

# Veritas Christian Academy Statements of Faith

The Statement of Faith adopted by Veritas Christian Academy is limited to primary Christian doctrine, which is considered to be central to all Christian denominations and which sets Christianity apart from other faiths. These truths are also the key elements of Christianity that will be unapologetically taught in various ways through all grade levels. The substance of these statements is that which will be considered primary doctrine at VCA. Secondary doctrines will not be presented as primary doctrine.

- We believe the Bible to be the only inerrant, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.
- We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone.
- We believe that faith without works is dead.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Secondary Doctrine**

Classroom discussion of secondary doctrine should be on an informative, non-partisan level. Teachers must be careful not to speak to the students in a manner that would cause offense to the parents. Presentation of all sides of an issue is encouraged. The teacher should encourage the students to follow up any questions they have with their parents and pastor.

## **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Veritas Christian Academy's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Trustees is Veritas Christian Academy's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

## **Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139.)

## **Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality**

We believe that 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.)

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Veritas Christian Academy as a Christian organization, and to provide a biblical role model to the Veritas Family and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Veritas Christian Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.) Such employees are also required to agree to adhere to the Christian Role Model Agreement included as a part of their contracts.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sins, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the policies of Veritas Christian Academy.

## **Veritas Christian Academy Core Values**

- VCA is a Christian school with a Christ-centered biblical world and life view.
- VCA is a Classical school using the methodology of the Trivium in the Western Christian tradition.
- VCA follows a Statement of Faith that is non-denominational with primary doctrine taught at every grade level.
- VCA is a college preparatory school providing a range of standard, honors, and Advanced Placement courses.

- VCA is a discipleship model school with delegated authority from the parents (*in loco parentis*).
- VCA employs Christian teachers who serve as godly role models and mentors.
- VCA faculty and staff endeavor to provide a Christian student culture through curricular and extracurricular activities.
- In an effort to represent the full body of Christ, VCA ensures diversity in economic status and support for students with learning differences.
- The Board of Trustees is primarily focused on maintaining the mission and core commitments of Veritas and its financial stability.
- The Board of Trustees manages corporately the spiritual tone and policies that govern the school.