

the oaks academy

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe Christian orthodoxy has been faithfully expressed and preserved in the words of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. Additionally, we summarize our common beliefs as follows:

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only sufficient, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience (Ps 19:7; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21).

We believe there is but one God, the Maker, Preserver, and Ruler of all things, having in and of himself all infinite perfections, and to him all creatures owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience (Dt 6:4; Ps 145:3; Jn 1:3; 1 Sam 2:2; 1 Tim 1:17).

We believe God exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes but without division of nature, essence, or being (Mt 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pet 1:2).

We believe God created man in his own image and free from sin, but through Adam's transgression all his posterity have inherited a nature corrupt and wholly opposed to God and his law, standing under divine condemnation. God has appointed a day, wherein He will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when every one shall receive according to his deeds; the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life (Gen 1:26-27; 3:1-7; 6:5; Rom 3:9-18; 5:12-19; 8:5-8; Eph 2:1-3; Matt. 25:46; John 5:22, 27-29; Acts 17:31; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Thess. 1:7-10;).

We believe Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was born of the virgin Mary fully human yet without sin. He perfectly fulfilled the law, suffered and died on the cross for the salvation of sinners, was buried, rose again the third day, and ascended to the right hand of the Father. He will return again visibly and bodily to judge the living and the dead. He is the only Mediator between God and man (Isa 53:10-12; Jn 1:1,14; Acts 1:9-11; Rom 3:21-26; 8:34; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Gal 3:13; 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 1:1-3; 7:25; Phil 2:5-10).

We believe the Christian life is one of continual repentance and faith in Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins and the hope of resurrection. All who believe are justified by God's grace apart from any human effort through Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sanctified by the Spirit for lives of fruitful righteousness (Mk 1:15; Eph 2:8-10; Acts 2:38; Rom 3:24, 28; 4:24-25; 7:4; Phil 1:9-11; Jn 15:8).

We believe marriage is instituted by God as the one flesh union between a man and a woman. Mankind was created male and female in the image of God. Thus, human sexuality is governed by God's design, and we are not free to alter or practice it contrary to his command (Gen 1:26-27; 2:18-25; Mt 19:4-6; Rom 1:21-27; 1 Cor 6:9-11, 18-20; 1 Thes 2:4-5; Heb 13:4).