SUMUS LIBERTA,

Libertas Christian School

Statement of Faith and Authority

- A. The whole Bible was written by holy men of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the very words of Scripture. It is without error in the original manuscripts and is the final authority and sufficient for all faith of life. (II Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:89)
- B. There is one God, personal, infinite, perfect, and eternally existing as three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each having the same nature, attributes and perfections, and worthy of the same honor and worship. He is forever sovereign and owner, sustainer, and master of the universe. (I Corinthians 8:6; Matthew 28:19; I Peter 1:2)
- C. Jesus Christ was born of the virgin Mary, was 100% God and 100% Man while on earth, lived a perfect and sinless life and satisfied the penalty for all sins by his death on the cross providing a way for man to be reconciled to God. He physically rose from the grave, was seen by many and eternally sits at the right hand of God. (Matthew 1:18-25; I John 5:20; I Corinthians 15:3-4)
- D. The Holy Spirit is the person of the Godhead who, in this present age, convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; who regenerates and baptizes into the Body of Christ those who believe; and who indwells and seals them unto the day of redemption. (John 14:16-17; John 16:8 11; Romans 8:8; Ephesians 1:13-14). The Holy Spirit is the Divine teacher who guides Believers into all truth. The Holy Spirit imparts to Believers spiritual gifts for the purpose of maturing Believers, ministry and building up the Church.
- E. We believe that God created the universe from nothing in a literal time period of six twenty-four hour days resting on the seventh. We reject both naturalistic and theistic evolutionary theories. (Genesis 1:1, Exodus 20:11, Hebrew 11:3, II Peter 3:5)
- F. Satan is a being created by God, fallen and opposed to all that is holy and is ultimately destined for eternal separation from God and punishment. (Isaiah 14:12-15, Revelation 12:10, 19:20, Ezekiel 28)
- G. Man was created in God's image and to live in fellowship with God. When Adam sinned, all mankind and all of God's creation entered into a fallen state, separated from God and enslaved to sin. Man's relationship with God can only be restored by Grace, through Faith in the provision God provided through Christ's death and resurrection. (Genesis 1:27, 2:7, 3:1-6; Romans 3:10-19)
- H. We believe that Christ's death on the cross and resurrection from the dead is the only provision provided by God for Man to be pardoned from the penalty of Sin. (John 3:16, Romans 6:23, I Peter 3:18)
- I. We believe that Salvation is by Faith Alone, through Grace Alone in Christ Alone. (Romans 3:24, 9:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, II Timothy 1:1)

- J. Every person who has placed their faith in Christ is eternally secure, being "kept by the power of God". (John 10:28-30, I Peter 1:5, Ephesians 1:13, Philippians 1:6)
- K. Every person who has experienced a physical death will experience a resurrection from the dead. Those who have placed their trust in Christ will enter into eternal fellowship and joy in the presence of God while those who have rejected God's provision (Jesus Christ) will enter into eternal punishment and separation from God. (Luke 16:25, Matthew 7:13-14, Revelation 20:15)
- L. Jesus Christ will return to earth in a visible, personal and glorious manner for his Church, Old Testament Saints and all who profess Him as savior and Lord. (I Thessalonians 4:13-17, I Corinthians 15:12-25, Revelation 3:10, 20:6, 22:20)
- M. We believe civil government is by divine appointment and shall be honored wherein it does not call for violation of Scripture. Additionally, we believe that civil government is appointed by God specifically to punish the evildoers and reward the good and when it acts contrary to this divine appointment, it is in violation of God's will. (Acts 5:29, Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-14)
- N. We believe marriage emanates from the nature of the Triune God and has been revealed to us in the person, work, and teaching of Jesus Christ our Lord as revealed in the Christian Scriptures (Genesis 1:27-28; Ephesians 5:21-33). God has decreed and defined marriage to be the intimate and eternal covenant union between Christ and His bride, the church (II Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:6-9; 21:1-9; 22:14-17). Therefore, according to the Christian Scriptures, human marriage is also a divine decree in the pattern of Christ and is defined solely as the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant fidelity for a lifetime (Genesis 2:21-25; Psalm 45; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 7:2; I Corinthians 7:39; I Timothy 3:2, 12; 5:9; Titus 1:6). Additionally, we believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, cohabitation, homosexual behavior, rejection of one's biological sex or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10).
- O. We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably 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 (Genesis 1:26–27). We believe any form of sexual immorality or any attempt to change one's gender in disagreement with one's genetically defined gender, is sinful and offensive to God (Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25; Leviticus 18:22-23; Job 31:1; Matthew 5:27–28; Romans 1:24-28; I Corinthians 5:1-2; 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19–21; Ephesians 5:3-7; Colossians 3:5-7; I Timothy 1:5-11; Hebrews 13:4; Jude 7; Revelation 21:8; 22:14-15).
- P. We believe 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 school.

- Q. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image, male and female. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).
- R. Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct This Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Libertas Christian School's faith, doctrine, practice, policy and disciple, our Board and Administration is Libertas Christian School's final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.