

GCSHEA Statement of Faith

We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God, inerrant in the original autographs (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

We believe that God is one Being Who eternally exists as three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; all of the Persons are equal in power and glory (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man (John 1:1,14), born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18), sinless in His life (Hebrews 4:15), He died vicariously on the cross as a substitute for sinful men (Hebrew 9:15), He rose bodily from the grave (John 20:1-9, 24-31; Acts 2:24), and now reigns with the Father (Acts 1:11; Hebrews 9:28; Matthew 24:30).

We believe that all humans are sinful by nature (Romans 3:23; 5:12) and can only be forgiven by the expression of trust in Jesus as Savior (John 3:16), brought about by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5-7).

We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian can live a godly life (Romans 8:1-17).

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).

We believe that the family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God. In it, the child gradually learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator and Savior (Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20).

We believe the ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents (Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:1-25; 4:1-4). We believe that all education is religious in nature, since one's view of the world and life inevitably is involved in teaching (Proverbs 2:1-8; 3:1-2; 6:20-23; Matthew 28:18-20).