

# SCS Statement of Faith

Summit Christian School is focused on biblically-based education. Our Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs but is intended to express key elements of those beliefs. The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind. It is the sole and final source of all that we believe. To that end, the following Statement of Faith articulates foundational elements of our Christian faith that will be reflected in all aspects of school instruction and function:

## The Bible

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God in the original manuscripts. Since we believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, the Bible is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises (*2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21*).

## God

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three coequal persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (*Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30*).

## Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of Christ (*John 10:33*); His virgin birth (*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35*); His sinless life (*Hebrews 4:15, 7:26*); His miracles (*John 2:11*); His substitutionary and atoning death (*1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9*); His resurrection (*John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4*); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (*Mark 16:19; Ephesians 1:20*); and His personal return in power and glory to judge all mankind and to receive believers to eternal life (*Matthew 24:30-31; Acts 1:11; John 5:26-29; Revelation 19:11-13*). We believe that salvation comes by faith in Christ alone (*Acts 4:12*).

## Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with God the Father and God the Son; that He was active in the creation, participated in the inspiration of the Scriptures, and is presently engaged in convicting the world of sin, judgment and righteousness; and that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel and indwells Christians to enable them to live godly lives (*Genesis 1:1-2; Luke 3:22, Romans 8:13-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18*).

## Creation

We believe in the Genesis account of creation (*Genesis 1:1-25; Genesis 2:1-14*); that man was created in God's own image and after His own likeness, and not by evolution (*Genesis 1:26-28*);

*Genesis 2:18-24*); and that man was created in innocence but voluntarily sinned (*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*). As a consequence, all men are now sinners and are inclined to evil (*Romans 3:10-26*).

## **Human Condition**

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because all men have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and that men are justified on the single ground of personal faith in Jesus Christ based on His all-sufficient sacrificial death for our sins. It is only by God's grace through faith alone that we are saved (*John 3:16-19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5*).

## **Life after Death**

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of life in heaven, and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation in hell (*John 5:28-29; I Corinthians 3:11-15; Revelation 20:11-15*).

## **The Unity of Believers**

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (*Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28*).

## **Sanctity of 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 pre-born 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 (*Genesis 1:26-27; Psalms 139:13-16*).

## **Gender, Human Sexuality, and Marriage**

We believe that God has uniquely and immutably created us male and female (*Genesis 1:26-27*). We believe these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God and that rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We affirm that God's plan and benevolent intentions for human sexuality are found exclusively within the context of marriage between one man and one woman and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that context. We affirm the goodness of sexuality in the context of marriage, the importance of purity, fidelity, and the sacredness of marriage (*Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:4-5; Mark 10:6-9*).