



Statement of Faith

The College shall be positively conservative in its stand regarding the Scriptures, in their 66 canonical books, as being the only trustworthy and authoritative written revelation of God. Its fellowship and discipline shall be predicated upon the following Declaration of Faith:

1. I believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as being verbally inspired by God and therefore as being inerrant in the original writings and the supreme and final authority in faith and life. *2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 19:7; Isaiah 8:20; 2 Peter 1:20-21*
2. I believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Isaiah 45:21-22; Jeremiah 10:10; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1-14; Matthew 3:17*
3. I believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, is true God and true man, and is the only Mediator between God and man. *Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-7; John 1:1-14; Galatians 4:4; 1 Timothy 2:5*
4. I believe that man was created in the image of God, but that he sinned and thereby incurred physical death and spiritual death which is separation from God. *Genesis 1:27; 1:31; 2:7; 2:6-17; Genesis 3; 1 Corinthians 15:21; Romans 6:23*
5. I believe in the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. *1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:24; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 1:7; John 1:7; Ephesians 2:13; Revelation 1:5; 12:11*
6. I believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit, and baptized by Him into that spiritual body (church) of which Christ is the head. *John 3:3-7; 1:12-13; 14:16-17; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Colossians 1:18, 24*
7. I believe in the eternal security of all who trust in our Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior. *John 3:16; 3:36; 10:28-29; Romans 8:35-39; 2 Timothy 1:12; Jude 1*
8. I believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate. *Psalm 16:10; Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21; Acts 2:22-36; 1 Corinthians 15; Acts 1:10-11; Hebrews 5:1-10; 7:23-28; 1 John 2:1*
9. I believe in "that blessed hope," the personal, premillennial, and pretribulational return of our Lord Jesus Christ to rapture the Church (*John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-13*) and His visible Second Coming to the earth to establish His kingdom (*Psalm 2:1-9; Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 14:1-9; Acts 1:6-11; Revelation 19:11-20:15*).
10. I believe in the observance of two ordinances by the church: the baptizing of believers in water and the serving of the Lord's Supper in worship. *Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:34-39; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:20-34*
11. I believe that a local New Testament Church consists of a company of baptized believers who have voluntarily associated themselves for worship, for instruction, and for service to our Lord. *Acts 2:41-47; 1 Corinthians 14:26; 1 Timothy 3:14-15; Titus 1:5; 2:1-10*
12. I believe that a local New Testament Church is a worshiping body of believers committed to reaching the lost. Moreover, it must be free from interference by any political authority. Therefore, the Church and state must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from the dictates or patronage of the other. *Acts 6:3-6; Acts 4:19-20; Acts 5:29; Acts 13:2-4; Acts 15:2; Acts 15:22-31*
13. I believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and lost. The saved shall appear in Heaven at the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive rewards and to dwell with Him for all eternity. The lost shall be judged at the Great White Throne and be cast into eternal hell. *John 5:25-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 20:11-15; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10*
14. I believe that every human being is directly responsible to God in matters of faith and life, and that each should be free to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. *Deuteronomy 24:16; Ezekiel 18:1-4; Matthew 22:21; Mark 9:38-40; Romans 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 10:23-33*

Date

Signature

(Every Trustee, faculty member, and employee of the University shall be required to affirm and sign without mental reservation this Statement of Faith at the beginning of each year.)