

Fortress Christian School Statement of Faith

We believe that “all scripture is inspired by God” and that the entirety of God’s word is “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). As such, we seek to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent (1 Peter 4:11). The following is not an exhaustive list of our beliefs, nor is it intended to serve as a creed apart from the revelation of scripture. With that said, rooted in our honest examination of the Bible (Acts 17:11), we believe that:

- God exists and has revealed himself through his creation (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 19:1-6), the written word (Psalm 19:7-12), and his Son, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:1-3).
- Jesus came in the flesh to earth (John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7), served as our perfect model (Luke 2:52; Hebrews 4:15), died on the cross as the sacrifice for sin (Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 2:9), was raised from the dead victorious (1 Corinthians 15:4), and has been exalted at the right hand of the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).
- God’s word leads us to salvation (Romans 10:17), showing us our need for salvation (Romans 3:23; 6:23a) as well as God’s plan for salvation (Romans 6:23b).
- In his wisdom, God is the author and authority over the institutions of marriage (Matthew 19:4-6), government (Romans 13:1), and the church (Ephesians 3:20-21).
 - With regards to marriage:
 - God-ordained marriage is centered in the creation of individuals as either male or female (Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 19:4) and the union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6).
 - Sexual intimacy is to be experienced only within the context of a marriage ordained by God (Hebrews 13:4).
 - Any other form of sexual activity is considered sexual immorality by God and is displeasing to him (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
 - With regards to government:
 - Governments are allowed to exist by the authority of God for the purposes of promoting righteousness and punishing evil (Romans 13:1-7).

- As citizens of an earthly nation, our submission to the government is a reflection upon our obedience to God’s word and our desire to live godly and peaceable lives (1 Peter 2:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-4).
- As citizens of a heavenly kingdom, our ultimate allegiance is to God (John 18:36; Acts 5:29).
- With regards to the church:
 - The church should be valued as the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33).
 - Jesus wants his followers to be united (John 17:17).
 - This is possible through unity in matters of doctrine (1 Corinthians 1:10; 4:17) and liberty in matters of judgment (Romans 14:19-23).

As a faith-based learning institution, we believe that key components of education include the teaching of doctrine which would show a student how to obtain redemption through Jesus Christ, as well as the inclusion of ideals which promote godly living within the God-ordained institutions of our society. An acknowledgment of these statements by a parent or guardian indicates their understanding that such teaching will be foundational, as well as a recognition that policies and procedures will be implemented which align with such beliefs.

Signature of School Official

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