



Statement of Faith

This Statement of Faith establishes the core beliefs of Ingleside Tutorial. We are an organization of like-minded believers in the One Triune God who strive to provide students with excellent, challenging, gospel-centric education.

- We believe in the One God who is Triune: one in substance, eternally and simultaneously Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; each divine person eternal, good, holy, wise, almighty, and majestic.
- We believe that out of the fullness of his love, the Triune God created all that is not God, calling all he made good; this includes the creation of humanity, which was distinctly made in the image of God and called to exercise dominion and care for the earth.
- We believe that the one Triune God has faithfully, truly, and graciously revealed himself so that we may know, worship, enjoy, and obey him.
- We believe that humanity has received a distinctive invitation to explore, understand, and delight in the mystery of God, his creation, and his ways.
- We believe that humanity fell into sin through the actions of our first parents and that all humanity is born into corruption and guilt. This sin severs human relationship with God, pollutes relationships with one another, and defiles the earth.
- We believe that God reveals himself at least partially through what he has made in creation, and that we are called to engage in learning about and cultivating creation both in obedience to God's stewardship mandate and as a way of better understanding God himself. God enables even those who persist in darkness and rebellion occasionally to create works of immense beauty and to communicate accurate knowledge about God's world.
- We believe that God's inerrant and authoritative revelation is found in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are holy, reliable, trustworthy, and life giving. The Bible is our only rule for life and faith.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the Word of God in the flesh whose person and work is the Gospel itself; the Son incarnate is the one sent by the Father and testified to by the Spirit.
- We believe that the gospel is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ, our representative, who, in his virgin birth, in his sinless and perfectly obedient life, in his substitutionary and atoning death on the cross, in his bodily resurrection, and in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, was victorious

over the enemies of sin, death, and the devil; only in Christ crucified and risen is the debt of our sin paid and are we fully reconciled to God.

- We believe sinners are saved by God's grace alone, through faith in Christ alone.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit, who is present in all believers, works mysteriously and powerfully to convict the world of sin, regenerate sinners, and equip them to a life of faith and obedience that testifies to justification and sanctification by God's grace alone, through faith alone. Lives of faithful obedience are not a way to gain salvation, but are rather evidence of salvation secured by the Spirit's work.
- We believe that the people of the new covenant are united by God in the universal, apostolic Church under the headship of Jesus Christ. The Church, as the body of Christ, is called in this fallen world to glorify God and serve him through the edification of believers and the faithful proclamation of Christ and his kingdom. The Church is privileged to serve as ministers of reconciliation in God's plan to restore and unite his creation under the headship of Christ.
- We believe the identity of the body of Christ on earth is primarily perceived through the local church. We believe that every individual who professes relationship with Jesus Christ is called to be actively involved in a local community of believers that submits to the authority of Scripture and is committed to gospel ministry.
- We believe in the glorious bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ on the day of the Father's choosing to judge all humanity, the living and the dead, receiving the righteous in Christ to eternal blessedness and the unrighteous to eternal condemnation.

It is the relationship with God – our “most intimate and highest of all relationships” – that calls us to go beyond ourselves. The motto “I am. I can. I ought. I will.” speaks to our ability to do all things through Christ who called us and gives us the strength to act contrary to our selfish desires, whether we respond based on good habits formed and practiced or humble awareness or self-sacrifice. Living in this manner can only be done in relationship with the Creator. It is Jesus Christ and His gospel and His word that is the basis of our learning, wherever that learning takes place.

- Our students will be presented with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Our students will be exhorted and instructed in godliness and wisdom in order to encourage transformation of character and affections.
- Our students will be encouraged to recognize the greatness and the mercy of our Lord in every area of life.
- Our students will be guided into a true knowledge of God's world, of its history, and its culture.
- Our students will be enabled to assess the values of the age from the perspective of Christ's redemption and rule over all the world.

We hold that all education is divine, that every good gift of knowledge and insight comes from above, that the Lord the Holy Spirit is the supreme educator of mankind, and that the culmination of all is that personal knowledge of and intimacy with God in which our being finds its fullest perfection.

It is the position of Ingleside Tutorial that the Bible teaches that marriage is an intimate physical union between one woman and one man, bound by a marital vow. This prohibits Ingleside Tutorial from teaching or communicating, by action or word, that premarital, extramarital, and same-sex sexual unions; pornography of any kind; heterosexual cohabitation without marriage; and excessive or dominating immodesty or indecency are acceptable in God's eyes (this list is not exhaustive).

Ingleside Tutorial affirms that passages in both the Old and New Testaments (Genesis 1:27, 2:21-24; Matthew 19:1-9; Ephesians 5:31) explicitly state that human sexuality is binary: male and female. The 2 distinct creations of male and female intended for "one flesh" relationship with one another are a reflection of the image of God. These biblical principles create a framework that establishes sex as a distinct identity differentiated by the presence of physical characteristics which provide the sexual union that produces "one flesh." Sexual identity is therefore based on these objective and observable physical characteristics. Individual feelings and experiences that deviate from this biblically established binary do not invalidate this creational norm.

It is the position of Ingleside Tutorial that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all dimensions, including preborn babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition of life from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).

Ingleside Tutorial affirms that all leaders and participants of Ingleside Tutorial (board members, directors, tutors, parents, etc.) should settle disagreements or disputes between one another with Godliness and humility. Disputes within Ingleside Tutorial should be resolved within the organization and should not be taken outside of Ingleside Tutorial and into our legal system (1 Corinthians 6).

Ingleside Tutorial establishes the right and process to adhere to the Statement of Faith and biblical obedience in impactful decision making (hiring, promotion, termination, curriculum, etc.). This Statement of Faith sets forth the intention to implement decisions that are made regarding what is best for Ingleside.

This Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. The Ingleside Tutorial Board of Directors is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's application in the life of Ingleside Tutorial.

All this we profess and declare in the sure and certain hope that as we nurture our children in the knowledge and love of the Lord, God himself will guide, preserve, and bless these efforts through the work of the Holy Spirit.

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