

Fort Worth Christian School

Statement of Faith

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FWC's Christian message is at the heart of all we do, in life, deed, word and expression. We are motivated in all facets by our faith in Jesus Christ, attempting to serve as a reflection of God's unconditional love for all people. We seek to honor the Lord in all we do by operating FWC in a manner consistent with Biblical principles. **Fort Worth Christian School (FWC) stands firmly and with confidence upon the truth claims and moral foundations of Christianity, as expressed in the Bible as understood by the historical Christian church.**

1. We believe there is one God who exists eternally in a loving tri-unity of persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.¹
2. We believe God the Father is a transcendent yet personal being who created all things seen and unseen. We believe God rules over both heaven and earth and displays His holy character through acts of power, wisdom, and steadfast love that affect our everyday lives. We believe God proves His affections for all humanity through daily mercies and answers to prayer even in the midst of suffering. We believe God showed the full extent of His love to us through the sending of Himself as Jesus to save all who believe.²
3. We believe God the Son became flesh in the person of Jesus. We affirm Jesus of Nazareth's full divinity, his full humanity, his virgin birth, his sinless life, his miraculous power, his fulfillment of Messianic prophecy, and his self-sacrificial death. We believe the death of Jesus Christ was an act of atonement for humanity's sin. We believe Jesus also offers humanity victory over the grave through His resurrection from death. We believe Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven and he still serves humanity at the right hand of the Father interceding for those who believe.
4. We believe God the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and Son to equip and serve humanity as Helper and Comforter. We believe the Holy Spirit offers daily guidance, revelation of truth, and conviction of sin. We affirm that Christ-followers experience an indwelling of the Spirit's presence at the moment of salvation which equips them to pursue godly lives.³
5. We believe the Bible is the authoritative and unfailing word of God. We believe all of the Biblical text was inspired by the Holy Spirit and - through the Spirit's continued assistance - is meant to guide Christian beliefs, values, and practices. We believe no one has the authority to add or subtract from the word of God.⁴
6. We believe all human beings are created in the image of God with divine dignity and moral responsibility. We believe that, because of our sin, we have been separated from God and we are in need of salvation. We believe that repentance from our sins and the acceptance of God the Son's self-sacrificial death offers us a new life. By accepting God's invitation to enter into a covenant relationship with Jesus, pledging our allegiance to Him, and obeying His commands,

¹ Genesis 1:1-3; Isaiah 44:6-8; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 12:29; John 1:1-4; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 13:14

² Genesis 1; 21:33; Isaiah 40:28; Exodus 33:14; John 4:24; Revelation 4:8; Romans 11:33-34; Jeremiah 32:17; Ephesians 1:19-20; 3:9; Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 5:8; 2 Samuel 24:14; 1 John 5:14-15

³ John 3:5-8; 14:16-17; 16:13-14; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:30-32; 5:18

⁴ Deuteronomy 4:2; Psalm 19:7-9; Proverbs 30:5, 6; 1 Corinthians 2:13; Galatians 1:8-9; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Revelation 22:18-19

Christians are adopted into the family of God and indwelled by the Holy Spirit to live holy lives that reflect the life of Christ.⁵

7. We believe that all humanity will experience a resurrection from death upon Jesus' return to earth. We believe those who have accepted salvation through Jesus Christ will be invited into the presence of God eternally. We believe those who have rejected God's grace in Christ will experience separation from God eternally.⁶
8. We believe all Christ-followers on earth have spiritual unity with one another through their adoption into the family of God which is His Church. We believe the Church is Christ's "body" on earth which He leads as the "head" through the guidance of scripture and the Spirit. Because Jesus Christ is not divided, so too His body should not be divided by human traditions or allegiances. We believe Christians are called by God to gather regularly to worship in an assembly of believers and to be active participants in their local congregations. We believe active participation in the Church offers encouragement to individuals and allows individuals to use their gifts to bless the collective family of God.⁷
9. We believe Christians have been called to pursue holy lives and are empowered by the Spirit to battle against all of our sinful desires and behaviors. We believe this pursuit of holiness does not earn salvation for Christ-followers. The atonement of our sin has always been a gracious gift from God through the work of Christ. We believe the pursuit of righteous living is a natural and immediate response to the "Good News" of God's grace.⁸

⁵ Isaiah 59:2; John 3:5-8, 16; 5:24; 14:6; Acts 2:21, 37-39; Romans 3:10-11, 23; 6:3-4, 23; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 1:6-7; 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:23

⁶ Luke 16:19-26; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15

⁷ Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:24-27; 20:7; Romans 15:5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 11:23-26; 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:3-6, 11-16; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

⁸ Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 2:4-10; 4:1; 5:1-20; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 3:11

Fort Worth Christian Statement of Beliefs

At FWC, we strive to imitate Jesus Christ, the incarnate “Word,” who bore the image and nature of God perfectly and has shown us how to live holy lives. We believe all matters of faith and conduct must be evaluated on the basis of the Bible, the Word of God, which is our inspired guide. In pursuit of this holy living, we commit ourselves to the following Christian convictions:

1. **We believe God created and creates humanity in His image** with divine dignity and moral responsibility. Humans are called to reflect God’s glorious nature in our capacities for stewardship, creativity, and loving kindness. Therefore, all humans must be treated with the utmost respect as image-bearers of God.⁹
2. **We believe God created and creates humans as male and female**, biologically different but spiritually equal in dignity and responsibility. We believe these two genders are gifts within God’s ideal for humanity, and that each of the two genders are equal in their participation in the gospel of God. In Christ, we are neither male nor female.¹⁰
3. **We believe God created and creates all ethnicities as equal inheritors of His grace in Christ.** God shows no favoritism towards any one ethnicity or nationality and neither should His followers. Though racial identity may be a blessing in the life of some faithful Christians, we affirm that a Christ-follower’s ethnicity has no bearing on or application in their participation in the gospel of God. We also acknowledge that God calls His people to seek justice for oppressed peoples and vulnerable minority populations throughout the Old and New Testaments. Therefore, all ethnicities and nationalities deserve equal respect and must never be mocked, disparaged, or demonized.¹¹
4. **We believe all human life is a miraculous gift of God.** We believe this gift begins at conception and must be prized throughout each human lifetime until our final breath. Therefore, all humans - especially the most vulnerable - must be defended and supported as socially valuable and eternally significant no matter their age, health, mental capacity, social class, or family situation.¹²
5. **We believe human beings are primarily spiritual beings** whose true value and identity come from their Creator and His affections. While modern secular culture may wish to define individuals by their sexual attractions and attractiveness, we believe no person should be so reduced. Our divine dignity as embodied souls and image-bearers means that human sexuality should have no impact on our treatment of each other. Therefore, all forms of sexual objectification and harassment must be harshly condemned.¹³

⁹ Genesis 1:26-31; Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:26; Micah 6:8; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Peter 2:17

¹⁰ Genesis 2:18-23, 5:2; Mark 10:6; 1 Corinthians 11:12, 19; Galatians 3:26-29

¹¹ Exodus 22:21; Deuteronomy 27:19; 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 82:3; Isaiah 1:17, 42:1-7; Jeremiah 22:3, John 12:34; Acts 17:24-31; Romans 3:9-26, 10:11-13, 12:3; Galatians 3:26-29; Colossians 3:25; 1 John 2:11, 3:15-16

¹² Genesis 2:7; Psalm 22:9, 127:3-4, 139:13-16; Job 31:15; Isaiah 10:1-4; Jeremiah 1:5, 22:3; Acts 17:25; Colossians 1:16; James 1:27

¹³ Matthew 5:27-28; 1 Corinthians 6:13-18; Ephesians 2:10, 5:3-4; Philippians 1:9-11, 3:5-11, 20; Colossians 3:1-5, 1 Timothy 5:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

6. **We believe all human bodies are created to be “temples of God”** and should be treated as sacred, gifted vessels for our spiritual selves. For this reason, we believe all people must treat their body properly through healthy diets and routines. No human body should be enslaved by addictive substances or punished by abuse.
7. **We believe marriage is a union sanctioned by God** which joins one man and one woman into a lifelong monogamous Covenant Marriage. This sacred union requires consistent love and spousal respect on behalf of both husband and wife. It also mandates sexual fidelity and self-sacrificial grace. We believe marriage is a gift incorporated into God’s ideal for humanity though we acknowledge that singleness is also a gift many Christ-followers have been given as well. Therefore, all forms of sexual intimacy must only be practiced within the safeguards of a Covenant Marriage.
8. **We believe God has made humans to delight in purity and truth.** As ambassadors of God’s virtue, Christ-followers have been called to display honesty, and goodness in all of their conversations and actions. Therefore, all forms of dishonesty and profanity must be removed from our speech, and all forms of impurity removed from our actions¹⁴
9. **We believe God has called His followers to display mercy and grace** within all of their relationships. This spirit of generosity is motivated by Jesus’ self-sacrificial love displayed most fully in his crucifixion. By rejecting secular prejudices and judgmentalism, Christ-followers can display a unique loving kindness towards all peoples including those with whom they disagree. Therefore, we must strive to display sincere kindness and respect within all of our relationships, conversations, and debates.¹⁵

Our Statement of Faith and Statement of Beliefs are not exhaustive and the Fort Worth Christian Board of Trust holds final interpretive authority on biblical meaning and application.

¹⁴ Exodus 20:7, 16; Proverbs 6:16-19, 12:22; Zechariah 8:16; Matthew 12:36-37; Luke 6:45, 8:17; John 8:32; Ephesians 4:15, 25, 29, 5:4; Colossians 3:9-10; James 1:26, 3:9-12

¹⁵ Proverbs 15:1, 4, 16:24, 18:4; Jeremiah 9:24; Matthew 5:7, 40-43; Luke 6:35; John 1:14; Luke 6:31; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Galatians 6:9-10; Ephesians 4:15, 32; 1 John 3:18, 4:16-21