



# CENTURION STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FOUNDATION OF BELIEFS ON WHICH CENTURION CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL SCHOOL IS BASED. THEY ARE ALSO THE KEY ELEMENTS OF PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY THAT WILL BE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND UNAPOLOGETICALLY TAUGHT IN VARIOUS WAYS THROUGH ALL GRADE LEVELS.

1. WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE ALONE TO BE THE WORD OF GOD, THE ULTIMATE AND INFALLIBLE AUTHORITY FOR FAITH AND PRACTICE (2 TIM. 3:15-17; LUKE. 16:29,31; EPH. 2:20; HEB. 1:1-2).
2. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE GOD, ETERNALLY EXISTENT IN THREE PERSONS: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT (MATT. 28:19). HE IS OMNIPOTENT; THAT IS, HE CAN DO ALL THINGS (ISA. 43:13). HE IS OMNIPRESENT; THAT IS, HE IS PRESENT TO ALL CREATION, AND HAS UNDER HIS IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY ALL THINGS WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN, IN THE EARTH, AND UNDER THE EARTH. HE IS OMNISCIENT; THAT IS, HE KNOWS ALL THINGS (PS. 147:5). HE READILY EXERCISES HIS POWER WHICH IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE, AND TO HIM THERE IS NOTHING THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE OR UNKNOWN, THAT IS, HE KNOWS WHAT HAS BEEN FROM ETERNITY, WHAT NOW TAKES PLACE EVERYWHERE, AND WHAT WILL BE TO ALL ETERNITY (PROV. 15:3).
3. WE BELIEVE IN THE DEITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (JOHN 1:1,14), IN HIS VIRGIN BIRTH (LUKE 1:27,31,35), IN HIS SINLESS LIFE (HEB. 4:15), IN HIS MIRACLES (ACTS 2:22), IN HIS VICARIOUS AND ATONING DEATH THROUGH HIS SHED BLOOD (1 PET. 3:18), IN HIS BODILY RESURRECTION (1 COR. 15:3-4), IN HIS ASCENSION TO THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER (MARK 16:19), AND IN HIS PERSONAL RETURN IN POWER AND GLORY (MARK 13:26).
4. WE BELIEVE THAT REGENERATION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SALVATION OF LOST AND SINFUL MEN (JOHN 3:5-8).
5. WE BELIEVE SALVATION IS BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE (GAL. 2:16).
6. WE BELIEVE THAT FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD (JAS. 2:17).
7. WE BELIEVE IN THE PRESENT MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BY WHOSE INDWELLING THE CHRISTIAN IS ENABLED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE (1 COR. 6:19-20).
8. WE BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF BOTH THE SAVED AND THE LOST; THEY THAT ARE SAVED TO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE (JOHN 11:25-26), AND THEY THAT ARE LOST TO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION (JOHN 5:29).
9. WE BELIEVE IN THE SPIRITUAL UNITY OF ALL BELIEVERS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 COR. 1:10).
10. WE BELIEVE GOD WONDERFULLY AND IMMUTABLY CREATED EACH PERSON AS DISTINCTLY MALE OR FEMALE (GEN. 1:26-31; 2:18-25; 5:1, 2). THESE TWO DISTINCT AND COMPLEMENTARY GENDERS TOGETHER REFLECT THE IMAGE AND NATURE OF GOD. TO REJECT ONE'S BIOLOGICAL GENDER IS A REJECTION OF THE IMAGE OF GOD WITHIN THAT PERSON AND IS A SIN AGAINST GOD.
11. WE BELIEVE THAT MARRIAGE WAS CREATED AND SANCTIONED BY GOD AND THAT GOD JOINS ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN IN A SINGLE AND EXCLUSIVE UNION (GEN. 2:24; MATT. 19:4-6).
12. WE BELIEVE THAT GOD INTENDS SEXUAL INTIMACY TO OCCUR ONLY BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN WHO ARE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER. ANY FORM OF SEXUAL INTIMACY OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE IS IMMORAL AND IS A SIN AGAINST GOD (1 COR. 6:15-7:6; EPH. 5:3-7). SEXUAL IMMORALITY INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ADULTERY, FORNICATION, HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT, AND PORNOGRAPHY.
13. WE BELIEVE 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 STAGE OR CONDITION FROM CONCEPTION THROUGH NATURAL DEATH. WE ARE THEREFORE CALLED TO DEFEND, PROTECT, AND VALUE ALL HUMAN LIFE (PS. 139).

DOCTRINE IS IMPORTANT TO CENTURION. GREAT PROTESTANT REFORMERS WHO WANTED TO LIVE A LIFE THAT GLORIFIED GOD MINED THE BIBLE FOR OUR TRIUNE GOD'S TRUTHS, AND THOSE TRUTHS, IN WHICH WE ARE IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT, ARE REFLECTED IN THE 1689 BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH. WE ALSO ADHERE TO THE CREEDS OF THE HISTORIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH: THE APOSTLES CREED, THE NICENE CREED, AND THE ATHANASIAN CREED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ONLY THE BIBLE IS INFALLIBLE, HOWEVER, THESE HISTORIC CREEDS AND THIS REFORMED CONFESSION PROVIDE A CLEAR BASIS FOR OUR DOCTRINAL STANDARD AND UNITY. IT GIVES CENTURION A FIRM FOUNDATION IN WHICH TO GROUND OUR CURRICULUM AND TEACHING.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH DOES NOT EXHAUST THE EXTENT OF OUR BELIEFS. THE BIBLE ITSELF IS THE INSPIRED AND INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD WHICH SPEAKS WITH FINAL AUTHORITY CONCERNING TRUTH, MORALITY, AND THE PROPER CONDUCT OF MANKIND. IT IS THE FINAL SOURCE OF ALL THAT WE BELIEVE. FOR PURPOSES OF CENTURION CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL SCHOOL'S FAITH, DOCTRINE, PRACTICE, POLICY, AND DISCIPLINE, OUR BOARD IS THE FINAL INTERPRETIVE AUTHORITY ON THE BIBLE'S APPLICATION.