

# Valor Statement of Beliefs

**Preamble:** It is our desire that the students of Valor Christian become strong in spirit and in character, grow and mature in their knowledge of Christ, and live out their faith in their academic, personal and professional lives in ways that honor and please God. (Col 1:10) Therefore, the following foundational beliefs are set forth as the basic, guiding Biblical principles of the school:

**God:** We believe that there is one true God. He is the Creator (Gen 1:1). He is Sovereign (Ps. 135:6, Dan. 4:34-35). He is the Lord who sustains, rules, and by grace, redeems (Ps. 54:4, Ps. 103:19, Ps. 34:22). We believe in the Trinity and that God eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19, Luke 3:22). We believe that God is loving, holy and just. He is immutable, (Heb. 6:18), omnipotent (Rev. 19:6), and He is passionate about His relationship with people. (Ex. 34:14).

**Jesus Christ:** We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. "He became flesh" (John 1:14), being conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:31, 35), and born of a virgin (Matt. 1:23). He lived a life on earth holy and perfect, without sin (1 Pet. 2:22). He died a sacrificial death on a cross for our sins (2 Cor. 5:21). On the third day, by the power of God, He rose from the dead (Luke 24:39, 1 Cor. 6:14). He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God (Acts 2:33) where forever He lives to intercede for His people (Heb. 7:25).

**Holy Spirit:** We believe the Holy Spirit is active in regeneration, convicting us of sin and drawing us to the Savior (John 14, 15, 16). He continues the work of spiritual growth begun at the time of salvation. The Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of those who are saved (Rom. 8:15), and produces in us the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23), and bestows gifts for ministry (1 Cor. 12:4-11).

**Bible:** We believe the Bible is the Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice. The Bible is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:15-17) and as such, the Bible shall be instructional and provide guidance in all matters of the organization.

**Salvation:** We believe that salvation is by God's grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:8) and no other way. We believe that all who respond to the gospel in faith will be saved. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6).

**Prayer:** We believe that prayer is an intimate (Matt. 6:6) and essential part of a person's growing and maturing relationship with Christ. (James 5:16b).

**Servant Leaders:** We believe that as followers of Jesus Christ we are called to serve God through serving others. We believe that whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, (Matt. 20:26) and that we should model our lives after the life of Christ, in that the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve (Matt. 20:28).

**Heaven:** We believe that God will judge the living and the dead. We believe that heaven is the everlasting reward and the eternal home of all believers. We believe that every person who hears the gospel has a choice to accept Christ and spend eternity with Him in heaven, or to reject Him and spend eternity apart from Him (hell). Therefore, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58).