

# Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

## Statement of Faith

**We believe** in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original manuscripts.<sup>1</sup> We believe that the Old and New Testaments not only contain the Word of God, but are the Word of God in their entirety, and are the final authority in all subjects on which they speak.<sup>2</sup>

**We believe** in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.<sup>3</sup>

**We believe** that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,<sup>4</sup> and is true God and true Man.<sup>5</sup>

**We believe** that man was created in the image of God,<sup>6</sup> that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God;<sup>7</sup> that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and are sinners in thought, word, and deed.<sup>8</sup>

**We believe** that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and for the sins of the whole world,<sup>9</sup> was buried and bodily rose from the dead according to the Scriptures<sup>10</sup>. We believe that He died as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified by grace on the basis of His shed blood<sup>11</sup>. We believe that those so justified are eternally preserved through the present ministries of our risen, ascended, glorified Lord Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit.<sup>12</sup>

**We believe** that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of and indwelt by the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God<sup>13</sup>. We believe that regenerate man must walk in dependence upon the Holy Spirit in order to please God<sup>14</sup>.

**We believe** in “that blessed hope” the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ<sup>15</sup> and in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the just, and the everlasting punishment of the unjust<sup>16</sup>.

**We believe** that the Church, composed of all those who truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, is the Body and Bride of Christ. We believe that Christ is head of the Body, the Church<sup>17</sup>: that all believers are baptized into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and having thus become members of one another, we are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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<sup>1</sup> II Timothy 3:16

<sup>2</sup> II Peter 1:21

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 28:18-19, Mark 12:29, John 1:4, Acts 5:3,4

<sup>4</sup> Matthew 1:20-23

<sup>5</sup> John 1:1,14

<sup>6</sup> Genesis 1:26

<sup>7</sup> Genesis 2:17, 3:6

<sup>8</sup> Romans 5:12

<sup>9</sup> I John 2:2

<sup>10</sup> I Corinthians 15:1-4

<sup>11</sup> John 3:16, Titus 3:5, Hebrews 7:25

<sup>12</sup> John 10:27-29, Hebrews 7:25

<sup>13</sup> John 3:3, 14:16, 17, 18

<sup>14</sup> Galatians 5:16

<sup>15</sup> John 14:1-3, I Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>16</sup> I Corinthians 15:51-52, Revelation 20:11-15

<sup>17</sup> Ephesians 1:22-5:22, I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:3

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