

## **DENTON CALVARY ACADEMY**

A University-Model<sup>®</sup> School

## **Statement of Faith**

1. We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons equal in essence while unique in person - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30). God exists in an eternal relationship of perfect communication and fellowship, appropriate authority and submission, and mutual love. The Trinity provides a model for all human relationships, including marriage, family, and the local church.

2. 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 substitutionary death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His bodily resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19), and His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11. Revelation 19:11).

3. We believe in the Person of the Holy Spirit and His work of conviction, regeneration, and sanctification, who indwells every believer, equipping each one with gifts for service and witness (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:2-28).

4. We believe that God, as the Divine Creator, created the heavens, the earth, mankind, and all living things - all which exist for God's glory (Genesis 1:1, Romans 11:36, Colossians 1:16). We believe that Jesus was the instrumental agent of creation, and all things were created by, thru, and for Jesus (Colossians 1:16). We believe that God's role as Creator makes Him the sovereign authority for all things and each person.

5. We believe that God revealed Himself in multiple ways, including His written word, the Bible. We believe the sixty-six books of the Bible, as originally given by God, are the complete the Word of God, divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, entirely trustworthy, and the supreme authority in all manners of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:15, II Peter 1:21, Revelation 22:19).

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. We believe that Heaven is the abode of God and the place of eternal joy for the saved and that Hell is the place of eternal punishment of separation from God for the lost (John 5:29).

7. We believe that because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, redemption and restoration by the Holy Spirit is of absolute necessity and the only way to receive salvation, 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).

8. We believe in the Holy Spirit's present ministry by whose indwelling Christians are gifted for service and enabled to live a Godly life (Romans 8:1-4, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

9. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that the Church is the one universal body of Christ, who is the Head of the Church (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:2-28). We believe the purpose of the Church is to proclaim the excellencies of Christ in our world (I Peter 2:9) by modeling Christ-like behavior in loving other believers (John 13:34) in personal holiness; and by reconciling the world to Christ through evangelism (II Cor 5:21-22). We believe this purpose gives clear guidance for how followers of Jesus should live in this world. (John 17:15-26)

10. We believe that God gives clear guidance in the Bible that He 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 the image of God within that person.

11. We believe that God gives clear guidance in the Bible that 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 marriage between one man and one woman for life 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 (I Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5, Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity is engaged outside of marriage between a man and a woman.

12. We believe that God gives clear guidance in the Bible that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, cohabitation, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20, I Corinthians 6:9-10).

13. We believe that God gives clear guidance in the Bible that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including preborn babies, the aged, the physically and mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception to natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).