

# CHRISTIAN CENTRAL ACADEMY STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, in their original writings, to be the only inspired, truthful and trustworthy word of God. It is our sole authority in matters of faith and life. We affirm the following essentials of faith as our school's interpretation of biblical truth.<sup>1</sup>

#### GOD

We believe in the one true God who eternally exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.<sup>2</sup>

FATHER: He created all things from nothing by the word of his power. And he planned to save mankind by giving us his Son.<sup>3</sup> SON: We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, his virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutional and atoning death, bodily resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father. He is our advocate when we sin, and he makes continual intercession for those who believe in him. We believe in his personal and bodily return in power and glory.<sup>4</sup> HOLY SPIRIT: We believe in the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment of the evil one. He dwells in believers enabling them to live a godly life and helps them by interceding for them according to the will of God.<sup>5</sup>

#### **PEOPLE**

We believe that mankind was created in the image of God as male and female. The first man and woman (Adam and Eve) sinned, rebelled against God, and as a result, they experienced physical and spiritual death, which is separation from God. Since each human being is their descendant, we are all born with a sinful nature. Our human nature is to sin. We sin in thoughts, words, and actions. This rebellion breaks our relationship with God, which results in eternal death and separation from Him. However, while we were still sinners bound for hell, Christ sacrificially died to restore our relationship with him.<sup>6</sup> MARRIAGE: We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. We believe that God's command is that there should be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.<sup>7</sup> GENDER: We believe that God wonderfully and firmly 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.<sup>8</sup> RELATIONSHIPS: We believe that hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are unacceptable. The Lord requires that believers show kindness and love.<sup>9</sup>

## **SALVATION (REDEMPTION)**

We believe in the existence of a devil, a liar from the beginning, who is still working today to destroy the souls of all people. Jesus Christ came to save people from this eternal destruction. He died for all those the Father has given him. The death and wrath that Jesus experienced is what we rightly deserve because of our sin, but He is our substitute. God calls upon all people everywhere to repent and believe in Christ. By putting our faith in Christ alone, we will be saved from the punishment of sin that we deserve.<sup>10</sup>

### THE CHURCH

We believe in the church, the body of Christ, which is made up of all believers in Jesus Christ throughout the world. Its mission is to go into all the world and spread the Good News of Christ to every tongue, tribe and nation.<sup>11</sup>

## **LAST THINGS**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of those who believe in Jesus Christ and those who reject him. For those who belong to Jesus, they will live with God forever. For those who reject Jesus, they will be separated from God in hell forever. 12

Our Statement of Faith is not exhaustive of all of our beliefs. The Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with absolute authority regarding the proper conduct of mankind and is the unchanging foundation for all our belief and behavior. The final human authority for interpretation of this Statement of Faith is the Board of Directors of Christian Central Academy.