

# DORIS TODD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

### 1. **THE BIBLE**

We believe that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is supernaturally inspired, so that it is inerrant in the original manuscripts and preserved by God in its verbal and plenary inspiration, so that it is a divinely authoritative standard for every age and every life (Matthew 5:18; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21).

### 2. **GODHEAD**

We believe in one God, the creator of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – having each the same nature, attributes and perfections, worthy of the same worship and confidence (Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; John 1:1, 2, 14, 10:30, 14:15-17; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

#### 2a. **THE FATHER**

We believe in God as absolute and sole Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, and that creation was by divine command, from nothing and not through an evolutionary process.

We believe that God, by His sovereign choice and out of love for men, sent Christ into the world to save sinners (Genesis 1:1; John 1:3, 10; 3:16; Acts 17:24-25; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 John 4:14).

#### 2b. **JESUS CHRIST**

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; that He died on the cross, thereby being a perfect and complete sacrifice for the sins of all mankind; and that He rose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven, where He is now seated on the right hand of the Majesty on high and ever lives to intercede as our High Priest and Advocate. From there He is coming again personally, bodily and visibly to this earth to set up His millennial kingdom. (Luke 1:35; Hebrews 4:14-16; Revelation 20:4).

#### 2c. **HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe in the regenerating, indwelling, sealing, and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, Who baptizes each believer into the body of Christ upon his acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. He is the distributor of spiritual gifts as He wills for the edification of the Church (1 Corinthians 6:19, 12:1-31; Ephesians 1:13; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:2).

### 3. **MAN**

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature and became alienated from God. We believe that all men are morally corrupt, and of themselves utterly unable to remedy their lost condition (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 1:18, 3:23, 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12).

### 4. **SALVATION**

We believe that salvation is a gift of God and is received by man through personal faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for sin. We believe that man is justified by grace through faith apart from works and that all true believers, once saved, are kept secure in Christ forever (John 10:27-29; Acts 13:38-39; Romans 4:5, 6:23, 8:1, 38-39; Ephesians 2:8-9).

### 5. **SANCTIFICATION**

We believe the Christian's sanctification begins at salvation, progressively giving the capacity for holiness, but not eradicating his capacity for sin. We believe in an identification with Christ's death and resurrection

and dependence upon the Spirit's power to enable the believer to experience victory over sin (Romans 6-8; Galatians 5:16-24; Ephesians 4:21-24).

## 6. **THE CHURCH**

We believe that the Church, which is a spiritual body made up of all born-again believers, is the Body of Christ of which He is the head. Its purpose is to proclaim the gospel of Christ and gather believers into local churches for worship and edification, and to equip for service and thereby planting new congregations throughout the world. We believe that two ordinances are enjoined by Christ upon all believers: Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Acts 8:12, 38, 10:48; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28, 12:12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:11-16).

## 7. **END TIMES**

We believe in the rapture of the Church, the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth with all His saints, in the bodily resurrection, the judgment of all mankind and a new heaven and new earth (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 19:11-21, 20:11-15, 21:1-4).

## 8. **THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

We believe that a Christian should walk in holiness and not after the flesh, with the goal of being conformed to the image of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As a new creation, walking in the Spirit, the Christian learns to grow in faith, in obedience to Scripture, in prayer, in fellowship with the saints and in a life of service. We believe that it is the obligation of every born-again believer to bear witness by life and word to the truths revealed in the Word of God and to proclaim the gospel to all the world (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:20-24; Hebrews 10:25, 11:6, 12:1-2).

## 9. **MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY**

We believe that God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin. We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore sin (Genesis 1:27, 2:24-25; Exodus 20:14, 17, 22:19; Leviticus 18:22; Deuteronomy 22:5; Matthew 19:4-6, 9; Romans 1:18-31; I Corinthians 6:9-10, 15-20; I Timothy 1:8-11; Jude 7).

DTCA fully accepts the teachings of the traditional Biblical view with regard to the goodness of our sexuality, the importance of chastity, and the place of heterosexual marriage as God's intended context for complete sexual expression to occur. Sexual misconduct that is prohibited includes disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression, involvement with pornography, premarital sex, adultery, homosexual conduct or any other conduct that violates Biblical standards. (Genesis 2:21-24).

DTCA holds that sexuality is a gift from God and basic to human identity as well as a matter of behavioral expression. We hold that the full behavioral expression of sexuality is to take place within the context of a marriage covenant between a man and a woman and that individuals remain celibate outside of the bond of marriage. Therefore, we seek to cultivate a community in which sexuality is embraced as God-given and good and where Biblical standards of sexual behavior are upheld.

Foundational principles from the Bible on human sexual relationships are as follows:

- a) Humans, being created in the image of God, are inherently relational beings (Genesis 1:26).
- b) The inherent relational nature of humankind is expressed in a variety of contexts including family, marriage, work, and for Christians, the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:14; Hebrews 10:24-25).
- c) Humans were created as gendered beings. They were expressly blessed by God to be fruitful and multiply and to exercise dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26-28).
- d) Heterosexuality is God's design for sexually intimate relationships. Sexual union between a man and a woman is only to take place within the marriage *covenant* (Genesis 2:18, 21-24; Hebrews 13:4).
- e) Jesus reaffirms the marital covenant as existing between a man and a woman (Matthew 19:4-9).

- f) The New Testament teaches that followers of Christ are to remain celibate outside the bond of marriage. In sexual union, both body and soul are deeply impacted. A person who engages in sexual unions outside the bond of marriage sins against his or her own body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:13, 18-20).
  - g) The sexual union between a husband and wife has been designed by God to bring them together as “one flesh,” creating a solid foundation on which to build a family (Genesis 2:18-24; Ephesians 5:31).
  - h) In Scripture, several sexual behaviors are expressly forbidden, which include but are not limited to: fornication, adultery, incest, bestiality, and homosexual acts (Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:7-23, Matthew 5:27-28; Romans 1:20-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 4:17-19; Colossians 3:5).
10. We believe that humanity’s creation in the image of God included ability to choose between right and wrong. Thus individuals were made morally responsible for their choices. But since the fall of Adam, people are unable in their own strength to always do what is right. This is due to original sin, which is not simply the following of Adam’s example, but rather the corruption of the nature of each mortal, and is reproduced naturally in Adam’s descendants. Because of it, humans are very far from original righteousness, and by nature are continually inclined to evil. They cannot of themselves even call upon God or exercise faith for salvation. But through Jesus Christ the grace of God makes possible what humans in self-effort cannot do. Grace is bestowed freely upon all, enabling all who will to be saved. This is validated by Genesis 6:5; Deuteronomy 8:2; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9; Mark 7:21–23; Luke 16:15; John 7:17; Romans 3:10-12; 5:12–21; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Ephesians 2:1–3; 1 Timothy 2:5; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 11:6; Revelation 22:17.

## **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The foundation for the school's philosophy of education is the Word of God. Accepting its authority, authenticity, and reliability as God's means of revealing truth, the Bible is the center of every subject taught. Biblical principles are integrated into all areas of the curriculum, and every part of the curriculum is interpreted and applied from a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

There are two very basic and opposing views of life. The Humanistic viewpoint (which is man-centered) sees man as a product of this world, a result of evolutionary processes and human history. The Theistic viewpoint (which is God-centered) sees man as a special creation of God, and seeks to view every dimension of life as God sees it. The contrast in the two viewpoints is vividly portrayed in the concept of man. Humanism declares that man is basically good; the Bible declares that man is a sinner by nature.

The ultimate purpose of the school is to glorify God. It is our desire that each student in our school will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. And then, through the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit and study of God's Word, they will develop and nurture a Christ-like life so that whatever they do mentally, physically, spiritually, or socially will be governed and controlled by God's leading.

**NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY:** Doris Todd Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies and other school-administered programs. It also does not discriminate on the basis of race, color national and ethnic origin in its selection of employees and board members. The school, as a private religious institution, reserves the right of setting and maintaining its own standards for Biblical morality, academics, Biblical values, student dress, conduct, cleanliness, and scholarship and to dismiss or refuse admission to anyone unwilling to comply with the school's regulations, or unable to achieve the school's level of academic and behavioral standards.