



Christian Heritage Schools Association, Inc.

Devoted to "Educating for Eternity!"

Member of Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and Association of Christian Schools International

Christian Heritage School Statement of Faith

Article 3, CHS Corporate Bylaws

- I. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, and only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. The Bible is the complete Word of God. All that is needed by people to know God, receive salvation and live godly lives is contained in the inerrant Word of the Bible. It is the ultimate authority and guide for truth and conduct. No error was contained in any part of the original manuscripts. God has preserved His Word down through time from corruption or destruction. Modern translations are trustworthy insofar as they are faithful to critical textual scholarship of the existing ancient manuscripts. Human wisdom, goals, and theory must be judged by the veracity of Scripture. (*Ps. 12:6-7; Matt. 5:18; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21; Rev. 22:18-19*)

- II. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God the Father is eternal spirit; God the Son took upon himself a human body and voluntarily limited the manifestation of His divine attributes and glory for a time; and God the Holy Spirit is fully and equally God. All are of one divine essence, while at the same time carry out their responsibilities as three distinct persons. God has always existed and has not nor will He in the future progress in development, knowledge, or holiness. He cannot improve upon His eternally perfect nature. (*Gen. 1:1; Matt 28:19; John 1:1-3; John 4:24; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4; Heb. 1:8*)

- III. We believe in the deity of Christ; His virgin birth; His sinless life; His miracles; His vicarious and atoning death; His resurrection; His ascension to the right of the Father; and His personal return in power and glory. Jesus Christ is and always existed as eternal God, co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. (*Matt. 1:23; Mark 16:19; John 2:11; John 10:33; John 11:25; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 4:15*)

- IV. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature. We believe that people are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace through faith alone are we saved. People can do nothing to save themselves and do nothing to earn God's favor. Salvation from one's sins must be accomplished through a personal faith in the work of Jesus Christ upon the cross. Even the ability to repent of one's sins and turn to God in faith is a gift of God, effected by the work of the Holy Spirit. (*John 3:16-19; John 5:24; Acts 11:18; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 5:8-9; Eph. 2:8-10*)

- V. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. There will be no "second chance" for salvation once physical death has taken place. Hell is a literal and eternal place for all unregenerate people, Satan and fallen angels. (*Luke 16:23; John 5:28-29; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Heb. 9:26-28; 2 Pet. 2:4; Rev.20:10*)
- VI. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. This unity is expressed through the adherence and submission of all Christians to the Word of God as the ultimate source of truth and proper behavior. Christian love should never compromise, violate or ignore the commands and truths of Scripture. We are to speak the truth always, within the parameters of Christian brotherly love. (*Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 4:2-6; Eph. 4:15*)
- VII. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. The mature believer will: be led by the Spirit (directed in areas not specifically spelled out in Scripture); manifest the fruit of the Spirit; understand and be able to use the Word of God; and develop spiritual insight and discernment. (*Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:13-14; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Eph. 4:30; Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 1:9-12*)