



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1) God has revealed himself and his truth in creation, however, because of the exceeding sinfulness of man and the spiritual nature of the gospel, only the Holy Scriptures, the books of the Old and New Testaments, can impart saving truth, and as such, they are the ultimate authority for our religion.¹
- 2) There is only one God who eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.²
- 3) The second Person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus Christ, eternally begotten of the Father, became man for us sinners; was born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; rose from the dead on the third day; and ascended into heaven where he is seated at the right of God the Father, crowned as Lord of all creation, with power and glory.³
- 4) Justification is by faith, apart from the works of the law. This faith trusts in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is the only mediator between God and man. The faith that justifies is living and active, necessarily producing good works.⁴
- 5) The bodies of the dead will be resurrected at the last day, when Jesus Christ comes to judge both the living and the dead, rewarding believers with eternal life and eternally punishing all unbelievers.⁵
- 6) All believers are united through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and are commanded to regularly assemble together with a particular Christian congregation.⁶
- 7) All Christians are called to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength; to love their neighbor as themselves; to show forth the Christian virtues of faith, hope, and love; to live lives of holiness; and to exhibit love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.⁷

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¹ Ps. 19:1-2; Rom. 1:19-20; Rom. 1:22-32; 1 Cor. 2:13-16; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21

² Ex. 20:3; Deut. 6:4; Is. 45:6; Rom. 3:30; Jas. 2:19; John 1:1; John 20:28; Col. 2:9; Acts 5:3-4; Matt. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 13:14

³ John 1:14,18; Phil. 2:5-8; Luke 1:30-35; Acts 13:26-31; Acts 1:9, 2:33; Eph. 1:20-23; Heb. 1:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:22

⁴ Rom. 4:1-8, 16-25; 1 Tim. 2:5; Jas. 2:14-26

⁵ Dan. 12:2; John 5:21-23; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:42-54; Rev. 20:12-15; Matt. 25:31-46

⁶ John 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 12:4-12; Eph. 4:3-6; Heb. 10:25, 13:7, 17; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; 1 Tim. 5:17

⁷ Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:36-40; Mark 12:30-31; 1 Cor. 13:13; 2 Cor. 6:11-7:1; Eph. 4:24; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Gal. 5:22



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STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE AND ETHICS

- 1) God has acted and continues to act in history, both in creation and redemption.
- 2) God has revealed His moral law, especially in His Scriptures which are the only inspired, infallible, and inerrant rule of faith and practice, and this law is immutably binding upon all mankind.
- 3) God has created three distinct realms of jurisdiction: the church, the family, and the civil government, and therefore each should work to support one another without attempting to subsume the others.
- 4) God is one, and therefore truth is one; every branch of knowledge relates to every other branch of knowledge at some point in a complementary and harmonious manner.
- 5) Since these affirmations are so commonly challenged in our day, and since there exists so much confusion even among Christians on these points and their necessary implications, all members of the Saint Augustine Community – faculty, staff, board members, and parents – agree that:
 - a) Adam was uniquely created by God, a real historical figure who was the singular head of the human race and the first cause of sin and death in the world.⁸
 - b) The only true and coherent human sexuality is that taught by the Scriptures.
 - i. Humans are male or female in their very nature; biological sex originating at conception is an immutable part of God's design.
 - ii. The only moral sexual union is between a man and woman within the bond of marriage.

Faithfulness to the biblical sexual ethic requires that Christians obey in their convictions, in their conduct, and in their descriptions of themselves.⁹
 - c) All human life is sacred, having been created by God in His image from conception, and therefore should be honored, valued, protected, and respected in all its stages and conditions. This includes those who have not yet been born, those who suffer from any disability or illness, and those who are advanced in age.¹⁰

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⁸ Rom. 5:12-19; 1 Cor. 15:21-22, 45-49

⁹ Gen. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 11:7-12; 1 Cor. 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4; Rom. 1:26-27

¹⁰ Gen. 9:5-7; Ps. 22:9-10, 13-16; Jer. 1:4-5; Lk. 1:41 Ps. 139