

# Riverside Christian School

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

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1. **Scriptures:** We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original writings and that they alone are the infallible Word of God. They alone are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. **God:** We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God and that He eternally exists in three equal persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. **Jesus Christ:** We believe that Jesus Christ is both true God and true man. We believe that as God, Jesus Christ exists from eternity to eternity as the Son of God. We believe that as man, Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension to heaven, in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate. We believe in “that blessed hope,” the personal imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
4. **Holy Spirit:** We believe the Holy Spirit eternally exists as the third person of the Triune Godhead. We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts men of the need for Christ and regenerates them, giving every believer a new spiritual life. We believe the Holy Spirit seals, empowers, guides, teaches and sanctifies every believer. We believe the Holy Spirit sovereignly bestows gifts upon believers and produces spiritual fruit in each Christian as evidence of a Spirit-filled life.
5. **Man:** We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he voluntarily sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God; that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are totally incapable, through any personal act or combination of actions of righteousness, to earn approval from God, which will solve the separation problem.
6. **Salvation:** We believe that salvation is available to all who will receive it and is wholly of grace through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ alone. All who receive this gift are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation. We believe that all who are born again are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ.
7. **Resurrection:** 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.
8. **Church:** We believe in the great commission, which our Lord has given to His church to evangelize the world, and that the church is made up of all who truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The local church is a congregation of believers who have associated for worship and fellowship.
9. **Creation:** We accept the *literal* Genesis account of creation and believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution.
10. **Satan:** We believe in the personality of Satan, that he is the unholy god of this age, the author of all the powers of darkness and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire.