

# GUARDIAN ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Church accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts these fundamental Tenets of Faith and Doctrine.

Section 1. The Scriptures Inspired. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the living, infallible, and everlasting rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason. (II Timothy. 3:15-17; I Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12).

Section 2. The One True Godhead. The triune Godhead is comprised of three separate and distinct personalities, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are eternally self-existent, self-revealed and function as one entity. Jesus Christ, who is God manifested in the flesh, is the second member of the Godhead, coequal and co-eternal with the Father and The Holy Spirit. (John 1:1-5, 10-14; Matthew 28:18-20).

Section 3. Man, His Fall and Redemption. Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness". But, man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

Section 4. The Salvation of Man. (a) Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:24; John 3:3) On the cross Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Psalm 103:3), being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. For by grace we are saved through faith. (Ephesians 2:8) "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart; that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." (Romans 10:8-10). (b) The Evidences of Salvation. The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit. (Romans 8:16; I John 3:18-19, 24) The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. "You will know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:16-20). (c) Faith and Works. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 2:16; II Corinthians. 5:10).

Section 5. Baptism in Water. The ordinance of baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures by all who have truly repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4; Acts 10:47-48)

Section 6. The Lord's Supper. "And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (I Corinthians 11:24- 25, 28).

Section 7. The Promise of the Father. All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; Acts 2:38) With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. (Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 12:1-31). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16).

Section 8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service. (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2, 6; 1:8; Galatians 5:16-26).

Section 9. The Church. The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the first born, whose names are written in Heaven. (Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23).

Section 10. Totality of the Atonement. (a) Spiritual. III John 2; II Corinthians 5:17-21. (b) Mental. II Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3. (c) Physical. Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24. (d) Financial. Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6-15; Deut.28:1-14. (e) Social. Proverbs 3:4; Luke 2:52; Esther 2:15.

Section 11. Blessed Hope. Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to ever be with Him (I Corinthians 15:51-52; I Thessalonians. 4:16-17).

Section 12. The Lake of Fire. Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and anyone whose name is not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (Revelation 19:20; 20:10-15).

Section 13. The Millennial Reign of Jesus. The Scriptures promise the return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth (II Thessalonians 1:7; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1- 6) After this, there shall be a new heaven and a new earth. (Rev. 21).

Section 14. Marriage and Sexuality. The Bible recognizes marriage as exclusively the legal union of one man and one woman (Titus 1:6). Therefore, the Church will not recognize, perform, or condone any marriage between individuals of the same gender or between more than one man and one woman. The

Bible also teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. (Genesis 19:5, 26:8- 11; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29: 1 Corinthians 5:1, 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4). Sexual activities such as homosexuality, adultery, fornication, viewing pornography, altering one's biological gender, incest, pedophilia, and bestiality violate the teachings of the Bible and are therefore sinful and incompatible with Christian behavior. (I Corinthians 6:9-10; Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13; Romans 1:26-27)

Section 15. The Sanctity of Human Life. God is the Creator and owner of all life (Genesis 1:25; Psalm 50:10-12). He made us in His own image (Genesis 1:27 & 2:7; James 3:9) and calls us to him from the moment of conception, before we are even born. (Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 49:1, 5; Luke 1:15; Job 10:8-12; 31:13-15). Children are a gift from God (Psalm 127:3), and God hates the shedding of their blood through the sin of abortion (Prov. 6:16-17). Therefore, no health insurance plan or employee benefit of the Church shall fund any abortion procedure, abortifacient drug, or any procedure or drug which utilizes or results in the production of tissue from an abortion.

Section 16. Gender and Biological Sex. We affirm that biological sex is a gift of God to every individual and to the human community to which that individual belongs. We believe that according to scripture each person was intentionally woven together in their mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). We Believe that God wonderfully created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet equal and complementary genders reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). We uncompromisingly hold, therefore, that to be born biologically male is to be male and that to be born biologically female is to be female.

Section 17. Unity and Harmony within the Church. Believers are to be not stiff-necked, but to yield themselves unto the Lord when they enter his sanctuary. (2 Chronicles 30.) Therefore, no member of the congregation, Board of Directors, or Ecclesiastical Council shall cause strife within the Church or its leadership and shall instead contentiously seek to work in harmony with his peers to fulfill the Church's religious mission.

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