



Grace Covenant Academy

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is infinite, eternal, almighty, and perfect in holiness, truth, and love.

We believe in God the Father, the Creator of heaven and earth. By his word, he created the world from nothing. Through His Word he daily sustains all his creatures. He is faithful to every promise, works all things together for good to those who love him, and gave his Son, Jesus Christ, for mankind's redemption. He made man for fellowship with himself, & intended that all creation should live to the praise of his glory.

We believe God created man—male and female—in his own image, as the crown of creation. Man rebelled against God and became estranged from his Maker. Yet responsible to him, he became subject to divine wrath, inwardly depraved and, apart from a special work of grace, incapable of returning to God.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His 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 personal return in power and glory. He is the only Savior for the sins of the world. By his death in our place, he revealed the divine love and upheld divine justice, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God.

We believe Jesus Christ is the gospel. The good news is revealed in his birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Christ's crucifixion is the heart of the gospel, his resurrection is the power of the gospel, and his ascension is the glory of the gospel. Christ's death is a substitutionary and propitiatory sacrifice to God for our sins. It demonstrates his mysterious love and reveals his amazing grace. It also satisfies the demands of God's holy justice and appeases his holy wrath. Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He persuades men through the gospel to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord. The Holy Spirit unites believers to Jesus Christ in faith, brings about the new birth, and dwells within the regenerate. The Holy Spirit glorifies the Son, and enables the Christian to live a Godly life.

We believe in the Body of Christ. God created the Church, calling men into the fellowship of Christ's Body. The Church universal is made up of those who are genuine followers of Jesus Christ and have personally believed the gospel. The Church exists to worship and glorify God.

Upon conversion, newly redeemed people are added to a local church, in which they devote themselves to teaching, fellowship, the Lord's Supper, and prayer. All believers are to be committed to and vitally involved in a local church and are to be nurtured and equipped for the work of ministry.

We believe Christ will return visibly, personally, and gloriously. There will be a resurrection of the dead and the translation of those alive in Christ, a judgment of the just and the unjust, and the fulfillment of Christ's kingdom in the new heavens and the new earth. All those outside Christ will be separated from the glorious presence of God, enduring eternal punishment, but the righteous, in redeemed bodies, shall live and reign with him forever. The Church will be in the presence of God forever, enjoying, serving, and giving him unending praise and glory.