

# DP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### **The Scriptures**

We believe the Bible, composed of the Old and the New Testaments, is the Word of God, a divine, supernatural revelation. We believe in the complete, verbal inspiration of the original writings of the Scriptures, and that as thus given, they were wholly without error of any kind. We believe the Scripture is sufficient source of growth for the Christian (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

### **The Godhead**

We believe in one Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (1 Pet. 1:2; Matt. 28:19). We believe that they are co-equal in power and glory, identical in their essential nature, attributes, and perfection, and that they are co-eternal (Gen. 1:2; John 17:5). In His essential nature, God is spirit as opposed to material (John 4:24); as to His essential attribute, God is absolutely Holy, embracing the sum of all moral perfection (1 Pet. 1:16); as to His essential character, God is love (1 John 4:16; John 3:16).

### **The Nature, Person, and Work of Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ, “being the eternal Son of God, became man,” (Heb. 2:16; John 1:14; Luke 1:35), born of a virgin (Mt. 1:18-25) and that He “continues to be the God-Man in two distinct natures, and one person, FOREVER” (John 1:14; Rom. 9: 5; Col. 2:9; Heb. 13: 8). We believe that He died upon the cross a vicarious, substitutionary death, thereby making atonement for the sins of the world (John 1:2). We believe that He is the ONLY REDEEMER (Acts 4:12) and that His atonement is SUFFICIENT for the sins of the entire world (Heb. 7:25; 1 John 2:2) and EFFICIENT for all who believe (John 3:16; John 3:36, Isa. 45:22). We believe that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended into heaven; that therein His state of glorification He is now the interceding High Priest, Intercessor, and Advocate for all believers (1 Cor. 15:20; Luke 24; Acts 1:3; Heb. 7:25, 4:15, 2:17, 1 John 2: 1) . We believe that as in His first advent, He became incarnate and dwelt on earth personally, bodily, and visibly. He will return personally, bodily, visibly, but in the body of His glorification, to set up His Kingdom and to judge the world in righteousness (Acts 1:9, 11; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:4-6, 11-15).

### **Man, the Fall, and Salvation**

We believe that man, created in the image of God, fell into sin, which is failing to conform to God’s moral law in act, attitude, and nature (Gal 5:20, Ephesians 2:3) through the sin of the first Adam and in that sense, is lost and separated from God. In order to secure salvation and restoration, man must be born again; Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ “who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree,” (1 Pet. 2:24). We believe that Heaven is a place of eternal blessedness and that Hell is a place of eternal judgment (II Cor. 5:1-10; Rev. 20:1-15; Rev. 21:22).

### **The Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead and unites all believers to Christ, indwells, seals, infills, gifts, guides, and teaches them. The Holy Spirit convicts and “reproves the world of sin and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8; Rom.8:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 1:13-14, 5:18-20; John 16:8-11, 14: 26).

In addition, all Christians may also be filled with the Holy Spirit in an experience different from and following salvation. Called the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit”, it is a special infusion of God’s power to better enable the believer to spread the gospel and to live the full, faithful life God has promised and expects. The Scriptures reveal this as the normal experience for Christians and teaches that every believer should earnestly seek and expect this baptism. *Acts 1:5, 2:4 & 39, 5:32, & 19:1-7.*

## **The Church**

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ, both local and universal, composed of all born-again persons for all time. The mission of the church is to witness concerning the Head, Jesus Christ, and to preach the gospel among all nations in both word and deed (Eph.1:3-6, 22, 23; I Cor. 2:12-14; Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 16:5; 1Cor. 1:2, 2 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 5:25, 1 Cor. 12:28).

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

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one’s biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as defined in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10.) We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of DP Christian School (DPCS) as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the DPCS members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by DPCS in any capacity agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matt. 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22.) We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be rejected and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of DPCS.

## **Final Authority for Matters of Belief & Conduct**

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of DPCS’s faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our overseeing church, DP City Church and their pastors, are the final interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application.