

Logos Classical Academy of Northern Virginia

Statement of Faith

I. The Scriptures & Revelation

All that now needs to be known of God, Man, and Salvation has been revealed in God's Word, the Scriptures, the sixty-six books of the Bible. These documents have come to us preserved by the Spirit as fully faithful representations of the original manuscripts, which were God-breathed, and although penned by human authors, are without error in all areas they address.

These Scriptures are self-authenticating, and not dependent upon men or tradition for their authority. Rather, they are authored by God, who is Himself Truth, and are to be received because they are His Word. They are known to be Truth by those who know God, by the testimony of the Spirit of Truth, who indwells all believers, and who leads them into all Truth.

2 Peter 1:3, 4, 19-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 5:18; Psalm 138:2; John 16:12-15; Romans 3:4; Deuteronomy 29:29; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 John 5:9; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16.

II. God

God is a Spirit, who, existing from all eternity, is one God. He is unchangeable, everywhere-present at all times, is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-wise. He is just, holy, and in love itself. He is the creator of the heavens and the earth. He upholds and sovereignly rules over all things and is due the worship of all persons.

John 4:24; Deuteronomy 5:6-10; 6:1; Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 139:7-10; Malachi 3:6; Job 34:12; 37:23; 40:8; 41:34; 42:2; 1 John 4:8; Genesis 1:1ff; Romans 11:33; Jeremiah 23:23.

God is one Being in essence, but exists in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are equal in their essential Godhood, but, in perfect love and harmony, fulfill different roles in their relationships with each other, man, and the creation.

Luke 3:21, 22; 1 Corinthians 12:11; Acts 13:2; Colossians 1:15-20; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1-14; 20:28.

III. Man

All men and women are one with the first man, Adam, who was created in innocence by God on the sixth day, and given dominion over the lesser things of creation. But Adam disobeyed God, and, but who sinned as mankind's head. Therefore, each human is a sinner from birth, by nature and by choice. Therefore, apart from the sovereign grace of God, each person stands under His wrath. Man is still in the image of God, but that likeness has been tainted, damaged, and ruined by sin and disobedience, which bring weakness, sickness, pain, suffering, and death.

Unconverted man is spiritually dead in his sin, with no hope for a right relationship with God, and is unwilling to receive either His natural revelation in creation, or His mercy as revealed through the Gospel.

Genesis 3:1-7; 6:5; Romans 3:9-21; 5:12, 16-19; John 3:18-20, 36; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 6:44.

IV. Salvation

Man's only way to be reconciled to God is by becoming one with the new Head, Christ. Union with Christ occurs when one believes the Gospel by repenting from his sins and in faith trusting God's promise that the perfect life, sacrificial death, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is sufficient payment for sin and therefore God forgives all of the past, present, and future sins of the believer. At the moment of faith in Christ, the Christian partakes of God's very nature, being born of His Spirit. He has Christ's righteousness placed to his account, Christ's Spirit given to him as a pledge of full and final redemption, is made a new creation, and is baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ, the Church. He is given eternal spiritual life with assurance of physical resurrection in a glorified body. God is sovereign in salvation: All whom God has chosen to salvation are drawn by the Father to the Son and will be kept by the power of God until death or Christ's return.

Romans 5:15-21; 8:9, 14, 23, 35-39; John 3:6; 6:37, 44; Acts 13:48; 15:1-10; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:3-7, 13, 14; 2:8-10; Colossians 1:22, 23; Titus 3:5,6; Hebrews 3:6, 14; 6:9-12; Philippians 1:6; Revelation 5:9.

VI. The Church

All of the redeemed since Pentecost constitute the Church, the Body of Christ, which is the present expression of God's Kingdom program, and is to be distinguished from the nation of Israel. This church is reflected in local assemblies of believers, who voluntarily have banded together for the purposes of baptizing, observing the Lord's Supper, edification, evangelism, worship, fellowship, prayer, and equipping for service to one another.

Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:4-16; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:5; 2:42; 11:16; 20:28; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Timothy 3:1-14; Titus 1:5; Romans 12:3-12.

VII. Men, Women, & Family

God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Scripture teaches that God created man and woman equal in value and dignity, but distinct in roles.

We believe that God created and blessed the family as the foundation of society. In the family, the wife is to respectfully subject herself to the leadership of her husband, as unto Christ. The husband is the head of the wife, and is commanded to sacrificially love his wife, as Christ loved the church. Children are a gift from God and are fully human from conception. Parents are to train their children by modeling a godly life, teaching them the Scriptures, disciplining them in love, and providing them a resource of wisdom and counsel. Parents are to care for the needs of their children. Children are to obey their parents with respect and honor, caring for them in the time of their dependency and old age.

While some men and women are called to a life of singleness for devoted service to God and His church, God's general design for the flourishing of mankind is through marriage and family. God's design from creation is that marriage be between one man and one woman, as a sacred reflection of Christ's faithful union with His Church. Therefore, all deviations from that design are sins against God, including pre-marital sex, adultery, pornography, many instances of divorce, polygamy, and homosexual behavior.

*Genesis 1:26-28, 2:18-2; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 5:22-33; Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 7
Psalms 127:3; 139:13-16; Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Proverbs 1:8-9, 13:24, 22:6; Ephesians 6:4;
Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 18:22-23; Proverbs 23:22; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20;
1 Timothy 5:8.*

VII. Last Things

When we come to the end of what the Bible calls "the last days," Jesus will return to receive His people, and to establish His kingdom upon the earth. The dead in Christ will rise first, and living believers will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. He will judge all men, both the living and the dead, according to their deeds.

All of those who have opposed God will be cast, with Satan (the tempter and deceiver who, as a fallen angel, is the chief enemy of his creator-God) and his demons, into the lake of fire to be tormented forever apart from God. This is "the second death." Believers, in contrast, will be raised to eternal life, and will enjoy the unbroken fellowship of God forever, in the new heavens and new earth.

They will be conformed spiritually and bodily to the image of Jesus Christ, God's Son, and will remain forever in His likeness, and in fellowship with Him, the Father, and the Spirit.

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13; Daniel 9:24-27;
Revelation 5:1ff, 20:1-22:21; Romans 8:21-30; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57.*

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