

COVENANT CHILDREN'S HOME

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Because genuine Christians may differ in their doctrinal views, Covenant Children's Home (CCH) herewith adopts the following statement of faith in order to provide clarity and to prevent any misunderstanding of the basic doctrinal standards undergirding Covenant Children's Home's expression of Christian faith. Each Director shall be required to sign this doctrinal statement and the rejection of any of the particulars contained herein shall be grounds for dismissal from the Board. CCH believes the following statement of faith to be entirely consistent with the Scriptures, our only rule of faith and practice and in accord with the Westminster Standards, which CCH also herein expressly affirms as a true and more complete statement of the system of doctrine contained in the Scriptures.

We affirm the Bible, with the Old and New Testaments to be the very Word of God. It is therefore absolutely authoritative in all matters of faith and practice (Deuteronomy 8:3; I Timothy 3:16, 17; Hebrews 4:12).

We affirm that God has made Himself known to man through creation and the Bible (Romans 1:12; Isaiah 43:10,11; Hebrews 1:1,2). We also affirm that even though God is one in essence, He is three in person; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:26; Matthew 28:19).

We affirm that Jesus Christ is both divine and human and the only mediator between sinful man and Holy God (Colossians 2:9; John 14:6). We also affirm that through His human life, death and resurrection He accomplished that which was necessary for the salvation of people (Isaiah 53:4,5; Hebrews 2:17; 5:15,19).

We affirm that even though man is made in the image of God, he is also fallen in sin (Genesis 1:26; Psalms 53:1-3; Romans 3:23:5:12). We also affirm that this renders him guilty according to God's eternal law and subject to His judgment and eternal punishment (Romans 6:23).

We affirm that the benefits of what Christ accomplished are received by repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ alone (Mark 1:15; Romans 3:28). We also affirm that salvation is granted according to God's grace alone and not as a result of our own perceived good works (Ephesians 2:8,9).

We affirm that works of righteousness are the manifestation of saving faith (James 2:12).

We affirm that Jesus Christ expects every believer to actively engage in making disciples for Him. (Matthew 28:19).

We affirm that Jesus Christ will return to the earth again in bodily form at which time He will judge the living and the dead (Matthew 24:29-31; 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11,12). We also affirm that prior to this judgement, the dead will be resurrected, those who rest in Jesus Christ to everlasting life and all others to eternal punishment (Daniel 12:2; Corinthians 15:20,21).

We affirm that as brothers and sisters in Christ we are commanded by our Lord to love one another and to tolerate of views of others than our own as long as they do not violate the central beliefs of the Christian faith as outlined in this statement of faith (John 13:34,35; Ephesians 4:1-6).

Print Name

Signature

Date

