



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 we 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).

Position on Critical Issues

One of the strengths of Scottsdale Christian Academy (the Academy) is its place as an inter-denominational 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.

1. The Board of the Academy takes a clear position in opposition to each of the following: (1) recreational drug use, drug abuse of any kind, and drunkenness (Eph. 5:18); (2) abortion (Psalm



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- 139; 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) certain issues related to marriage, gender, and sexuality (*see Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality*).
2. 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 Biblical record.
 3. The Board of the 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 to the home and church for that individual to determine for themselves. This would not prevent an individual, if asked, from giving their own personal point of view. Please note there are other important issues not listed here that we refer to the individual, home, and church.

Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes 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 the Academy, any efforts to deny one’s biological sex through, for example, modes of dress, chemical intervention, or surgical procedures are impermissible.

We believe the term “marriage” has only one appropriate meaning: the uniting of one biological man (man) and one biological woman (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 man and one 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).



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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 the Academy.

Acknowledgement

This document contains three sections which include our *Statement of Faith*, our *Position on Critical Issues*, and *Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality*. All three are to be affirmed by all custodial parents/guardians, employees/appointees, and volunteers.

If it becomes necessary at any point for the Academy to specifically articulate its religious beliefs on any of these issues, any other issues of religious belief or doctrine, or to articulate how its religious beliefs apply in any particular situation, the Board will be the final decision-maker and arbiter of the Academy's sincerely held religious beliefs and practices.

We believe that to preserve the function and integrity of the Academy as part of the Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to members of the Academy and the community, it is imperative that all members of the Academy's community (including employees/appointees, volunteers, and parents/students) abide by these Covenantal Statements (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).

I agree that I (and my children who are students of the Academy) will live consistently with the Covenantal Statements above and will not act or advocate against them.

Signature / Date

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Printed Name

Printed Name