

STATEMENT OF FAITH



Gateway Christian School exists for the Christian discipleship and education of children through a Bible based curriculum. To excel in this endeavour, Christian unity within the school is a requirement. Therefore, families applying for admission must be likeminded regarding the practice and acceptance of the Gateway Christian School Statement of Faith outlined herein under. In this regard we rely on the protection of our rights as a religious community as set out in Section 15 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, which guarantees the right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion as well as Section 31, which protects our right to practice our religion and to form, join and maintain religious associations and other organs of civil society in a manner which is consistent with the Bill of Rights.

Please read the Statement of Faith closely to determine if it is in accordance with your family's personal beliefs and values.

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative, and inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).
3. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9); His Resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4); His Ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation, because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; that men are justified by grace because of the shed blood of Christ; and that only by God's grace and through faith are we saved (John 3:16–19, 5:24, 25; Romans 3:23, 5:1, 8–9; Ephesians 1:3–5; 2:1, 8–10; Titus 3:5).
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved receive eternal life and those who are lost receive eternal condemnation (John 5:28–29).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:12–13; Galatians 3:26–28).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by who's indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13–14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19–20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

8. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either biological male or biological female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen. 1:26-27)
9. We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union (Gen. 2:18-25; I Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4)
10. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt. 15:18-20; I Cor. 6:9-10).
11. Our school's default position will always be to uphold the values and godly character traits as inspired by the Bible, the word of God.

NOTE: This 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 final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Gateway Christian School's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.