

## **Calvary Christian Academy**

#### Statement of Faith

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—and 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 PEOPLE 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 for all believers.

We believe...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, the eternal blessing of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the unrepentant.

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 to 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.



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### Statement on Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality

We believe...that God wonderfully and immutably created each person as distinctly male or female (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-25; 5:1, 2). These two distinct genders together reflect the image and nature of God.

We believe...that marriage was created and sanctioned by God in which God joins one man and one woman in a single and exclusive union (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6).

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. Any other form of sexual intimacy is immoral and a sin (1 Corinthians 6:15-7:6; Ephesians 5:3-7).

#### Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life

We believe...that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born children, the elderly, those physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We therefore defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).

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