

Statement of Faith

Anchor Christian Homeschoolers is a community of home educators from diverse backgrounds united by a shared Christian faith. In order to maintain a spirit of unity and fellowship, each family seeking to join Anchor Christian Homeschoolers is asked to sign our Statement of Faith. It is important for potential members to understand that our desire is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and we are committed to educating our children from a Biblical worldview. As such, Christian practices—such as devotion, prayer, and reading from the Bible—play an integral part in our weekly program. All classes provided through Anchor Christian Homeschoolers will be taught from a Biblical perspective.

A. God's Nature – We believe that there is only one True and Living God (Jer. 10:10; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, otherwise known as the Trinity (I John 5:7). Each Person of the Trinity is fully God and performs distinct roles in creation (Genesis 1:1-2 John 1:1-3), redemption (John 3:16, Ephesians 1:7, Titus 3:5), and sanctification (Ephesians 1:4; 13-14, I Corinthians 1:30).

B. Jesus Christ – We believe that Jesus Christ is both the Son of God, and God, the Son (John 1:1). He was begotten of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35); born of a virgin Isaiah 7:14), lived a sinless life (I Peter 2:22), died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for sinners (I Peter 2:24), rose bodily from the dead (Luke 24:39), and will return again in power and glory (Matthew 24:30). We believe that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ, by grace through faith, and not by human works or merit (Ephesians 2:8-9).

C. The Holy Spirit – We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person of the Trinity (I Corinthians 2:10); equal with God the Father and God the Son (I John 5:7); He convicts of sin and of judgment and of righteousness (John 16:8); He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel (Romans 8:16); He seals us (Ephesians 1:13-14), guides (John 16:13), teaches (John 14:26), intercedes for us (Romans 8:26), and indwells every believer (Romans 8:9-10).

D. The Scriptures – We believe that the Holy Bible (both Old and New Testament) was written by men who were supernaturally inspired by God (2 Peter 1:21). It is without error in its original manuscripts (Psalm 12:6), completely trustworthy (2 Peter 1:19), divinely preserved (Matthew 24:35), and constitutes the complete and final revelation of God's will to mankind (Revelation 22:18-19). The Scriptures are the supreme authority by which all human conduct, beliefs, and teachings must be measured (Matthew 4:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

E. Sin Nature – We believe that man was created by God in a state of innocent perfection (Genesis 1:31), but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless state (Romans 5:12-14). As a result of this fall, all mankind are now sinners by nature and by choice (Psalm 51:5, Genesis 8:21), and are therefore under just condemnation, without defense or excuse before a Holy God (Romans 3:19).

F. Salvation – We believe that salvation is only possible through repentance and personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior (Acts 3:19, Acts 4:12). This saving faith is not something man can produce on his own, but is made possible by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). We affirm that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential and absolutely necessary for salvation, as it brings spiritual life to the sinner and enables genuine repentance and faith (John 3:3-5).

G. The Resurrection – We believe that Jesus Christ rose bodily from the grave, in accordance with the Scriptures (I Corinthians 15:3-4), demonstrating His victory over sin and death (I Corinthians 15:57). After His resurrection, He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of the throne of God (Acts 2:33), where He serves as our merciful and faithful High Priest (Hebrews 2:17). We believe in the resurrection of both saved unto eternal life and the lost unto eternal death (John 5:21-29).

H. Return of Christ – We believe that this same Jesus, who was taken up into heaven, shall return in like manner—bodily, personally, and visibly (Acts 1:1). At His return, the dead in Christ shall rise first, and those who are alive shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet (I Corinthians 15:52, I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

I. Creation – We believe that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness and was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species (Genesis 1:26-27).

J. Marriage – We affirm the Biblical definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6).

All families are required to acknowledge, by signature, that they have read and agree with our Statement of Faith.