



NELSON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. (II Tim. 3:16; II Pet.1:20-21).

We believe that there is one God, and that three persons eternally share the Divine Nature. The Bible refers to these persons as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is both self-existent and personal. (John 14:10, 26; 15:26)

We believe that Jesus Christ, His Son, is fully God and fully human. He was born a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, died for the sins of humankind, was resurrected bodily on the third day, ascended into heaven and is coming again in power and glory to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. Jesus Christ is the only provision that God has given for people to be reconciled to Him. Jesus' life on earth also serves as the model for the Christian life. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5)

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God. He is sent to indwell, guide, and empower the believer and to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. (John 14: 16; Ephesians 1: 19-20; 1 Corinthians 12)

We believe that human beings are created in the image of God. Because of Adam's sin, we have all turned against God and this has resulted in spiritual death for all humankind, which can only be satisfied by reconciliation with God through Christ. God continues to love us and reach out to us. (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 3:23)

We believe that God offers us salvation by His grace alone and we receive it freely as a gift through personal faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. This Righteous gift of Redemption is received and cannot be earned. God freely offers salvation to all people, and our salvation is secure. (Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 8:38,39; Ephesians 1: 13; 2:4)

We believe that the church is not an institution, but is the body of believers in fellowship with Christ and with each other. God wants all Christians to live out their spiritual lives in a relational context. This context of Christian love relationships is a crucial feature of our witness for Christ as it reflects God's character to the world. Our mission is to preach the good news and disciple believers locally and worldwide. (John 13:34, 35; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Matthew 28:19)

We believe that Satan is the personal, spiritual adversary of God and God's followers. Satan actively opposes the work of the church and the spiritual vitality of Christians. Satan is doomed to final defeat and judgment when Christ returns. (Ephesians 6:12; Revelation 20)

We believe this age will conclude with the return of Christ. At that time, He will complete God's plan. God will then assign all people their eternal destinies. Those who have responded to Jesus Christ with saving faith will receive the eternal life they have already been promised (John 5:24), while those who have not will be eternally separated from God. (Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 20 Matthew 25:46; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10)