

## **Ben's Ford Christian School Statement of Faith**

### **1) The Scriptures**

We believe the Bible to be God's Word. We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the scriptures. We accept the Masoretic Text of the Old Testament and the Received Text of the New Testament (Textus Receptus), and the King James Version of the Bible as the only English version to be used in the school. The Bible is our sole authority for faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17, II Pet. 1:19-20, Rev. 22:6

### **2) One God – the Trinity**

We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God. We believe that each person within the Godhead possesses all the attributes of the One, eternal God. Matt. 3:16-17, Eph. 2:18, Eph. 4:4-6, I John 5:6-7

### **3) The Creation**

We believe in the Genesis account of creation and that it is to be accepted literally. We believe that God created all things in six consecutive, twenty-four hour days and then rested on the seventh day. We reject all forms of evolution, either theistic or naturalistic. Gen. 1:1, Gen. 1:11, Gen. 1:26-27, John 1:1-3, Heb. 11:1-3, Acts 17:24

### **4) The Fall of Man**

We believe that man was created in innocence, that he voluntarily chose to disobey God, and that he consequently fell from his sinless state. The result is that all mankind are now sinners, that they are born in sin, and that they choose to transgress rather than to obey the will and way of God. Gen. 3:1-7, Rom. 5:12, Rom. 3:10-19, Gal. 3:22, Eccl. 7:29

### **5) The Person and Work of Christ**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ to be the eternal Son of God, that he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and that He was born of the virgin Mary in order to reveal God to sinful man. We also believe that He accomplished our redemption through His finished work upon the cross of Calvary, and by His vicarious and substitutionary death we are justified through faith in His blood. John 1:1-3, Isaiah 7:14, Rom. 3:24-25, Rom. 4:1-5

## **6) The Atonement for Sin**

We believe that the salvation of sinners is totally by the Grace of God. Salvation was secured for us by God sending forth His Son who fulfilled the law by His obedience to the will of God the Father, and who made full atonement for our sins by shedding His blood upon the cross. Jesus, who knew no sin, became sin for us and bore our sin in His body upon the cross. Acts 15:11, Heb. 2:14, Eph. 1:7, II Cor. 5:21, I Pet. 2:24, Rev. 1:5

## **7) The New Birth**

We believe in order to be saved, the sinner must be born again. With the new birth the believer becomes a new creature in Christ so that the one dead in trespasses and sins is made a partaker of the divine nature of God and receives eternal life. John 3:3 and 7, John 6:44, Romans 10:1-13, Act 16:31-32, Col. 2:13, Act 4:12

## **8) The Freeness of Salvation**

We believe that salvation is by the grace of God through faith in Christ alone and that the blessing of salvation is made free to all by means of the gospel of Christ. Rom. 5:17-18, I Pet. 2:24-25, Eph. 2:4-9, Titus 3:4-7

## **9) Justification**

We believe justification to be a judicial act of God whereby the believing sinner is declared righteous in the sight of God. Rom. 5:1, Acts 13:39, Gal. 2:14-21

## **10) The Church**

We believe the New Testament church to be a body of baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith. The church is to glorify God, to carry out the Great Commission, to observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and is to be governed by the instruction of His Word. Matt. 18:15-17, Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:22-23, Heb. 10:25

## **11) The Holy Spirit**

We believe the Holy Spirit to be equal with the Father and the Son. We believe His relationship to the unbelieving world as being to convict of sin, of righteousness, and judgment to come. At the time of salvation the Holy Spirit indwells believers and baptizes them into the body of Christ. Other works of the Spirit are to enable, to empower, to sanctify, to guide, to give gifts, and to provide fruit in the life of the believer. John 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, Eph. 1:13-14, Eph. 4:30, rom. 5:5, Gal. 5:22-23

## **12) The Security of the Believer**

We believe that once a person has truly trusted Christ they are eternally saved. We believe that God will chasten all that are His children, and if they are without chastisement they are illegitimate. Heb. 12:5-11, John 10:27-29, Rom. 8:35-39, Heb. 7:25, I Pet. 1:5

## **13) End Times**

We believe in the "catching up" of the church in the clouds at the return of the Lord Jesus Christ with the saints being judged at that time, according to their works. We believe in the premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this earth in power and glory and that Christ will establish His millennial reign. We believe that Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit for a thousand years to coincide with the millennial reign of Christ. following the reign of Christ, Satan will be loosed for a season and will lead a rebellion against Christ. This culminate in Satan being cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and the lost being judged at the Great White Throne. I Cor. 15:50-54, I Thess. 4:13-17, I Cor. 3:7-15, II Cor. 5:10, II thess. 1:1-12, Rev. 2-3, II Tim. 4:1, Rev. 19:11-16