

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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The University 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. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as being verbally inspired by God and therefore inerrant in their original writings and the only authority on all issues of faith, life, and practice. Psalm 19:7; Isaiah 8:20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21
2. We believe in one Triune God, creator of all things, infinite and unchangeable in His being, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:21-22; Jeremiah 10:10; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:18-19; 1 Corinthians 8:6
3. We believe that Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, is fully God and fully man in one person, 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; 1 Timothy 2:5-6
4. We believe the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, who is from all eternity, is sent by the Father and the Son, as promised, to convict the world of sin, to glorify Jesus Christ and to transform the lives of believers into the likeness of Christ. Psalm 139:7; Matthew 28:19; John 15:26; John 16:8; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 4:30
5. We believe that God created man and woman in His image and likeness, so they are thus endowed with immeasurable dignity and worth, but they sinned and therefore all human beings are born separated from God with a sinful nature. Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 3:1-24; Genesis 9:6; James 3:9; Romans 5:12
6. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and that all who trust in Him alone are justified on the grounds of his shed blood. 2 Corinthians 5:15, 21; Romans 3:23-26, 5:1; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Acts 16:30-31
7. We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone are born again of the Holy Spirit and are called to walk in a manner worthy of this salvation. John 1:12-13; 3:3-7; 14:16-17; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:1; 4:20-24; Colossians 1:18, 24
8. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that He ascended into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father to rule and intercede for us. Romans 1:4; 6:1-11; 1 Corinthians 15:12-19; Acts 1:9; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:31-34

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9. We believe in “that Blessed Hope” of Christ’s second coming, which is the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Psalm 110:1; Acts 1:11; Acts 2:34-35; 1 Corinthians 15:22-28; 50-55; Titus 2:13; Revelation 7:10

10. We believe the Church is made up of believers in Christ; which manifests itself in local assemblies, gifted by the Holy Spirit for the building up of one another in love and for engagement, service and influence in the world. Romans 12:4-8; I Corinthians 12:4-13; Ephesians 4:4-13; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:8

11. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust; the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost along with Satan and other fallen angels. Matthew 25:34, 41, 46; Revelation 20:10-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:9

12. We believe God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. We believe rejection of one’s biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person, and is sinful and offensive to God. Gen. 1:26-27

13. We believe the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. Gen. 2:18-25; 1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4; Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10

14. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Arizona Christian University and to provide a biblical role model to students and the community, all persons employed by ACU in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, affirm, agree to and abide by all elements of this Statement of Faith, including those relating to gender identity, marriage and sexuality. Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22