

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21).

We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God who is sovereign over all. His sovereignty is seen in acts of creation, salvation, and continual care (I John 5:7, Genesis 3:22, Psalm 2:7-8, Psalm 110:1).

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His atonement for our sins by His blood sacrifice, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His personal return in power and glory (Isaiah 7:14, John 1:1, John 1:14, John 8:58, Romans 4:25, II Corinthians 5:21, Titus 2:13).

We believe in God the Holy Spirit who acts in and through people's lives today (John 16:8, I John 2:27, Acts 13:2, Romans 5:5, 8:9, 8:26, Galatians 4:6).

We accept the Genesis account of the six days of the creation week as a historical record and believe that the universe with all that is in it was created by God; and we affirm that living creatures were made according to their kinds and were not produced by some process of evolution.

We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:27, 2:17, 3:6, Romans 5:12).

We believe that marriage was divinely ordained to be the exclusive union of one man and one woman, and we affirm that the Scriptures command that sexual intimacy be reserved for this Biblical marital relationship alone, condemning all other forms as sexual immorality. We believe that God created both male and female, and that He designed gender distinctions between men and women, including the Biblically defined and distinctive roles of husband and wife. Since gender distinctions are rooted in divine order, changing or disguising one's inherited sex (and correlated gender) reflective of this order transgresses God's design. We believe in the sanctity of life of all human persons, including the unborn, ailing, and aging.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all that believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood and resurrection (Romans 4:25, II Corinthians 5:21).

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of the crucified Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate (I Corinthians 15:4, Hebrews 4:14, I John 2:1).

We believe that all who receive by faith apart from the works of the Law the Lord Jesus Christ, are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God (John 1:12, Acts 16:31, 20:21, John 5:24, Romans 3:28, 4:1-5, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 2:8-10).

We believe in the "Blessed Hope" the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13, Philippians 3:20).

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, in the everlasting joy of the saved, and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost (John 5:28-29).

DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES STATEMENT

The statement of faith is a document that was developed by the founders of Ankeny Christian Academy for the purpose of clarifying the beliefs by which this non-denominational association would agree theologically. These truths are taught at ACA without apology or exception. There are many other denominational teachings, traditions, practices and distinctives. The teachers, staff, administration and anyone representing ACA will avoid taking a position on or influencing a student by sharing their personal opinion or belief on such controversial theological or denominational topics since they tend to divide evangelical believers. A student is to be referred to the student's parents and local church if a debatable topic arises of a theological nature.

These topics include: Adult vs. Infant Baptism, Predestination, Speaking in Tongues, Divine Healing, personal view point of Pre/Post/Mid-Tribulation Rapture, Women in Leadership/Ministry, and Contemporary Prophetic or Apostolic Ministry. Other topics not included would need to be addressed on an as needed basis.