. It is practically the only source of energy for life on Earth. Its diameter is about 109 times that of Earth, and its mass is about 330,000 times that of Earth, accounting for about 99.86% of the total mass of the Solar System. Because of its large mass it sits immovable at the centre of our solar system controlling our path through space in orbit around it. The heat and light of the sun that reaches us here on earth makes life possible. Through light and heat the sun transfers its energy to us. Plants use the sun's heat and light to photosynthesize and grow. They extract minerals from the ground and carbon from the air and thereby produce food and oxygen for all other life on earth. The energy that all life live of in the form of food and oxygen, the weather that gives rain and wind as well as the electrical, mechanical and natural energy we use to travel with by vehicles or cook our food etc. all has the sun as its origin. The sun is the best symbol in the universe of God as the powerful creator of everything including all life here on earth. It is his energy, power and intellectual design that brought the universe into existence. Just like the sun controls our flight through space in a precise 365 day yearly orbit around it, God is also in absolute control of everything. Nothing happens without his knowledge or approval. He has given us freedom of choice. This influences the outcome of human events to a large extent. Just like the earth can turn its surface towards the light of the sun and also away from it, we have been given the freedom of choice whether we want to live in the light of God's truth and presence or whether we want to reject his love for us and live in darkness, ignorance of the his truth and sin. The famous apostle Paul wrote the following piece of scripture whereby he argues that creation indicates there is an invisible, powerful and eternal God.

Romans 1 ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

2. The Blue band

The blue band represents our usual blue sky here in South Africa during daylight. The blue therefore is the colour that best symbolizes light. God has revealed himself to us through his holy book the Bible. The Bible was written by ordinary people that had the Holy Spirit of God living in them. He inspired them to write God's **revelation** to us over a period of roughly a thousand years in the 66 books that makes up the Bible. It has a consistent message and theme that is written to help us relate to God. Just like light originates from the sun, God's truth revealed to us in the bible also originates from him. The blue sky is therefore symbolic of the **Holy Spirit** that has revealed Gods **truth** to us in **the Bible**. God's truth found in the Bible shows us the reality of life and helps us to make the right choices just like sunlight lights up our surroundings so that you can see what is around you and where you are going. Without the truth of God you are out of touch with reality and perceive only the natural world and are blind to his kingdom and the reality of his existence. The Spirit of God is invisible and non-material just like light, yet his presence through his truth is undeniable.

John 14 ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor

knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. **Psalm 119** ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. The Holy Spirit uses the five prophetic gifts given to the church to reveal God's truth to people. **Ephesians4** ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

3. The black eagle

The black eagle represents God that flies like an unstoppable unseen eagle overhead and sees everything and knows everything we do here on earth. The eagle is black because if you are not willing to submit to the authority of God you will be judged fairly and perfectly as a result by him. Judges dress in black because they judge perfectly, professionally and fairly. Nobody will get away with transgressing the law of God forever if you do not have an attitude of repentance towards God. Lets first look what the Bible says about God as our judge.

Genesis18 ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

Psalm75 ² "At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.

John5 ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

A perspective on the laws of God:

Luke10 ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

- **1 Corinthians 13** ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
- **1 Corinthians 6** ⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- **Galatians 5** ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- **Luke 18** ⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
- **Luke 15** ¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ' ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

The colour black therefore also represents our **Sins that we must Repent** from because it brings division between us and God. We are not acceptable to God because we are evil at heart and he is holy and lack nothing. Sinful thoughts and convictions are laid down in our minds through exposure to the other sinners around us when we are little. The five steps of repentance.

1st Acknowledge or identify your sin, that you are a sinner and not acceptable to God like that.

2nd Your guilt before God should bring shame, remorse and sorrow to your soul.

3rd Reject your sinful lifestyle.

4th Ask God to forgive you for transgressing his righteous ways in order to fulfil your sinful desires. Ask him to forgive you for your lack of love for Him and your fellow man.

5th Commit yourself to know and obey the way Jesus wants us to live in order to follow him and be happy.

4. The red band

The red band reminds you of the red <u>soil of our land</u>. Two thousand years ago God send his only Son, Jesus Christ, to come and walk the <u>earth</u> for 30 odd years as a man. He was born of a virgin, because he was conceived by the Holy Spirit in her womb. Her name was Mary.

John3 ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

2 Corinthians 5 ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that <u>in him we might</u> become the righteousness of God.

Romans3 ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be <u>received by faith</u>. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the <u>justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus</u>.

The red colour therefore represents the <u>blood</u> of **Jesus** the only begotten **Son of God who** died on the cross in order to pay the penalty for our sins and disobedience towards God's commandments. Jesus was an acceptable sacrifice before God because he was the only adult human that has never sinned. Because he died innocently his righteous life can count to our

credit and our sinful life to his detriment. It is called the substitutionary death of Christ the Messiah or saviour of the world. If you **believe** that Jesus was crucified for your sins then God can legally forgive you when you ask him. God cannot just forgive your transgressions against him because he is a just and righteous judge and someone must be penalised when a wrong is committed. Jesus innocent death allows God therefore to legally forgive you if you invite Jesus to rule your life as your Lord or King who makes the laws and pick him as your crucified Saviour. Because Jesus rose from the death we know we will also inherit eternal life with Him. He is the firstborn of the true sons and daughters of God, the children of God who are also the followers and students of Jesus. Faith in Jesus together with Repentance of sin puts life into the right perspective for the Christian and changes you into a follower Of Jesus.

5. The white horse

The colour white speaks of the fact that as a Christian your sins are legally **forgiven**, you are **morally righteous or good** in God's eyes and are also declared **just or innocent** before him. The **free running horse** represents the fact that Christians are **set free** from the **penalty of sin**. Secondly it speaks of the fact that through the power of the Holy Spirit that works in us Christians can experience freedom from **power of sin** and its hold on the life of lost and disobedient people. Jesus came to grant us freedom from the penalty of sin, the power of sin in our lives and eventually the presence of sin. The three p's of salvation. The white horse therefore represents a Christian.

6. The green grass

Plant life is the basis of all life as the whole ecosystem depends on it to create food out of sunlight, Carbon Dioxide, water and the minerals in the soil.

John3 ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Ephesians1 ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

The colour green speaks of the new life that we have through faith in Jesus Christ. This is because Jesus puts the Holy Spirit inside your soul the moment you become a Christian. To keep yourself spiritually alive you must continue in the truth you believe in through prayer, bible study, daily repentance from sin, church life and the influence of Christian friends. You must ad blue bible truth to your new founded green life in order to grow spiritually. This will water your faith to grow but if you do not continue in truth and obedience you can die spiritually just as a plant dies when it is not watered.

Mark 4 ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.

1Timothy1 ¹⁹ holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,

7. The sword and olive branch in the hands of the eagle

This speaks of Gods message in the bible that is aimed at helping us find peace and reconciliation with him. *Hebrews4* ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any

two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

8. The two swords in the yellow part of the shield

The two swords represent the two great truths that must be active in your life to be reconciled with God and be in a relationship with him, namely: **Faith** in his son Jesus Christ as your Lord and saviour and **Repentance** of your sins. When Jesus died on the cross two criminals were crucified with him. The one expressed his faith in Jesus as God and Christ or the Saviour of men. He admitted his guilt and asked Jesus to also save him from condemnation forever. He showed both real heartfelt Faith and Repentance in that brief conversation with Jesus.

Luke 23 ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the <u>Christ</u>? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "<u>Do you not fear God</u>, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ <u>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong</u>." ⁴² And he said, "<u>Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom</u>." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

9. The three flags with the yellow, blue and green striped motive.

Yellow represents the **Father**, blue the **Holy Spirit** and red **Jesus Christ** the Son of God. The three flags symbolizes that God is one but yet is three persons with three personalities through which he relates to us. That of a father, that of a friend or brother (Jesus) and that of a Helper/Companion (Holy Spirit). We come to the Father through faith and obedience in his Son Jesus with the help of our companion the Holy Spirit.

John 14 ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

10. The sheaf of wheat in the red part of the shield

Jesus the Son of God will return one day to harvest every person that has lived here on earth. We will then be judged whether we are of his wheat produced by his seed of truth the gospel message, or whether we are weeds and not useful to him in his kingdom.

Matthew 13 ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '"

Summary of colours:

The <u>YELLOW</u> colour represent **The Father** who is the head of the Trinity. The <u>BLUE</u> colour represents the **Holy Spirit** who reveals **God's Truth** to us through his Word. The colour <u>BLACK</u> represents our **Sins that we must Repent** from. 1st acknowledge or identify your sin and that you are lost. 2nd your guild before God should bring shame, remorse and sorrow to your soul. 3rd reject your sinful lifestyle. 4th ask God to forgive you for transgressing his righteous ways in order to fulfil your sinful desires. 5th commit yourself to know and obey the way Jesus wants us to live in order to follow him and be happy. The <u>RED</u> colour represents the blood of **Jesus** the only begotten **Son of God who** died on the cross in order to pay the penalty for our sins and disobedience towards God commandments. Jesus was an acceptable sacrifice before God because he was the only adult human that has never sinned. Because he died innocently his righteous life can now count to our credit and our sinful life to his detriment. It is called the substitutionary death of Christ the Messiah or saviour of the world. If you **believe** that Jesus was crucified for your sins then God can legally forgive you when you ask him. God cannot just

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If you want to be born again and become part of the family of God our Heavenly Father, just pray this simple prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe you are the morally perfect son of God.

Thank you for dying on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins.

Please forgive all my trespasses.

I commit myself to obeying your word and loving you.

Please help me to discover your will and to obey it so that I would have a good relationship with you.

Help me not to yield to temptation, but deliver me from evil desires, thoughts and actions. Jesus, help me to always remember, that you are my Saviour Hero and King. Amen.

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The chainsaw chain links represents individual churches that fly the flag or individual Christians that distribute its document. The chain represents the church as a whole that work together as one to bring God's message of salvation to its own members and the people of the South African Democracy. Contrast this

team effort with the individual

evangelist symbolised with an axe

Movements are powerful and self-propagating. Starting one takes some

Momentum force = Mass x speed

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effort though.

A demonstration of the power dynamics of a movement

one plan and goal. For Example: Facebook, Rubex Cube

made up of many small insignificant individuals (snowflakes

= individual Christians) that work together as one unit with

Influence = Number people involved x speed of spreading