



## CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STATEMENT OF FAITH

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

**We believe...**that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all and governs all.

**We believe...**that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully Inspired without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.

**We believe...**in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that he hears and answers prayer; and that he saves from sin and death all who come to him through Jesus Christ.

**We believe...**in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in his virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teaching, his substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for his people, and personal, visible return to earth.

**We believe...**in the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that he is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all the Biblical gifts of the Spirit.

**We believe...**that all MEN are sinners by nature and choice and, therefore, under condemnation, that God regenerates by the Holy Spirit, those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord; that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit and power for service, often subsequent to regeneration.

**We believe...**in the universal CHURCH, the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members.

**We believe...**that the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ORDINANCES to the church; 1) baptism, and 2) the Lord's supper. We believe in baptism by immersion and communion, open to all believers.

**We believe...**also in the laying on of hands for baptism of the Holy Spirit, for ordination of pastors, elders and deacons, and for receiving gifts of the Spirit or healing.

**We believe...**in the personal, visible Return of Christ to earth and the establishment of his Kingdom; in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless suffering of the wicked.

### WHAT WE DON'T BELIEVE

We reject... extreme theological positions of both Calvinism and Arminianism.

We reject... any teaching that Christians can be possessed by Satan or his demons.

We reject... any "positive confession" teaching whereby God is required to heal or work miracles.

We reject... the idea that Christian maturity is determined by the evidence of a spiritual gift.

We reject... the overemphasis of signs and wonders to the exclusion of sound Bible teaching.

We reject... human prophecy which supersedes or bypasses scripture.

Our supreme desire is to know Jesus and to be conformed to His image by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not a denominational church, nor are we opposed to denominations as such, only their over-emphasis of the doctrinal differences that have led to the division of the body of Christ.

We believe that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is His (Agape) love, which is greater than any differences we possess and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.

Our vision is to know God and to make His love known!

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Please sign and date to indicate that you have read the Calvary Christian Academy Statement of Faith.

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Signature

Date

The Calvary Christian Academy policy states that at least one parent must be a professing Christian. Please sign the following acknowledgement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a Christian.