

Thrive Christian Academy

Statement of Faith

The following are the core beliefs of Thrive Christian Academy based on the foundational truths taught in the Bible. All of our teaching and ministry is rooted in and flows out of these biblical doctrines.

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the verbally and plenary inspired, inerrant, infallible, God-breathed Word of God—the complete and divine revelation of God to man, and the final authority for faith and life, interpreted according to their normal grammatical-historical meaning. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

The Godhead

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 14:10,26).

The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order to reveal God and redeem sinful men. He accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice, and His literal, physical resurrection secures our justification. He ascended to Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where as our High Priest He serves as our Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2,14; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Phil. 2:5-8; Acts 1:9-10; 2:18-36; Rom. 3:24-25; 8:34; Eph. 1:7; I Peter 1:3-5; 2:24; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; I John 2:1-2).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, and is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing, indwelling, and sealing all believers unto the day of redemption. As our Divine Teacher, He helps believers understand and appropriate the Scriptures, and it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (John 14:26; 16:8-11; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 3:6; Eph. 1:13-14; 5:18; I John 2:20, 27).

The Total Depravity of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and, that man is totally depraved, and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:22-23; 5:12,6:23; Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17-19).

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins. Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Works have no part in salvation. (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 38-39; I Cor. 1:4-8; I Pet. 1:4-5)

The Eternal State

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. At death, the souls of the redeemed are present with the Lord in conscious bliss, awaiting the resurrection when spirit, soul, and body are reunited and glorified forever with Him. The souls of unbelievers remain in conscious punishment until the second resurrection, when soul and body are reunited to appear at the Great White Throne Judgment and are cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment (Matt. 25:46; John 5:28,29; 11:25-26; Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; 3:21; I Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Rev. 20:4-6; 11-15).

The Personality of Satan

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin, and the cause of the Fall of Man; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and, that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire (Job 1:6-7; Isa. 14:12-17; Matt. 4:2-11; 25:41; Rev. 20:10).