



James Island Christian School

STATEMENT OF FAITH

BIBLE: We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired, inerrant Word of God and is authoritative and sufficient for faith and practice. We believe it is the standard by which all truth, understanding, knowledge, and counsel is evaluated. *2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21*

TRIUNE GOD: We believe in the one true and living God revealed in the Bible who exists eternally in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each equal in every divine perfection but distinct in function within the Godhead. He is the Creator and Ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious and holy, and is worthy of all possible worship, honor, and devotion. *Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

GOD THE FATHER: We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. *John 4:24; Psalm 147:5; Psalm 83:13; Hebrews 3:4; Romans 1:20; Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 1:15-16*

JESUS CHRIST: We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. He was born of a virgin, lived a perfect sinless life, performed miracles, and taught the things of God. We believe in His substitutionary death upon the cross, His burial and subsequent bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven, His perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. *Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:6-11; John 1:1, 14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:24-26; Acts 1:9-11; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Hebrews 8:1*

HOLY SPIRIT We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, comforter, and guide, leading all believers toward unity in Christ. *John 15:26; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

MAN: God made man – male and female – in His own image as the crown of His creation so that man might have fellowship with Him. But through rebellion and disobedience to God's command, man entered into sin and suffered the just condemnation of physical and spiritual death. As a result, all people are separated from God by their sin and are lost and without hope apart from salvation in Jesus Christ. *Genesis 3:1-6; 2 Samuel 12:15-23; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23, 5:12, 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; Galatians 3:10*

SALVATION: Salvation is a free gift that comes only by God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who by His death on the cross, bore the wrath and condemnation of God toward sin, crediting His perfect righteousness to those who trust in Him. Anyone who repents from their sin and believes in Jesus Christ alone for salvation receives forgiveness of sin and eternal life. *John 1:12-13; John 3:3-16; John 10:28-29; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 4:30; Isaiah 53:4-5; Romans 4:25; Romans 3:21-25; 1 John 4:10*

PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS: By the shedding of His blood, Jesus has become our great High Priest and has granted each believer free access to the presence of the Father. There is no mediator between God and man except Jesus Christ. Each believer can now confidently come before God, receive from Him, and offer the sacrifice of worship and obedience. *1 Peter 2:5-9; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 Timothy 2:5*

EVANGELISM: We accept the commission of Jesus Christ, who is Lord, to make disciples of Him among all nations, in our neighborhoods, and in the next generation; seeking to baptize them and teach them to observe His commandments. We join with all those believing in Him to accomplish this urgent task. We accept this as a personal commission, as well as a Church commission. *Matthew 28:16-20; Matthew 9:37-38; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:11-15; Philemon 6*

CHRIST'S RETURN: We believe in the imminent, visible, and glorious return of Jesus Christ. Christians are exhorted to be watchful and obedient until His appearing. While there are many viewpoints concerning His second coming, we believe Christians should lovingly look for His appearing, giving full attention to obedience while He tarries. We believe His appearing will occasion the resurrection of the righteous who have died and are now with Him. *Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Acts 24:15*

LAST DAYS: We believe in the final judgment at the end of the age. We believe both the righteous and the wicked shall stand before Him and be judged. Those who are in Christ will be rewarded by sharing in God's presence forever, serving Him, and offering Him unending praise and glory. Those who are not in Christ will be eternally punished with Satan and His demons in hell. *2 Corinthians 5:10-11; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-12; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Acts 17:31; Revelation 20:11-12; Revelation 19:11*

MARRIAGE: Both man and woman were created in God's image, equal as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood. These distinctions are ordained by God as part of the created order and should be honored and celebrated within the Church. Biblical marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime; such uniting serves to fundamentally and profoundly depict the relationship of Christ and His Bride, the Church.

SEXUALITY: We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. *Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10*