

## **Summit Christian Academy Statement of Faith**

The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is complete and true in all aspects. It is uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation, we affirm these additional essentials of our faith:

- There is one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, who eternally exists as a triune God and reveals Himself to us in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ, the living Word, became a man through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He is fully God and fully man. He lived a sinless life on Earth and died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, according to the Scriptures. On the third day, He arose in a glorified body from the dead. He appeared to his disciples and ascended into heaven. He is now at the right hand of God where He is our Mediator who has affected the reconciliation between God and Man. Jesus Christ will return in power and glory one day to judge the world. He dwells in all believers as the living and ever-present Lord.
- The Holy Spirit, the third person of the triune God, has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures and through illumination He enables men to understand the truth. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. He gives us new life, indwells our hearts, empowers us, and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth and seals us for the day of redemption.
- All men are sinful beings, and our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation and thereby justifies them in His sight.
- Salvation is by grace, and it is a free gift of God apart from works. Salvation involves repentance of sin and a change of mind in respect to God and thus turning from one's own way to God's way. Salvation is through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. All who receive Jesus Christ as their savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God.
- True salvation will be manifested by a changed life.
- The Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained.
- The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service to others for his glory.