

Shema Statement of Faith



God

We believe God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe who has eternally existed in three distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God, also known as the Trinity.

Genesis 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He is co-equal, and pre-existed with the Father. Jesus was conceived by immaculate conception, given birth by a virgin. He lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13

Salvation

We believe that all have sinned and that it is by grace you are saved, through faith alone, not by works. Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord for the forgiveness of sin.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24;

2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

The Bible

We believe the Bible is God's Holy Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Therefore, since it is inspired by God, it is inerrant, the truth without any mixture of error. Anything that contradicts scripture, is therefore, rejected as authoritative.

2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20,21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105,160; Proverbs 30:5

Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle examples and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents. Parents are to raise their children in the knowledge and instruction of the Lord, disciplining and discipling them according to scripture and the glory of God, ultimately showing them and leading them to the gospel, which saves.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

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By signing below, I indicate that I have fully read and understand Shema’s Statement of Faith. I understand that everything will be taught with these viewpoints and standards in mind. Please indicate below as well.

_____ I affirm that I agree to and will strive to live by the Shema Homeschool Co-op statement of Faith.

_____ I do not agree with all or part of the statement of Faith by Shema Homeschool Co-op (Comment below, if desired). I will respect and refrain from any behavior or conversation that would be divisive in nature. I will not promote teaching contrary to these beliefs in the Shema classroom, at any Shema sponsored event, or in any media form identified with Shema. If I disregard these stipulations, I will receive one warning. If I continue to violate the terms, my membership may be terminated.

Note: If questions arise that are not covered in the statement of faith, we encourage civil, kind, respectful discussion, study of the Word of God, and prayer for God’s direction in the classroom and for your personal life with respect for others.

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Signed _____

Date: _____
