

# TKCA Statement of Faith

As a Christian School, the following statement of faith expresses the basics of our beliefs: We recognize and believe in the authority of the Bible as the Word of God. We do not recognize creeds issued by man as authoritative and binding, but we do offer in humility and sincerity the following statement of doctrine:

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and was born of a virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades, and on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, where He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From Heaven He shall come to earth again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy catholic church, the communion of all true saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the gift of everlasting life. (Apostle's Creed)**

1. The Scriptures. Old and New Testaments are the divinely inspired Word of God and infallible in their original writings. They are perfect and complete, the only written revelation of God to man, and authoritative in all matters. II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21; Galatians 1:11-12; II Peter 1:10-12; Luke 24:44

2. There is only one God who as Creator of the universe manifests Himself in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:1-2, 26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6. God the Father. He is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. He reveals Himself as a merciful and loving Father seeking fellowship with mankind. John 5:19-26

3. We believe in the true deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, such that two distinct natures, divine and human, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. We believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory. Luke 19:10; John 1:1-2, 14, 18; 3:16; Luke 1:35; Matthew 1:18-21

4. We believe that Adam was made from the dust of the ground and formed after God's image and likeness, which was good, righteous, and holy. Because of Adam's sin all mankind is in a state of rebellion against God. For the salvation of such lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is necessary. Genesis 1:27; 2:7; 3:1-19; Psalm 14:1-3; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23; 6:23; Revelation 20:11-15

5. Because mankind is hopelessly lost, we are in need of a Savior. Salvation has been provided through substitutionary death of Jesus upon the cross. Through the shedding of His blood we have the forgiveness of sin. Salvation is a gift entirely by the grace of God. Through repentance and faith in His death and resurrection, we have a living hope and through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Please Note: Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, on the merits of Christ alone, and not through the merit or works of man. The grace that saves does not come through acts of obedience or church sacraments. I Peter 1:3-5; I John 1:7-9; 5:10-13; Hebrews 10:5-25; Revelation 1:5-6; 5:9-10**

6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, as the Spirit of Christ within us enables us to do freely and cheerfully what the will of God revealed in Scripture requires to be done. We believe that good works are only those which arise from true faith, conform to God's Word, and are done for His glory. Philippians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:3, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

7. We believe God has appointed a day when He will judge the world in righteousness through Jesus Christ. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved to the resurrection of life, and those who are lost to the resurrection of damnation. Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him. Hebrews 9:28, Daniel 12:1-3; I Corinthians 3:9-17; Revelation 20:11-21:8

8. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. All who are united to Christ as Head of the Church are united to one another in love and have communion in each other's gifts and graces. Ephesians 4:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:13

9. We believe that God defined marriage as the life-long covenant between one man and one woman, and that all forms of sexual activity outside of marriage are sin. Genesis 2:7, 18, 22, Ephesians 5:3-14, Genesis 1:27

10. We believe that God immutably creates each person to reflect His image as male or female. Genesis 2, Genesis 1:27