

## **First Love Christian Academy Statement of Faith updated 6/9/2017**

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God. We believe the Bible is without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We believe the Bible is the revelation of God's plan of salvation for mankind. We believe that this Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. For the purposes of First Love Christian Academy, our Board of Directors is the final interpretive authority on the Biblical meaning and application.

**(II Timothy 3:15; II Peter 1:20, 21)**

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**(Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19; John 10:30, II Corinthians 13:14, Romans 3:23)**

We believe that God created the universe and that it was perfect; that man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin; that all men are sinners by nature and under God's condemnation. We believe that when God creates each person to be biologically identified at birth as male or female, that specific gender is the gender God intended for them to identify.

**(Genesis 1:1, 2, 26-27; Romans 5:18a)**

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully human, and fully God. We believe that Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son, conceived of the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into Heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal and visible return to earth. We believe that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father and intercedes on our behalf.

**(Matthew 1:20-21, I Timothy 2:5-6, Acts 1:9-11)**

We believe that salvation is the gift of God, by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins; that this salvation is the possession of those who by faith accept Christ as their personal Savior.

We believe that there is no other way to salvation.

**(John 3:16; 14:6; Romans 10; Ephesians 2:5, 8)**

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 and Guide.

**(John 3:16-19; 14:16-17; 16:8-11, Acts 1:8; 5:24; Romans 3:23; 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5)**

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one male (man) and one female (woman) in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in scripture. We believe that sexual intimacy is to only occur between a married couple as defined in this Statement of Faith. We believe that no sexual intimacy should occur outside of this marriage. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pedophilia, and use of electronic media, sexting, Internet, video, or pornography, is sinful and offensive by God. **(Genesis 2: 18 – 25; 1 Corinthians 6:9 – 10, 18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 15:18-20;**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image, including pre-born babies, the elderly, the physically and/or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition beginning at conception through natural death

**(Psalm 139)**

We believe every believer has a scriptural mandate to share his life of faith in Christ. We believe the only Christ many will ever see is the Christ they see in us, thereby making our personal lives the most powerful influence for an effective Christian witness.

**(Matthew 5:16; 28:19, 20, John 20:21)**

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal joy of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

**(Revelation 22:12, I Thessalonians 4:16, 17, Luke 16:22-25)**