

Roxboro Christian Academy Statement of Faith

- 1. We believe the Bible to be the only inspired and inerrant Word of God. It is the only ultimate and infallible authority for faith and practice. The study of all knowledge is to be submitted to the light of Holy Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 36:9; Romans 12:2).
- 2. We believe the Triune God is the one uncreated Creator of all things that exist in heaven and on earth, and that there is a fundamental divide between the Creator and His creation. This one God is eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. His Majesty is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, and limited by nothing other than His own nature and character. He is holy, righteous, good, just, loving, and full of mercy (Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11, Isaiah 55:8-9, Exodus 34:6-7; Colossians 1:16-17, John 1:1-3, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14).
- 3. We believe in the full deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His fully obedient and sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His future personal return in power and glory to judge the living and the dead (John 1:1; Luke 1:27, 31; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 2:4; Romans 3:25; Luke 24:6; Acts 2:23; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:11).
- 4. We believe the Holy Spirit is coequal with God the Father and God the Son. He is the divine helper, assistant, counselor, and instructor. He is present in the world to make men and women aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every true Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for obedience, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He equips believers with spiritual gifts for the work of the ministry. As Christians, we seek to live under His rule daily (Acts 5:3-4; John 14:16-17; John 16:8; Romans 8:9-10; Galatians 5:16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7).
- 5. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including unborn babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called

to defend, protect, and value all human life (Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 9:6; Psalm 139:13-16; Proverbs 24:11).

- 6. We believe our first father Adam was our federal head and representative. Adam was created innocent, but through the temptation of Satan and his rebellion against the express Word of God, plunged himself and his entire posterity, represented in him, into the hopelessness of death in sin. This sin is lawlessness—an attempt to live apart from the law and Word of God. Sin separates from God and causes manifold problems in life. Since Adam's first great rebellion, no descendant of Adam has escaped from physical death and the judgment of hell apart from efficacious grace (Romans 5:12, 17-19; Ecclesiastes 7:29; 1 John 3:4; Romans 1:21-32; Hebrews 9:27; Romans 6:23).
- 7. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature (John 3:3, 5-6; Jeremiah 17:9; Titus 3:5).
- 8. We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in the shed blood of Jesus Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 1:18-19; John 14:6).
- 9. We believe that faith without works is dead. Repentance, obedience to God's commandments, love, and good works give evidence to saving faith. Christians ought to unite themselves to a visible expression of the church, the body of Christ, and preach the gospel to all nations (James 2:17, 26; Matthew 3:8; 1 John 2:3-4; John 13:35; Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42, 47; Matthew 28:19-20).
- 10. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe all genuine believers are part of the God's true Church, which in Scripture is referred to as the Body of Christ, and that local churches are intended to be visible expressions of this Body (Ephesians 4:1-6; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Revelation 2-3).
- 11. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved to the resurrection of everlasting life, and they that are lost to the resurrection of everlasting damnation (John 5:28-29; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46).
- 12. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
 - We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Roxboro Christian Academy as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to Roxboro Christian Academy students, faculty, and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Roxboro Christian Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the beliefs of Roxboro Christian Academy.

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

This Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Roxboro Christian Academy's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the Board of Directors of Roxboro Christian Academy is the school's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.