

# Statement of Faith and Doctrine

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We have developed our Statement of Faith and Doctrine with the understanding that a life, like a building, requires a strong foundation. Without a good foundation, a building may collapse under its own weight when the earth tremors. Like a ship without a rudder, an organization can lose its way and be wrecked in the turbulent seas of secular society. And even a Christian school, without firmly held beliefs, can be pulled downward by worldly forces. We have therefore crafted this Statement of Faith to preclude compromise with the principalities and world powers that would silence our message and neutralize our effectiveness for Christ.



At **Providence Christian Academy**, we believe our primary responsibility is to assist Christian families to train up their children to know and apply the spiritual principles. God has given us these eternal principles in His Word, the Bible. The information below outlines our PCA Statement of Belief, the theological basis of our philosophy and practices.

## Prerequisite for Admission

We have crafted this Statement of Faith and Doctrine because **Providence Christian Academy** is a covenant-based **Christian** school. Therefore, as a prerequisite for student admission, we require that at least one parent express a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

# **Core Beliefs Held by Providence Christian Academy**

Our Statement of Faith and Doctrine is built upon the following core beliefs of our leaders, the principles upon which **Providence Christian Academy** has been founded:

- 1. The Doctrine of the Scriptures**
- 2. The Doctrine of God**
- 3. The Doctrine of Jesus**
- 4. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit**
- 5. The Doctrine of Salvation**

## **1. The Doctrine of the Scriptures**

First, we believe that God has given mankind His Holy, inspired, eternal Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, to instruct us in the truths we need for salvation, sanctification, and eternal life. We believe that Scripture is the final authority in all matters pertaining to life and Godliness, and is profitable for teaching, conviction, correction, and a continued walk in righteousness.

## **2. The Doctrine of God**

Secondly, we believe in one God with three eternal distinctions: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are separate in personalities but of the same nature, specifically:

- God is Spirit and has always existed and will always exist (eternal),
- God is all-knowing (omniscient),
- God is all-powerful (omnipotent),

- God is everywhere present (omnipresent),
- God is unchanging (immutable), and
- God is Holy: perfect, sinless, on always and only on the side of good.

### **3. The Doctrine of Jesus**

Next, we believe that Jesus Christ is God, that He is eternal, and that about 2,000 years ago He came to earth in the form of man. At that time, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and lived a sinless life as recorded in the Scriptures.

We believe that His primary purpose for coming to earth as the God-man was to become our sacrificial lamb, paying the penalty for our sins so that we might have the hope of eternal life.

After His death, Jesus was buried and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and after forty days of meeting with His followers following His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven, where He is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, where He acts as our High Priest.

### **4. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit**

Fourthly, we believe that the Holy Spirit is God and indwells every believer. The Holy Spirit is responsible for convicting us of our sinfulness, God's righteousness (holiness, sinless perfection), and the coming day of judgment. To those who turn to God in belief for salvation, the Holy Spirit regenerates and sanctifies the believer from spiritual death to new life in Christ.

We believe that the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of Christians includes:

- Filling us with His presence and His attributes.
- Interceding for us with the Holy God.
- Sealing unto the day of our redemption.
- Quickening us (motivating us to the good works we are called to do).
- Guiding us in the many choices and decisions we face in life.
- Bestowing upon us spiritual gifts by which we may serve Christ and His Church.

We believe that, by our sinful thoughts, words, and actions, the Holy Spirit can be quenched, grieved, lied to, resisted, and blasphemed.

## **5. The Doctrine of Salvation**

Finally, we believe that salvation is of God on the merit of the victorious death and shed blood of Christ Jesus. We believe that salvation is a free gift for all man, which excludes any possible merit on the basis of works. No person can ever live a life of sinless perfection necessary to enter into the presence and kingdom of a holy, sinless God.

We believe that the two inseparable doctrines in salvation are faith in God and repentance (turning back) sin. We also believe in the eternal security of the believer, once saved, always saved, and that salvation cannot be lost.

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