



Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (II Timothy 3:15; II 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 (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4); His Ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3-5).
5. 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 damnation (John 5:28-29).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-14; I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

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Position on Critical Issues

One of the strengths of Scottsdale Christian Academy (SCA) is its place as an interdenominational institution. The joy of sharing the person of Christ and living in unity as a body of believers is, in part, the realization that we have differences in areas nonessential to salvation and that through this recognition and acceptance we can mutually experience that which brings about patience, understanding and love among believers (Rom. 15:5). It is equally important to clearly articulate our position on certain critical issues that are foundational to the mission and values of the Academy.

Foundational

Initials The Board of SCA takes a clear position in opposition to each of the following: (1) drunkenness (Eph. 5:18); (2) abortion (Lev. 18:21); (3) premarital sex/extramarital sex (I Thes. 4:3); (4) homosexuality (Rom. 1:26, 27; Lev. 18:22); (5) pornography (Ps. 101:3a); (6) Marriage outside of one biological man and one biological woman (Gen. 2:18-25).

Qualified

Initials The Board of Scottsdale Christian Academy takes a qualified position on the following issues: (1) legal vices; (2) euthanasia; (3) divorce; (4) creation; (5) gender.

1. **Legal Vices:** There does not appear to be a clear Biblical directive regarding gambling or the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages except in the case of drunkenness. However, inasmuch as our current society has experienced serious health and personal economic problems related to addiction to these vices, we would discourage use of alcohol or tobacco or participation in gambling.
2. **Euthanasia:** There is a wide variance of definition of the term euthanasia. The definition, which the Academy would take a stand against, would be the willful act of inducing or speeding up the death process.
3. **Divorce:** God's best for His children would have a man and a woman married only to each other for a lifetime. Inasmuch as there are different interpretations of the Biblical reasons for divorce and God's view of the same, the issue would be referred back to the individual, the home, or the church for a final decision.
4. **Creation:** We teach that man was created by God and in His image (Gen. 1:27) and believe there is compelling evidence for Creation and the Flood (Gen. 6-8); all things in the universe were created and made by God in the six literal days of the creation week described in Genesis 1:1-2:3, and confirmed in Exodus 20:11. We believe that none of the Biblical account of Creation and the Flood needs compromising. What we teach in this regard is consistent with the Bible record.
5. **Gender:** We embrace the Biblical teaching regarding gender identity and believe the biological gender we are born with was God's intention (Gen. 1:27).

Neutral

Initials The Board of Scottsdale Christian Academy takes no position relative to the following issues: (1) speaking in tongues; (2) form of baptism, i.e., sprinkling or immersion; (3) election; (4) the church and politics; (5) political endorsements by the Academy; (6) healing; (7) communion. "No position" is defined as viewing an issue to be nonessential to salvation but which has much variance among Christian evangelical groups as they interpret the Scriptures. Therefore, any formal discussions would be referred back to the home and church for that individual to determine for himself. This would not prevent an individual, if asked, from giving his/her personal point of view.

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Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's sovereign plan for one's life. At Scottsdale Christian Academy, any efforts to deny one's biological sex through, for example, modes of dress, chemical intervention, or surgical procedures are impermissible.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one appropriate meaning: the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe God's design for marriage is the union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-25). Marriage between one biological man and one biological woman uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His church (Ephesians 5:21-33). 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; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Scottsdale Christian Academy as part of the Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Scottsdale Christian Academy members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Scottsdale Christian Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Scottsdale Christian Academy.

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