

APPENDIX E**Statement of Faith**

The Statement of Faith of Homesteaders Christian Homeschoolers, reaffirmed annually by its Governing Board, provides a summary of biblical doctrine that is consonant with evangelical Christianity. The statement accordingly reaffirms features of the historic Christian creeds (Apostles' and Nicene), thereby identifying the group not only with the Scriptures but also with the Protestant Reformation and the contemporary evangelical movement. The Statement also reflects the biblical perspective which supports Covenant parenting in the light of the choice to homeschool Covenant children for the glory of God, the Father.

Core Beliefs**The Bible**

The Bible, in its entirety, is the infallible, inerrant, and inspired Word of God; it is divine revelation that carries the full weight of God's authority and to which we are obliged to submit.

The Trinity

Within the Godhead, there is a unity of three distinct yet fully divine persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

God

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. God is fully omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man, having two natures inseparably united in one divine person without confusion, mixture, separation, or division. Each nature retains its own attributes. In the incarnation, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a perfect life among us, was crucified, died, and buried, rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. He is the only Mediator between God and man.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is of one substance with the Father and the Son. He eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son, and He dwells in the hearts of believers and acts alone to effect their regeneration, but acts synergistically to effect the believer's sanctification.

Creation

God, by the word of His power, created from nothing the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. He further preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions according to His most holy, wise, and powerful providence.

Man

After God made the other creatures, He created man, both male and female, in His own image, but because Adam sinned and woefully fell in his responsibility, he and his posterity entered into a state of moral corruption and moral inability and became estranged from their Creator, thus deserving death as the punishment for sin.

Atonement

Because all have sinned, atonement must be made in order for man to be reconciled to God. Jesus Christ made a complete atonement for His people through His substitutionary atoning death on the cross. He imputes His righteousness to all believers securing full redemption for all who repent of their sin and trust in Him alone for salvation.

Future State and Last Things

We believe Scripture is explicit concerning the eternal state of man and the bodily resurrection of both the wicked and the righteous. The unsaved will experience conscious eternal punishment for their sins in hell, forever separated from the grace of God. In contrast, the regenerate will enjoy eternal life in God's presence, a joyful existence in heaven with Christ.

The Law

The moral law perfectly reflects the unchangeable character of God and forever binds all people, believers as well as unbelievers.

Christianity and Culture

The Governing Board of Homesteaders Christian Homeschoolers confesses the final authority of Scripture and lordship of Jesus Christ and is committed to the implementation of the social and cultural implications of God's commandments for the well-being of man and his environment. In a contemporary culture that so often rejects the foundational Christian tenets, this Board further upholds Biblical definitions of gender, sexuality and marriage, and affirms the sanctity of life.

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