



Patten Academy of Christian Education

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

Patten Academy of Christian Education stands for the fundamentals of faith as taught in Holy Scriptures.

- ✠ We believe that the Old and New Testament were divinely inspired by God and reveal His will for the salvation of the world.
- ✠ We believe in the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, eternally coexistent personalities of the same essence, yet separate individually with different office works.
- ✠ We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died as substitutionary sacrifice, and all who accept Him as Savior and Lord are justified by His shed blood. He arose from the dead and is now with the Father as our High Priest. He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. His coming is imminent and will be personal, visible and premillennial.
- ✠ We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person sent to indwell, guide, teach and empower the believer and to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and judgment.
- ✠ We believe that man was originally created in the image and likeness of God and that he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All individuals are born with a sinful nature, are separated from fellowship with God, but can be reconciled to God through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✠ We believe in sanctification as a setting apart of the life of the believer for the Master's service, and in the infilling or Baptism of the Holy Spirit which empowers individuals for holy living and effective Christian service.
- ✠ We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit in the church, as recorded in 1 Corinthians 12, 13, and 14.
- ✠ We believe that the Church consists of all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed by his blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, which He has commissioned to go and teach all nations. The Church is not identified with any one denomination or movement.
- ✠ We believe in the autonomy and independence of the local Church. The local Church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, for fellowship, the proclamation of the Gospel, and observance of the ordinances of baptism by immersion and the communion of the Lord's Supper.
- ✠ We believe that there will be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto condemnation.

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