



## Statement of Foundational Doctrines

The basis of Trinity Christian Academy is the infallible Word of God, written, known as the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments and as they are interpreted in the historic, evangelical confessions of Christian faith. In accordance with these confessions, we hold unreservedly to the sovereignty of God as taught in Scripture and as specifically revealed in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, over the world and thus over every department of human activity, thereby recognizing these Scriptures as the supreme and final standard for life. Trinity Christian Academy is not a church nor is it subject to any ecclesiastical organization but works with and through such bodies to aid and benefit both this school and such church bodies it may be associated with. Therefore, the school is committed to and subscribed to the following articles of belief:

**THE BIBLE** - We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings, and accurately maintained over the ages by God's Spirit, and that they are the only supreme and final authority for the rule of faith and life for all men.

**GOD** - We believe in only one living and true God, who externally exists in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, having one substance, power and eternity, perfectly sovereign, holy and unchangeable and infinite in being.

**MAN** - We believe that man and the universe were created by an immediate and direct act of God. Also, that man was created in the image of God, but he chose to sin and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is eternal separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and become sinners in thought, word and deed. All human beings stand accountable before and to God for their sins.

**JESUS CHRIST** - We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born to the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man. Also, that He was crucified on a cross, died and was buried and resurrected by God. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest, King and Savior of His Church.

**SALVATION** - We believe that the Lord Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice and that all who believe in and trust in Him alone are justified on the grounds of His shed blood and perfect, righteous life. We further believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith, are born again by the Holy Spirit, and thereby, become children of God and are being sanctified by God.

**SECOND COMING** - We believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will personally return and set up His Kingdom wherein He will rule and reign in righteousness.

**FINAL RESURRECTION** - We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just to eternal blessedness according to the pattern of Christ's own glorious body, and the bodily resurrection of the unjust to eternal punishment.

## **Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality**

Consistent with the Bible and Trinity Christian Academy's Foundational Doctrines, we believe the following:

- *God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen. 1:26-27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.*
- *The term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen. 2:18-25) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor. 6:18;7:25; Hebrews 13:4) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.*
- *Any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)*
- *In order to preserve the function and integrity of Trinity Christian Academy as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a Biblical role model to the students and other members of the Trinity Christian Academy community as well as the community at large, it is imperative that all persons employed by Trinity Christian Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22)*
- *God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)*

- *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 Trinity Christian Academy.*
- *The Christian family was the first institution ordained by God through which future generations are raised to live Godly lives and glorify God, living lifestyles in keeping with scripture. We define God's design for the family, ideally, as a husband and wife joined together in holy marriage, partaking in God's command for procreation and having children whom they instruct in Biblical principle, participate with them in a local church and seek to model their faith in their daily lives. In today's culture, God's ideal does not change, but we recognize that there are single parents and blended families (a parent remarries someone of the opposite sex). Regardless of the reasons for current circumstances, we value the commitment to God's standard for marriage and family through our admission process, instruction on the family, and ministries of the school. We consider homosexual relationships and cohabitation to be sin and in rebellion to God's standard for the family. (Gen.2:23-24 and Deut.4-9)*

### **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 preborn 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**)

### **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

*The Foundational Statements (Article 3) do 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 Trinity Christian Academy's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board of trustees is Trinity Christian Academy's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.*