RIDGECREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Godhead

- We believe the Godhead exists eternally in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- These three Persons are one God, having precisely the same nature, attribute, and perfection.

(Genesis 1:1, John 10:30, 37, 38)

The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Godhead,

- His eternal existence as God;
- His incarnation and virgin birth
- His substitutionary death on the cross for sin;
- His literal bodily resurrection from the dead;
- His present ministry of intercession in heaven; and
- His personal, future return to earth

(Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35, Hebrews 4:15, 7:25, 9:12, John 2:11, 11:25, Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11-16)

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead:

- convicts men of sin and regenerates, baptizes, indwells, seals, and sets apart believers unto a holy life;
- keeps and empowers believers day by day; and is the Teacher of the Word of God and the Guide for daily living.

(Ephesians 5: 18, 4:1, 30, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19, 20)

The Scriptures

We believe:

- in the plenary-verbal inspiration of the Word of God and
- that both the Old and New Testaments are inerrant in the original writings and are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.

(2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)

Man

We believe that:

- man was created innocent and pure and
- Adam fell through the sin of disobedience. Therefore,
- all men are corrupted in body, soul, and spirit; and all men need redemption.

(Romans 5: 12-21)

Family

We believe that:

- God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one natural born man and one natural born woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the natural born man and the natural born woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to the biblical standard, and the means for procreation of the human race.
  (Gen. 2:19-24, Lev. 18:22, Matt. 19:4-6, Rom. 1:18-27, Eph 5:22-33, Heb 13:4, Romans 5: 12-21)
- Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.
  (Gen. 2:19-24, Lev. 18:22, Matt. 19:4-6, Rom. 1:18-27, Eph 5:22-33, Heb 13:4.)

The Church

We believe that:

- the true Church is composed of all who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and, thereby, constitutes a spiritual unity of believers, the Body of Christ.
  (Romans 8: 9, 1 Corinthians 12: 12-13, Galatians 3: 26-28)

Salvation

We believe that:

- salvation is by grace, a free gift of God apart from works;
- salvation involves repentance, turning from one's own way to God's way;
- salvation is through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
- all who receive Jesus Christ are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God;
- true salvation will be manifested by a changed life.

(*John 3:16-19, 5: 24, Romans 3:19, Ephesians 2: 8-19, Titus 3: 5, 6)*

The Future

We believe in:

- the personal, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to earth;
- the bodily resurrection of the just to eternal abode in the glory of God's presence; and
- the bodily resurrection of the unjust to judgment and everlasting punishment in the lake of fire.

(John 5: 28)