

GRACE Band

Georgetown Regional Area Christian Educators

Statement of Faith

There is one self-existent, sovereign God who is eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Knowing God is the foundation of all knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and truth.

Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, is the incarnation and supreme revelation of God. Jesus alone is the Promised Messiah, the Savior of mankind through His death on the cross, burial, resurrection from the dead and ascension to God the Father. He will return again and reunite with those who believe in Him, to reign with Him in power and glory throughout all eternity.

Man was created by God in the image of God, but fell into sin and therefore is lost, and can only be saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone (John 14:16, Acts 4:12). *God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).*

Every believer of Jesus Christ has been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit, "...lives with you and will be in you..." (John 14:17). The Holy Spirit is the inspiration behind the writings of scripture, administrator of the church, the believer's counselor, the source of a believer's spiritual and physical strength, the believer's teacher, and the believer's confirmer of salvation.

There exists a community of believers who, through faith in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, covenants with God and with other believers to live out faithfully the beliefs, practices, and mission of the church. As a community of believers, we are to carry out the work of Christ in the world and to love one another. *Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).*

The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God, the final authority of faith, truth, morality, conduct and life, without error in its original writing both in doctrine and historical details. All true knowledge is consistent with its revelation.

Statement on Gender, Marriage and Sexuality

In order to preserve the function and integrity of Georgetown Regional Area Christian Educators (GRACE) and to provide a biblical role model to the GRACE members and the community, it is imperative that all members agree to and abide by the following Statement on Gender, Marriage and Sexuality (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22).

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.

The term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25).

God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a biological man and a biological woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4).

SALT's Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Georgetown Regional Area Christian Educators' faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Servant and Leader Team (SALT) and their spouses have the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

The SALT reserves the right to deny or revoke membership to any individual or family if it is determined by the SALT that to allow such individual or family as members would be detrimental to the group or would violate Christian principles which are reflected in the Statement of Faith and in the Bible.

I agree with the above Georgetown Regional Area Christian Educators Statement of Faith including the Statement on Gender, Marriage and Sexuality. I also understand SALT's Final Authority For Matters of Belief and Conduct.

Parent Signature

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