

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Preamble

This Statement of Faith actions what we believe as we engage in the task of Christian education. This is the faith on which our schools were founded. This is who we are. This is what we promote, practise and teach.

The Bible

The Bible is God's written infallible Word, His self-disclosure to human beings. God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavour should be judged.

The Holy Scripture is the only source of Christian faith, to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises. ¹

God

We believe that there is one true living God, the infinite Designer, Creator and Sustainer of all existence, Himself sovereign and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is holy, just, wise, loving and good. ²

The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, the unique and only Son, Creator and Sustainer of all things; that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; that He lived a sinless life, died an atoning death, rose bodily from the dead; and ascended into heaven to the right hand of God the Father, from where He will come again personally in power and glory to gather a people to Himself, to judge all people and bring in the consummation of God's Kingdom. ³

God the Holy Spirit

We believe that God the Spirit is sent to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment and lead them to repentance; that He indwells believers as the guarantee of their inheritance; that He guides and empowers them, and gifts them for ministry according to the will of God. He brings forth His fruit in the lives of believers enabling them to serve God. ⁴

God's Plan for Life

We believe that all of human life is grounded in faith commitments. It is unfolded either as service to God or of a substitute for God. Sin alienates us from God and each other.

All have sinned, have fallen short of the standards of God, and are under God's judgement. God holds each person responsible and accountable for choices made and actions pursued. Human responsibility and accountability do not limit God's sovereignty. God's sovereignty does not diminish human responsibility and accountability. Salvation from the penalty of sin can only be found through our Lord Jesus Christ, through repentance from sin and faith in His substitutionary, atoning death and resurrection. ⁵

We believe that Adam and Eve were created male and female, in God's image to reflect His glory to the rest of creation, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings subsequently are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, blinded to the glory and purpose of God by that sin, and under His wrath. ⁶

We believe that salvation from sin and access to God is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone; it is a free gift of God apart from any human goodness, works or religious ceremony. Salvation involves repentance for sin and turning to God by faith alone in the all-sufficient sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷

¹ Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21

² Genesis 1, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, Mark 12:29, John 14:8-18, Colossians 1:15-20

³ Isaiah 53, John 1:1-14, Acts 1:1-11, 1 Corinthians 15:24-28, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-4, Revelation 20:11-21:8

⁴ 2 Corinthians 3:7-18, John 14:16-18, John 15:26, 1 Corinthians 12:3, Titus 3:3-8, John 16:7-8, Galatians 5:22

⁵ Romans 1:18-20, Romans 3:22-24, Romans 6:23, Romans 12

⁶ Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:15, Genesis 3:16-20

⁷ John 14:6, Romans 6:23, Titus 3:3-8, 1 Peter 2:21, Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 16:30-31, Romans 10:9, Acts 4:12, John 3:16-18

We believe that the church, of which Jesus is the Head, is made up of all those united with Him through the Holy Spirit, given to people by God upon salvation. ⁸

We believe that God established marriage as a union for life between a man and a woman, to the exclusion of all others, for companionship and intimacy, and as the rightful place for sexual activity and procreation. As God's image-bearers, humans were created, male and female, to live in relationship with our Creator, to love, serve, worship and enjoy Him forever as they faithfully exercise dominion, under God, through stewarding, caring for and enjoying God's creation. ⁹

We believe that, in obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed. ¹⁰

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Christian School and Dubbo Christian Preschool.*

⁸ Ephesians 2:20-22, Romans 12:5, Ephesians 1:22, Colossians 1:18, 1 Peter 2:5

⁹ Matthew 19:4-6, Genesis 2:24, 1 Corinthians 7:1-40, Mark 10:6-9, Matthew 19:9

¹⁰ Matthew 28:16-20