

CEDARWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

Cedarwood Christian School is an independent, fundamental local church work. As such, it is not part of a denominational structure. Cedarwood Christian School submits to the Bible as the final authority of God in all areas of life. The Bible directs the principles by which the school ministry functions.

The Lord has given the primary responsibility and authority for children to the parents (Deut. 6:6-7, Eph. 6:4). Cedarwood Christian School (Cedarwood Christian School) follows this principle by cooperating with the parents in the training of children. The school is a ministry of helps by providing educational support and direction, but parents are primarily responsible to the Lord for the whole process.

Parents and students must agree to abide by the doctrinal stand of Cedarwood Christian School. Those things not in accord with this are not to be promoted or encouraged as part of the functioning of the school program. At least one parent should be a born-again Christian, regularly attending a Gospel-preaching church and where Christian principles are promoted and practiced at home. Where differences may exist, the families accepted into the school are expected to abide by the positions of Cedarwood Christian School.

We believe in:

1. ONE GOD: infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, existing in a mysterious, eternal trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).
2. ONE WORD: the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, all given by inspiration of God, and our only infallible rule of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21).
3. ONE CONDEMNATION: there being no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:10-26, 6:23, John 3:36, Ezekiel 18:4).
4. ONE SAVIOR: the Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh; in His essential deity, virgin birth, sinless life, vicarious death, physical and bodily resurrection from the grave, and His ascension into Heaven from whence He shall return personally and pre-millennially to set up an earthly kingdom (John 1:1-14, 14:9, Isaiah 7:14, Revelation 19:19-20, Acts 3:12-26, Hebrews 9:24, 1 Corinthians 15:12-28, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Acts 1, Revelation 3:10, 20:1-6, Titus 2:11-14).
5. ONE ATONEMENT FOR SIN: made by Jesus Christ in a substitutionary and sacrificial death on the Cross, sufficient for all, adapted to all, taking every legal obstacle out of the way of all, and on these grounds to be offered to all, and that all must be born again or be forever lost (Hebrews 2:10, 5:10, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, John 11:50, Mark 10:45).
6. ONE SPIRIT: God, the Holy Ghost, through whose sovereign agency in regeneration, the soul, dead in sin, is made alive in Christ, and through whose sovereign agency in sanctification the soul is changed more and more into the divine image from glory to glory (John 16:7-15, 2 Corinthians 3:18).
7. TWO NATURES OF THE BELIEVER: that every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and that all claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural (Romans 6:13, 8:12-13, Galatians 5:16-25, Ephesians 4:22-24, Colossians 3:10, 1 Peter 1:14-16, 1 John 3:5-9).
8. ONE CHURCH: which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, and a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons (Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25-27, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 2 Corinthians 11:2); furthermore, that

the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament (Acts 14:27, 20:17, 28:32, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-11).

9. TWO DESTINIES: Heaven, where the souls of the redeemed are absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when soul and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord (Luke 24:43, Revelation 20:4-6, 2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 1:23, 3:21, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) and Hell, where the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious misery until the second resurrection, when with soul and body reunited they shall appear before the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire to suffer everlasting conscious torment (Luke 16:19-26, Matthew 25:41-46, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, Jude 6-7, Mark 9:43-48, Revelation 20:11-15).

10. SATAN: both tempter and accuser who exists in personality and reality (Job 1-2, Revelation 12:9-10, Matthew 4:2-11, John 8:44, Ephesians 6:12).

11. TWO PURPOSES: that of winning precious souls to the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with our great commission, and that of perfecting the saints (Matthew 28:19-20, Ephesians 4:11-24).

12. SEPARATION: that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord, and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful practices pleasures and associations is commanded of God (2 Timothy 3:1-5, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 6:14, 7:1).

13. BAPTISM: immersion in water of a believer in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to show forth our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effects in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life (Matthew 3:13-17, Acts 8:36-39, Romans 6:24).

14. MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY:

We believe that God created man and woman after His own Image (Gen 1:26-27), and that God has ordained marriage, consisting of the uniting of one man and one woman, in a single, exclusive union, to be the foundation of the family and to be the only legitimate and Godly expression of sexuality as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.)

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God.

15. TWO GENDERS: We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Consequently, any attempts to physically change, alter (through treatments or other measures), or disagree with one's biological sex, including but not limited to elective sex-reassignment, transvestite, transgender, or nonbinary "genderqueer" acts or conduct are sinful. [Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6: 9-11]

16. SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE: We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139.)