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MOREOVER IT IS REQUIRED IN STEWARDS, THAT A MAN BE FOUND FAITHFUL. 1 COR 4:2



SLAM Australia

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;"

Isaiah 61:1

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SLAM POLICY



About the Ministry

SLAM is an evangelistic faith ministry branched out from the Local Church, reaching out to Australia's prisons, juvenile centres and correctional facilities with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. SLAM, as indicated by the title, utilises various sports (basketball, soccer, touch football and volleyball) as a platform to enter prisons, establish a friendly environment and preach the Word of God.

SLAM has now been operating by the Grace of God for 9 years and the Lord continues to open prison doors for us to preach His word. *“It is my strong belief that the Lord will continue to bless this ministry because we have remained faithful to the calling by which we have been called: preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with no compromise. By God’s grace we will stand firm in preaching the gospel with no compromise, honouring our King’s Name and not being ashamed, bringing glory to Him.” – C Haddad*

A typical day

A typical day in prison would be outlined as follows:

7:00am	Devotion and Prayer
8:00am	Arrive at the prison grounds
8:30am	Enter the prison, carry out appropriate security checks with officers and get ready for the game ahead
9:00am	Sport goes for approx 1 ½ hours
10:30am	Time of sharing, a message is preached and a player’s testimony is given
11:00am	The SLAM players now have a time of one-on-one fellowship with the inmates where they are challenged about what they heard from the Word of God, and where they stand. Tracks are handed out and inmates are invited to make a personal decision to pray and accept Christ as their Saviour if they so desire.
11:30am	Prepare to leave prison. Time of prayer is made to thank the Lord for the Day and to pray for those that heard the message of Salvation.

Leadership

The Lord has provided a group of young men and women who love their Lord and have a strong belief in His work through this ministry and desire to be involved in the leadership and direction of this ministry. The leadership team meets every quarter to discuss the progress of the ministry, and the members' feedback with the prison visits. The structure is as follows:

National Coordinator	Charlie Haddad	(Faith Baptist Church)
Basketball Coordinator	Charlie Haddad	(Condell Park Bible Church)
Volleyball Coordinator	Eddie Haddad	(Faith Baptist Church)
Soccer Coordinator	Daniel Habashy	(Kingsgrove Assembly)
Football Coordinator	Angelo Goussis	(Faith Baptist Church)
Ladies Volleyball Coordinator	Fran Houais	(Faith Baptist Church)

The leaders in the ministry further agreed that there is a need for strong foundational support and accountability from a body that supports and believes in the ministry. After much prayer, it was finally decided that the local Church should be the guidance, wisdom and support to the SLAM leaders; to maintain accountability, and to have it as a solid foundation for the ministry to be based on. *“This is the Lord’s ministry, and it is our desire to do the Lord’s work His way, according to His will, and for His glory.”* –
C Haddad

Procedure and Policy

All activities carried out by the players within the prison are governed and approved by the Governor of the respective prison, the activity officers and the Chaplains involved. Further, the ministry takes time in training and formalising the players with the procedures and policies approved and recommended by the Correctional Services Procedural Manual.

The spiritual foundation of the ministry is based on the beliefs outlined in the SLAM Australia statement of faith.

In due course a policy manual, brochure and newsletter will be created and circulated amongst the players, churches and prisons for review.

Prison Conduct

NOTE: Each SLAM player must abide by the following rules when visiting a prison:

- DO NOT give any of your personal details to the inmate. This includes your surname, address, phone number and work details etc...
- DO NOT PROMISE ANYTHING – We must not give the inmates anything without the approval of an officer. This includes prizes, Bibles, clothes etc...
- NINO (NOTHING IN, NOTHING OUT) – We are not couriers for the inmates.
- Section 37: Trafficking - Any person who without lawful authority who brings liquor or any drug into a correctional complex may be arrested and imprisoned for up to 6 months and/or fined \$1000.
- Section 37A: Supply of Syringes - Any person who brings a syringe into a correctional complex may be arrested and imprisoned for up to 2 years.
- Section 38: Miscellaneous Offences - Any person who enters any correctional centre, communicates or attempts to communicate with an inmate, conveys or delivers any goods into any correctional centre; money, letters, other documents, clothing or other articles without prior approval may be imprisoned for a term up to 6 months and/or \$1000.

REMEMBER: Ensure that your behaviour, language and attitudes reflect that of a Christian. It is on display for all to see and one of the ways we can shine for the Lord Jesus Christ is to live the gospel, to be a true witness with the testimony we hold.

Medical Shots

For the health and safety of all SLAM Australia members, each player is required to take all appropriate medical shots and to keep their immunisation current.

As a bare minimum, these shots include vaccination against:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B

Requirements of Members

Those who wish to participate in the SLAM ministry must be Christians who share the following common values and beliefs in DOCTRINE.

- A Born Again Christian
- 18 years of age and over
- Love the Lord and maintain a life of purity (holiness), being an example and witness.
- Committed to Spiritual Devotions & Prayer before entering the Prisons.
- Ladies should maintain a modest dress.
- A commitment made by every player to attend the dates given, unless God would change their direction in the Ministry, or a sudden emergency needs to be attended.
- All members ought to read and abide by Slam's statement of faith.
- All members ought to abide by Slam's Policy in all-areas by God's Grace

Vision and Direction

It is the vision of this ministry to continue to preach God's word faithfully in Australia's prisons and to reach increasingly more inmates with the good news of Jesus Christ. Our vision includes:

- Seeing many saved out of the bondage of sin
- Reaching more prisons in NSW
- Recruiting more players with a heart to serve God and to see souls saved.
- Establishing and maintaining a solid follow-up program to help those who accept the Lord to grow in grace. (Discipleship)

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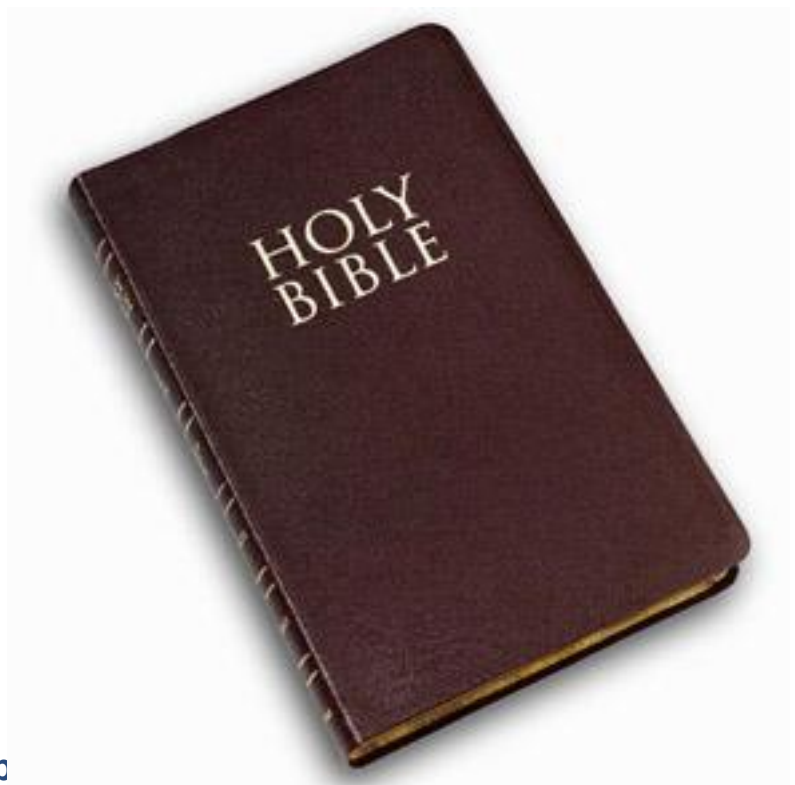
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Statement of Faith

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1. The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original manuscripts, and is the complete, final, and authoritative revelation of God's will to man, and therefore the absolute authority for Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conducts, creeds, and opinions should be tried. We believe the Scriptures should be interpreted literally (whenever possible), consistently, contextually, grammatically, culturally and historically. We hold to the authorize KJV Bible. *Psalm 119:89,160; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 1 Corinthians 2:11-14; Revelation 22:18-19.*

2. The True God

We believe that there is only one true and living God, Creator and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honour, confidence and love, and Who eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, known as the Godhead, each having the same nature and attributes, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. *Genesis 1:1; 1:26; Exodus 15:11; Psalm 111:9; Isaiah 45:5-6; Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:29-30; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14, Colossians 2:9.*

3. The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, truly God and truly Man, and that He is both the Son of God, and God the Son. We believe in His sinless life, His atonement as a substitution for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the cross, and in His bodily resurrection from the tomb and ascension into heaven. *Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:31-35; John 1:1-4; 1:14; Acts 1:9-11; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:19; I Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 2:9; 2:14-16; 4:15.*

4. The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the divine third person of the Godhead, with the Father and the Son co-equal and co-eternal, and is the source and power of all acceptable worship and service; that He was active in creation, and in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the wicked one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and is the agent in the new birth and the infallible interpreter of the Word of God, Who baptizes, indwells, seals, empowers, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps the believer, and Who is ever present to testify of Christ. *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-8; 14:16-18; 16:8-15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9; 8:14-16; Ephesians 1:13; 5:18; 1 Corinthians 2:11-14; 12:13; 2 Corinthians 3:18.*

5. Creation

We believe that the Genesis account of creation is to be literally accepted, and that creation was a direct act of God. Therefore we teach that any evolutionary hypothesis is totally inconsistent with the Scriptures. Genesis 1:1-2:25; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 11:3.

6. Satan

We believe in the existence and personality of Satan, though created holy, became the author of sin and all the powers of darkness, and is the deceiver, the prince of the power of the air, the unholy god of this world who endeavours to keep souls from coming to Christ, and that he is at enmity with God, Christ, and the church, and by Christ's death and resurrection on the cross, he is destined to judgment of eternity in the Lake of fire. Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-19; John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Hebrews 2:14; Ephesians 2:2; 6:11-12; Revelation 20:10.

7. Man

We believe that man was directly created by God in His image and after His likeness, free of sin, with a moral responsibility to his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his innocent and happy state, incurred the penalty of spiritual and physical death, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not only by nature, but also by choice, and are become inherently corrupt, and therefore under just condemnation without defence or excuse. Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7; 2:15-24; 3:1-19; Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:36; Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 1:18-32; 3:9-23; 5:12-19; 6:23.

8. Atonement

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ freely partook of our nature, yet without sin, was made a curse for the sinner, bore our sins in His own body on the cross, and by His death and shed blood made a full and substitutional atonement for our sins, and is the only means of salvation, and that no efforts or attitudes of man can add to the finished work of Christ. Isaiah 53:4-7, Romans 5:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 2:13-14; 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:24; 3:18; Revelation 1:5.

9. New Birth

We believe that in order to possess eternal life, and enter the kingdom of God, sinners must be born again, and that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus, instantaneous and not a process, in which the sinner, dead in trespasses and sins, is made alive in Christ and a partaker of the divine nature; that the new creation is brought about in a manner, not by water baptism, neither by culture, nor by character, or by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit using the Word of God to secure our voluntary obedience, and that it is evidenced by repentance, faith, and newness of life. John 1:12-13; 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 3:1-3; Titus 3:5.

10. Salvation

We believe salvation is wholly of God by grace, made free to all by the Gospel, received by repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and includes regeneration, pardon and forgiveness of sins through justification, adoption and sanctification through the Holy Spirit to ultimate glorification in the presence of God, and that the true believer is eternally secure and cannot be lost. John 1:12; 3:16; 10:27-31; Acts 4:12; 13:38-39; 16:31; Romans 5:1-9; 8:35-39; 10:9-13; Ephesians 1:3; 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 1 John 5:11-13.

11. Election

We believe in the sovereign act of God whereby He chose in Christ Jesus for salvation all those whom He foreknew, and that God's will is for all to be saved as evidenced by the Scriptural declarations that God is no respecter of persons, that God has no joy in the death of the wicked, that Christ came into the world to save the lost and that He is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, that God's saving grace is extended to all, and that the Gospel is addressed to all. Ezekiel 18:31-32; Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:16; 12:32; Acts 10:34; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Romans 2:11; 8:28-30; 10:9-13; Titus 2:11-13; 1 Peter 1:1-2; 2 Peter 2:1; 3:9; Hebrews 2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1 John 2:2.

12. The Church

We believe that the church is a local assembly of true baptized believers in Christ, associated by a covenant of faith, love, and fellowship of the Gospel, each sharing the responsibilities and privileges as found in God's Word, obeying the commandments of Christ, meeting for worship, service, the study of God's Word, and prayer; that in its complete form in addition to the saints contains Pastors (Elders, Bishops) and Deacons, who meet the qualifications and perform their duties in accordance with Scripture; that its supreme mission is to preach the Gospel, faithfully witnessing of Christ to all men, and that the local church has the absolute right to self-government, free from interference and influence of any hierarchy of individuals and organization, and that the only head is Christ, Who directs the church through the Holy Spirit.

We believe that all who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, the glorious Church in prospect and Bride of Christ, and that having become part of the family and kingdom of God are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and love with a pure heart fervently. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2:42, 6:1-5; 20:17-35; Romans 12:14-8; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Hebrews 12:23; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:15; 4:3-6; 4:12-16; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

13. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the total immersion in water of a believer in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, with the authority of the local church, to show forth in solemn and beautiful emblem our identification and faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrect a new life, and that it is a pre-requisite to membership and the privilege of a church relation to the Lord's supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and the fruit of the vine are to commemorate together the death and resurrection of Christ, and preceded always by solemn self-examination. These ordinances are non-efficacious and do not warrant merit towards our salvation. Matthew 26:26-30; 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42; 20:7; Romans 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34.

14. The Miraculous Sign Gifts

We believe the miraculous sign gifts of the early church, enumerated in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, were given temporarily in the apostolic era for the purpose of confirming the authenticity of the Word of God, as spoken by the Apostles and later recorded by divine inspiration forming the New Testament, and now as the full revelation of God is complete, are no longer in use. Mark 16:17-20; 1 Corinthians 13:8-13; 14:21-22; Hebrews 2:1-4; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

15. Separation

We believe that all true believers are called into a life of separation unto God which will result in holiness, chastity, purity, and godliness, and a life of separation from evil which will result in non participation in worldly and sinful practices, such amusements and habits as will cause others to stumble or bring reproach upon the name of Christ, and non involvement or fellowship with false teachers, false prophets, and the world ecumenical and religious system. Romans 12:1-2; 14:13-21; 1 Corinthians 5:9-11; 8:9-13; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 3:10-15; 1 John 2:15-17

16. Return of Christ

We believe in the visible, personal, bodily return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, first in the air to call His church unto Him, known as the Blessed Hope (Rapture). We believe that the church will be translated and received into the clouds by Jesus Christ before the period of Tribulation, known as Israel's seventieth week; that this translation will be followed by a time of judgment on the whole earth lasting seven years, to conclude with the visible return of Christ to the earth to put down all rebellion and establish His Millennial kingdom, after which Satan shall be cast into eternal judgment in the Lake of Fire and joined by all unbelievers judged at the Great White Throne, followed by the destruction of the heaven and earth in fervent heat and the creation of a New Heaven and New Earth where the saints shall be forever with Christ. John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:57-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 2 Peter 3:9-13; Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24-25; Revelation 20-22



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