

## Apple Tree Statement of Faith

1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is holy, loving, righteous, faithful, sovereign, all-knowing, and everywhere present, and our Triune God will do all that He has promised unto His eternal glory.

2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the divinely inspired and infallible word of God, inerrant in their original texts. Therefore, the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for salvation and the supreme and final authority for all matters of faith, life and doctrine.

3. We believe that God created man in His image, male and female, and established marriage as a covenant to be enjoyed between one man and one woman, visibly demonstrating Christ's relationship with His church. Adam and Eve sinned when tempted by Satan, and in union with Adam, all humans therefore are sinners by nature and by choice, are alienated from God and under His wrath, deserve judgment in hell, and can only be reconciled with God and one another through faith in Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in our Lord Jesus Christ who is Israel's Messiah, the Son of God, fully God and fully man. We believe in His virgin birth, His obedient-sinless life, His miracles, His revelation of God and salvation, His vicarious and atoning death through his shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven as our High Priest and Advocate, His personal and bodily return as judge of the living and the dead, His final victory over evil and death, and in His kingdom which has no end.

5. We believe that sinners can only be saved by God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Through His substitutionary death on the cross, the Lord Jesus paid our penalty as the all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins and was raised by God's power from the dead. Through Jesus Christ's justifying work, God's gift of eternal life revealed in the gospel is received by all who believe in His name.

6. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who glorifies Jesus Christ, convicts the world, regenerates sinners and assures those in Christ of our adoption as God's children. He indwells, guides, instructs, equips and empowers believers for godly living, witness and service in the fellowship of Christ's church.

7. We believe that all who have truly put their faith in Jesus Christ are members of His body, called to the fellowship and ministry of a local church, and to unity with one another from all ethnic backgrounds and Christian denominations. God commands us to love, obey and worship Him as His people, through repentance and holy living, by loving all people and caring for the poor and needy, and by making disciples of all nations, as we wait for Christ's glorious return which is coming soon. Amen!

## Personal Affirmation of Faith and Covenant Agreement with Apple Tree

1. I believe in Jesus Christ who is Savior of the world and Lord of all, and I have received Him by faith. I am striving by God's grace and the Spirit's power to live a life that is pleasing to Him, and I am in the fellowship of a local Bible-believing church.

2. I agree with all seven points of the Apple Tree Statement of Faith listed above, which includes the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in Jesus Christ. Furthermore, I believe that any doctrinal differences that may exist, which do not contradict our Statement of Faith, should not hinder the unity of this group of Christian home educators. [Note: If you are part of a local church which affirms any beliefs that contradict any part of our Statement of Faith, please attach a page explaining how you are able to sign this Statement of Faith in good conscience – thank you].

3. I am committed to fulfilling my responsibilities as an Apple Tree member, and to working through any conflicts that arise, by following Apple Tree policy and doing so in a Christ-like manner unto the glory of God.

(By signing your name below, you are acknowledging your agreement with all that is stated on this page. One parent from each family needs to sign this document, including all adults who will be teaching or serving at Apple Tree – thank you).

Print your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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