

Mid-Valley Christian Academy

Statement of Faith

- THE BIBLE** We believe that the Bible is divine revelation, the inspired, inerrant, complete and reliable Word of God to man, which illuminated by the Holy Spirit and interpreted correctly is man's guide for faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16, II Peter 1:21
- GOD** We believe that God exists and has been revealed as the eternal, supreme, perfect being, having one essence, yet existing in three persons. We believe He created and controls everything in the universe for His own glory. Gen. 1:1, Matt. 28:19, Deut. 6:4
- MAN** We believe that as a part of the literal six-day creation, God created man without sin in His own image for His own glory. We believe that man is both a physical and spiritual being and that though now fallen in sin; he can be restored to God by the redemptive work of Christ. Gen. 1:27, Jn. 3:3
- SIN** We believe that sin is anything which contradicts or violates God's character. We believe it originated with Satan and was passed on to the human race through Adam, resulting in the total depravity of man, for which the only remedy is redemption through Christ. Ez.28:15-17, Rom. 8:1-2
- CHRIST** We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God and that He entered this world fully God and fully man. As the perfect God-man, Christ died to provide redemption for man, rose and will come again. Jn. 1:1, Jn. 3:15, 16, 36
- SALVATION** We believe that Christ died in place of sinners to purchase their freedom and reconcile them to God, satisfying the righteous demands of a holy God. We believe this provision, when accepted by faith apart from works, brings eternal life to the individual who believes. II Cor. 5:21
- THE HOLY SPIRIT** We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the trinity, is both a personal spirit being and fully divine. We believe He is actively involved in the world as a whole, and in a special way with believers and the church. Rom. 8:9-11, Acts 2
- ANGELS, SATAN & DEMONS** We believe that angels are spirit beings created to worship and serve God. We believe that Satan, originally the highest angel, initiated a rebellion against God and took many of the angels with him. These evil spirits now oppose all that God does, but are doomed to eternal punishment. Ez. 28:15-17, Matt. 4:1-11, Matt. 25:41
- THE CHURCH** We believe the church, the body of Christ, is both an organism (universal) and an organization (local). We believe it has been given elders and deacons to lead it under Christ to accomplish its goals and observe the ordinances. I Cor. 12:12-13, Heb. 10:25, Eph. 4:11-16
- FUTURE EVENTS** We believe in future return of Jesus Christ for His bride, the Church, and in the purifying effect this "blessed hope" is to have on Christians. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead; of believers to eternal life with God, and of unbelievers to eternal punishment. Dan. 9:24-27, Jn. 5:24-28

While we recognize that churches differ on some issues of doctrine, we believe that our students need to be informed on those issues. Our practice will be to present biblical support for the various views on a subject, and then encourage the students to interact with parents and churches to form their own beliefs. Our practical emphasis in these areas will be to help the students identify and apply biblical principles for the way Christians think about, treat and interact with those who hold differing views. We are not urging uniformity of view, but rather understanding and godly treatment of all within the body of Christ.