



## **Genesis Preparatory Academy**

### **Doctrinal Statement of Faith**

Genesis Preparatory Academy is a non-denominational Christian school serving families from many different church backgrounds. Founded on a biblical worldview, Genesis Preparatory Academy families have built an educational community based on what they have in common and are unified in the "major" ideals of the Christian faith, allowing for differing opinions in the "minor" things. Jesus said that the world would know that we are His because we are one. (c.f. John 17:21-22).

Our number one question is how can we agree rather than disagree. We ask ourselves how can we apply the truth of scripture in a way that shows love to our Father and love for one another so that Jesus is glorified in all we do.

These are our nonnegotiable statements of belief...

### *ABOUT THE BIBLE*

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture or error. The Bible is infallible - inerrant - absolute truth. Where it speaks we listen. *Biblical references:* II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; II Timothy 1: 13; Psalm 119:105,160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5.

### *ABOUT GOD*

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and are one God. *Biblical references:* Genesis 1: 1 ,26,27; 3 :22, Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28: 19; I Peter 1 :2; II Corinthians 13: 14

### *ABOUT JESUS*

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is coequal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to claim His own and take them to that same Heaven.

*Biblical references:* Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John. 1: 1-5, 14: 10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; I Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1 :9-11; I Timothy 6: 14,15; Titus 2: 13.

## *ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT*

The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

*Biblical references:* II Corinthians 3: 17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8, I Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13;

## *ABOUT PEOPLE*

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life. *Biblical references:* Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2

## *ABOUT SALVATION*

Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ as lord of his life. This is evidenced by repentance, confession, and a life committed to His service. *Biblical references:* Roman 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3 :26; Romans 5: 1

## *ABOUT ETERNITY*

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. *Biblical references:* John3:16; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15; I Cor. 2:7-9

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### **G.P.A. Family Member Declaration**

I have read the above statement of faith and understand that our school community is built upon these seven major doctrinal areas of Christian faith. I have a personal faith founded upon all of these biblical beliefs and agree that I will represent them, in word and deed, as God's truth to each member of our school community. I also agree that if my personal convictions change regarding their truthfulness, I will notify the school board immediately. I acknowledge that my continuing employment with the school is dependent on my embracing as truth these non-negotiable statements of belief.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_