

Statement of Faith

The Statement of Faith adopted by CMCS and described below is derived directly from the Bible, the inerrant Word of God.

1. The Scriptures

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and is totally inerrant in the original manuscripts. We further believe that is God's revelation to man, superior to conscience and reason, though not contrary to them. It is the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ. (John 5:39, II Timothy 3:16-17, I Peter 1:23-25)

2. God

There is one and only one living God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being. (Matthew 28:18-19, Mark 12:29, John 1:14, Acts 5:3-4, II Corinthians 13:14, Hebrews 4:12)

3. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1:1, 2:7, Exodus 3:14, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 6:9, Acts 1:7, Romans 8:14-15, I Corinthians 8:6, I Timothy 1:17, Hebrews 11:6, 1 Peter 1:17)

4. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands of and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the one mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man. And in whose person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever-present Lord. (Psalm 2:7, 110:1, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-23, 3:17, 8:29, 11:27, 16:16-17:5, John 1:1-18, 10:30, 14:7-11, 17:1-5, John 8:56-58, Acts 1:9, II Corinthians 5:19-21, John 14:20, Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 1:13-22, I Thessalonians 4:14-18, Hebrews 1:1-3, Revelation 1:13-16, 5:9-14, 13:8, Revelation 19:16)



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5. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls me to the Savior, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character and comforts believers. He bestows all the spiritual gifts today by which we serve God through His Church. He seals the believers unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believers into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the Church in worship, evangelism, and service. (Genesis 1:2, Psalm 51:11, 139:7, Isaiah 61:1-3, Joel 2:28-31, Matthew 1:18, 3:16, 28:19, Luke 1:35, 3:22, 4:1, 18,19 11:13, 12:12, 24:49, John 14:16-17, 16:7-14, 20:22, Acts 1:5-8, 21-4, 38, 4:31, 5:3, 4, Romans 9-11, 14-16, Romans 12:6-8, I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19, 12:1-11, 28-31, 14:1-40, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 5:18, Thessalonians 5:19-21)

6. Man

Man was created by God in His own image and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Now man is in a state of spiritual depravity whereby he walks according to the course of this world and is by nature dead in trespasses and sins. He is held as a slave of sin, being unable to attain divine righteousness by his own efforts and can only be delivered by the power of the Gospel of Christ. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man, therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love. (Genesis 1:26-30, 2:5-7, 18-22, 9:6, Psalm 1, 8:3-6, Isaiah 6:5, Matthew 16:26, Acts 17:26-31, Romans 1:19-32, 3:10-18, 5:6, 12, 19, 6:6, 7:14-25, 8:14-18, 29, I Corinthians 1:21-31, 15:19, 21-22, Ephesians 2:1-22, Colossians 1:21-22, 3:9-11)

7. Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. Also, repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

(Matthew 1:21, John 1:11-14, 29, 3:3-21, 36, 5:24, 15:1-16, Acts 2:21, 4:12, 16:30-31, 17:30-31, Romans 1:16-18, 10:9-10, 13, Ephesians 2:8-22, Colossians 1:9-22, Titus 2:11-14, Revelation 3:20)



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8. God's Grace

God's effectual calling is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the full agency of man and is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal chastisement on themselves, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. (Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 24:22, 31, John 1:12, 12, 5:24, 6:44, 65, 10:27-29, 15:16, 17:12, Acts 13:48, Romans 5:9-10, 8:28-39, 9:9-26, 10:13-15, 11:5-7, I Corinthians 1:1, 2, Ephesians 1:4-14, 2:4-10, Galatians 1:15, 16, II Thessalonians 2:13-15, II Timothy 1:12, I Peter 1:1-5, I John 1:7-9, 2:19, 3:2)

9. The Church

We believe that all who are united by the new birth to Jesus Christ are members of the universal Church, the body of Christ. We also believe that the local congregation of Christian believers is divinely instituted and is the chosen instrument of God for the furtherance of God's work upon the earth. We believe that the local church is God's chosen vehicle for world evangelization and the nurturing of Christians. (Matthew 16:16-18, John 17:21, Romans 2:5, Ephesians 4:11-16, I Corinthians 14:26, Hebrews 10:25)

10. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead.

The Lord's Supper (Communion) is an act of obedience whereby members of the Church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the redeemer and anticipate His second coming. (Matthew 3:13-17, 26:26-30, 28:19-20, Mark 1:9-11, 14:22-26, Luke 3:21-22, 22:19-20, John 3:23, Acts 2:41-42, 8:35-39, 16:30-33, Acts 20:7, Romans 6:3-5, I Corinthians 10:16, 21, 11:23-29, Colossians 2:12)

11. Last Things

God, in His own time and His own way will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteousness will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their rewards and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord. (Isaiah 11:9, Matthew 16:27, 19:28, 24:27, 30, 36, 44, 25:31-46, 26:64, Mark 8:38, Luke 12:40, 48, 16:19-26, John 14:1-3, Acts 1:11, 17:31, Romans 14:10-1, I Corinthians 4:5, 15:24-28, 35-58, II Corinthians 5:10, I Thessalonians 4:14-18, 5:1, II Peter 3:7, I John 2:28, 3:2, Revelation 1:18, 20:1-22:13)



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12. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. (Genesis 12:1-3, Isaiah 6:1-8, Matthew 9:37-38, 10:5-15, 22:9-10, 28:18-20, Luke 24:46-53, John 14:11-12, Acts 1:8, 8:26-40, Romans 10:13-15, II Timothy 4:5, I Peter 2:4-10)

13. Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all we have and are we owe to Him. Christians are therefore called to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. (Genesis 14:20, Malachi 3:8-12, Matthew 6:1-4, 19:21, 25:14-29, Luke 12:16-21, 42, 16:1-13, Acts 2:44-47, 20:35, 12:1-2, I Corinthians 6:19-20, 16:1-4, II Corinthians 8-9, Philippians 4:10-19)

At CMCS We Believe

Bible Translations

The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, authoritative Word of God. At CMCS we train students to think in accordance with the Bible and build their lives on its solid foundation and unchanging truth. We recognize there are many available English translations and we also recognize there are many deeply held convictions and opinions regarding use of particular Bible translations. At CMCS, we believe it is important to adhere to faithful English translations of the Bible while allowing our teachers flexibility to utilize faithful translations of their choosing. These translations may include, ESV, CSB, NASB, KJV, or ICB, and in some instances the Message translation. Other translations may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may be used if Administration deems use of that translation appropriate in that particular instance.

Authority of Government

We believe that all governments have been placed in authority by God and therefore all people should be subject to their governing authorities so long as their submission does not put them in direct violation of God's Word. We believe God established this principle to bless, protect, and prosper society and we should pray for, submit to, and honor our governing authorities. (Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1-3)



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Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

Starting in Genesis we see God's clear and specific design for both men and women. Both genders, male and female, designed by God with separate and distinct roles, are made in the image of God and are essential to the plan of God for creation. We believe people of each gender are fearfully and wonderfully made by God and rejection of one's biological sex is rejection of the image of God within that person. (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 139:14)

We believe the term "marriage" is reserved for the Biblical covenant entered into on behalf of one man and one woman, an exclusive union as described in Scripture. We believe that sexual activity is reserved for a man and a woman within the marriage covenant and that any sexual activity outside of marriage is outside the Biblical parameters of sexual intimacy. (Genesis 2:18-25, 1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5, Hebrews 13:4)

We believe any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 1:26-27)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Clinch Mountain Christian School and to provide biblical role models for CMCS students, families and the community, it is imperative that all faculty, staff, and volunteers of Clinch Mountain Christian School agree to abide by the declarations set forth in this statement on marriage, gender, and sexuality, as well as to the Statement of Faith. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22)

