

## Statement of Faith



- 1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).
- 2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
- 3. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), and His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
- 4. We believe in the Biblical creation account found in Genesis—that God created the heavens and earth. He is the author and sustainer of all life (Genesis 1, Genesis 2, Colossians 1:15-17).
- 5. We believe that God created man in His own image. As a result, all people are bearers of that image (Genesis1:26-28, James 3:9). However, Adam's subsequent sin resulted in a condition of spiritual death which all people since Adam have experienced, marring the beauty of God's image in them in every facet of life. (Romans 5:12-19).
- 6. We believe that salvation brought by God is complete and by His grace alone, received as a free gift of God through personal faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, as He declares believers righteous in Him (Romans 5:1, Ephesians 2:4-9, Titus 3:5-7, 1 Peter 1:18-21, Hebrews 9:12, Hebrews 10:14).
- 7. We believe that the faith that saves is expected to produce obedience and good works, which are the products of the work of the Holy Spirit dwelling in believers. (Romans 1:5, James 2:14-17, Titus 3:8) God faithfully continues to finish the work of sanctification, which He initiated in the life of each believer with the goal of Christlikeness. (Philippians 1:6, Philippians 2:12-13, Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- 8. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28-29).
- 9. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28). We believe that the One true church is the body and bride of Christ and is composed of all true believers in the present age (Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 5:25-32). The Church is organized into local bodies for worship, edification of believers, and world-wide evangelism, each local church being autonomous but working together in fellowship and work (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- 10. We believe that God created a multitude of spiritual beings called angels (Daniel 7:10, Hebrews 12:22). Righteous angels continue to serve God and work both in the heavenly sphere and on earth (Hebrews 1:14, Ephesians 1:21, Ephesians 3:10). By his disobedience, Satan, a fallen angel, became the adversary of God and God's people, carrying with him a procession of demons (1 Peter 5:8-9, Revelation 12:1-10, Ephesians 6:12). Jesus Christ has overcome Satan so that the final judgment and doom of Satan and his demons are certain (1 John 3:8, John 12:31, Romans 16:20, Revelation 2:10).
- 11. We believe the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18, 1 Corinthians 7:2-5, Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.
- 12. We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

Our statement of faith is not exhaustive of our beliefs. We believe the Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with authority regarding the proper conduct of mankind and is the unchanging foundation for all belief and behavior. Portions of this statement of faith were modeled after the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) statement of faith.