

IMAGO DEI --- ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Imago Dei Academy is an independent Christian academy with no affiliation with any particular church or denomination. The following Statement of Faith is limited to primary Christian doctrine, and is considered to be core beliefs for all Protestant Christian denominations. The primary doctrines below define the perspective from which all classes will be taught and will serve as one of the tools to be used in the hiring of faculty and administration. Parents that choose to enroll their children at Imago Dei Academy agree to allow their children to be taught in accordance with this Statement of Faith.

Issues not mentioned in this statement of faith are to be considered secondary doctrines and will not be emphasized as primary to the faith in the teaching of the school. However, secondary doctrinal discussions are at times appropriate, and they may arise upon occasion within the classroom, particularly in the logic and rhetoric stages. The school's recognition that Christians disagree on secondary doctrinal topics should not be interpreted to mean that the school believes that there is no right answer to questions about these issues. Students will be encouraged to follow up with their parents on any questions they have regarding these topics.

Primary Doctrines

- We believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, fully inspired by God, with supreme and final authority in all matters of truth and faith. (II Timothy 3:16)
- We believe God made the heavens, the earth, and man as related in the account of creation in Genesis 1 & 2.
- We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Equal in divine perfection, the Trinity executes distinct but harmonious roles in the work of creation, providence and redemption. He is an omnipresent, omniscient, all-powerful God with immediate authority over all things. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (John 1:1-3, Psalm 147:5, Hebrews 7:25)
- We believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His perpetual intercession for His people, and in His personal visible return to earth in power and glory.

- 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 the Holy Spirit dwells in every true believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide who enables us to live a godly life. (Romans 8:9-11, Galatians 5:22-25)
- We believe God created man male and female in His own image. We believe man sinned and thereby incurred physical, spiritual and eternal death, which is separation from God; that as a consequence, all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are sinners by choice and therefore under condemnation. (Romans 5:12, 18)
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary. (Titus 3:5)
- We believe that those who repent and forsake sin and trust Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become born again, delivered from condemnation and receive eternal life. This salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and faith without works is dead. (Romans 11:5-6, Ephesians 2:8-10, James 2:14-26)
- We believe all believers are spiritually united in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, and every believer is a member of the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12)
- We believe in the resurrection of the saved to eternal life, and the lost to eternal condemnation. (Matthew 25:31-46)

Position Statements

The following are additional deeply held religious beliefs that we believe are in line with the above primary doctrinal truths.

- God purposefully created both male and female, and He created each gender to be distinct from the other, though equal in their reflection of His image. Rejection of one's original anatomical sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
- God established holy marriage between one man and one woman to reflect the relationship of Christ with His Church and to be the basic unit of human society. We believe that the word "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in an exclusive union, as determined in the Scriptures. For this reason, it is only in a marriage between one man and one woman that God sanctions sexual relationships.
- 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 pre-born babies, and as Christians we are called to defend the sanctity of human life.