

Valley Heights Christian Academy's Statement of Faith

You might ask why we include a statement of faith in our handbook. Our academy is a ministry of the Calvary Baptist Church of Norwich. We do not apologize for the Word of God. This statement of faith clearly states the church's theological stance: the stance of the academy is one and the same. We will emphasize the truths shared and championed by orthodox believers through the ages. Students will be taught Bible in light of this statement of faith. In areas where believers disagree, we will also respect divergent viewpoints. However, the student will be responsible to know that which is taught in class and reflect that knowledge on tests and quizzes. We welcome children from families of all denominations or without any denominational affiliation, provided the parents understand that their children will be taught daily in light of this statement of faith. No student will be forced to adopt our statement of faith as theirs: only God's Spirit can teach and reveal spiritual truth thru His Word. These are the premises upon which we teach.

The Statement of Faith

1. "We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word and revelation of God and therefore our only authority in faith and practice." II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21.
2. "We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he is the very God by whom and for whom all things are created." John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:3.
3. "We believe in His Virgin Birth, that He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and is therefore God manifested in the flesh." Matthew 1:23; John 1:14.
4. "We believe in salvation by divine sacrifice, that the Son of God gave "His life a ransom for many" and bore our sins in His own body on the tree." I Peter 2:24.
5. "We believe in His physical resurrection from the dead and His bodily presence at the right hand of God as our High Priest and Advocate. " Acts 1:3; I John 2:1.
6. "We believe in the universality and heinousness of sin and in salvation by grace. 'Not of works, lest any mean should boast'; that sonship with God is only attained by regeneration through the Holy Spirit and personal faith in Jesus Christ." Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5.
7. "We believe in the personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit, who came down upon earth on the day of Pentecost to dwell within believers and to the Administrator in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; who is also here to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment." John 14:16-17; John 16:8.
8. "We believe in the great commission which our Lord has given to His church to evangelize the world, and that this evangelization is the great mission of the Church." Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8.
9. "We believe in the Resurrection, Personal, Visible, Pre-tribulation, Pre-Millennial return of Christ, and related events;
 - a. We believe in His bodily resurrection. Matthew 28:6-7; Luke 24:39; John 20:27; I Corinthians 15:4; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:2-4.
 - b. His Bodily Ascension. Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Rev. 3:21; Hebrews 12:2.
 - c. His High Priesthood. Hebrews 8:6; I Timothy 2:5; I John 2:1; Hebrews 2:7; Hebrews 5:5-

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- a. His Second Coming. John 14:3; Acts 1:11; James 5:8; Hebrews 9:28; I Thessalonians 4:16.
 - b. The Resurrection of the Righteous Dead. I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:42-44 & 15:22.
 - c. The change of the living in Christ. I Corinthians 15:51-53; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Philippians 3:20-21.
 - d. The Judgment Seat of Christ. II Corinthians 5:10; I Corinthians 3:11-15.
 - e. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7-9.
 - f. The Throne of David on Earth. Luke 1:32; Isaiah 9:6-7; Acts 2:29-30.
 - g. The Millennial Reign of Christ. I Corinthians 15:25; Isaiah 32:1; Isaiah 11:4-5; Psalms 72:8; Revelations 20:14; Revelations 20:6.
 - h. "We believe in a Heaven of eternal bliss for the righteous, and the conscious and Eternal Punishment of the wicked. Matthew 25: 34-46; Romans 6:23; Psalms 1.
 - i. "We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show forth in a solemn and beautiful demonstration of our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, portraying our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a prerequisite to church membership. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He returns, and should be preceded always by solemn self-examination. Acts 8:36-39; John 3:23; Romans 6:3-5; Matthew 3:16; Colossians 2:12; I Corinthians 11:23-28.
 - j. "We believe that the local church has the absolute right of self-government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; that the One and only Superintendent in Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is Scriptural for true Churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and the furtherance of the Gospel; that the local church is the sole judge of the measure and method of its cooperation, on all matters of membership, of policy, of discipline, or benevolence. The will of the local church is final. Acts 2:41-42; I Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:11; Acts 20:17-28; I Timothy 3:15; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23-24; Acts 15:13-18.