

## Samoa



Continent: Asia Capital City: Apia  
Government: Parliamentary republic Population: 204,898  
Major People Groups: 88% Samoan; 10% Euronesian (Part-Samoan); 1% USA  
White Religion: Christian 99%, Agnostic 1% Language: Samoan, English  
GDP Per Capita: \$6,300 Literacy Rate: 99.1%

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for God's provision for the unemployed and underemployed.
- Pray for sound Biblical teaching that exposes the errors of Mormonism.
- Pray for leaders across all denominations to embrace one another in love.
- Pray these nations would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

### SUMMARY

In the traditional Samoan religion it is said the war goddess Nafanua predicted the arrival of a new religion which would replace the old, and when Christianity arrived on the islands many converted and saw this as a fulfillment of the prophesy. A group of islands in the South Pacific Ocean, Samoa has had a strong Christian heritage ever since. Although the first Europeans to arrive were Christian missionaries, Samoa passed from German control to New Zealand administration and then UN management until independence in 1962. The Samoan people comprise the second largest Polynesian group and the first Polynesian nation to reestablish independence.

The Samoan economy is dependent on developmental aid, agriculture, and fishing. Agriculture makes up 90% of exports and employs 70% of the population. Tourism, offshore banking, and light manufacturing are also expanding. Many youth emigrate to New Zealand or American Samoa looking for work. There is a close link between Samoan society and Christianity: the national motto is "Samoa is founded on God", and the constitution states the country is "based on Christian principles and Samoan customs".

While missionaries officially arrived in 1830, a number of Samoans had already become followers of Yeshua due to shipwrecked sailors. Most Samoans converted to the new religion, and Samoan missionaries played a large role in evangelizing other Pacific people groups. Today the population is 97% Christian, with 58% Protestant, 19% Catholic, and a large Mormon population. The church building is central to the Samoan village and is a center for recreation and social life. The villages also set aside time every day for prayer. Growing quickly, the Mormon Church sends and receives more missionaries to and from Samoa than any other faith. The Church in Samoa suffers from nominalism, and the various denominations are plagued by rivalry, pride, and conflict, which divide and weaken. Yet, Church attendance remains high, and the long lasting Christian tradition continues.

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## ENEMY LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? The Gospels tell us that we are called to even Love our enemies.

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

**Matthew 5:21-42**

**Matthew 5:43-48**

### Sermon Questions

**Read Matthew 5:1-12;**

- List the character traits of a blessed person?

**Read Matthew 5:13-20;**

- What are we called to be like?
- What are we supposed to teach others?

**Read Matthew 5:21-42**

- What are the other examples? List them out.
- What effect does it have on others?

**Read Matthew 5:43-48**

- What is the key to fulfilling the Commandments in the Torah?
- How should believers love more than other people?

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### Upcoming Events

#### Volunteers for Youth

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#### Shavuot Service

Thursday May 25th 7:00pm

#### Ministry Fair

June 3rd

#### Messiah Conference

July 2-8 2023

#### Adat Family Picnic TBD

#### Summer of Music

<https://adathatikvah.org/summer-of-music>

#### Muslim Evangelism

The Al-Ma'idah Initiative  
August 5th

### Our Mission

To Be and Make Disciples of Yeshua the Messiah

### Our Values

Love God  
Love People  
Pursue Excellence  
Eager to Grow

### Our Distinctions

To the Jewish people First  
And Also the Nations  
The Biblical Calendar  
The Bible as One-Story

### Torah Portion

Emor “Say”  
Lev 21:1-24:33

#### Our Readings

Lev 22:29-33  
Ezekiel 44:27-30  
Hebrews 13:7-16



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