



GPA Vision & Mission

- **Vision:** *We exist to partner with parents and the local church in the educating, disciple making and faith raising of the students entrusted to our care.*
- **Mission:** *We will provide a God-centered, discipleship driven, creative education that prepares students for life.*

Preamble:

Jesus said that the world would know that we are His because we love one another and because we are one (*John 13:35; John 17:21-22*). Genesis Prep Academy is a non-denominational Christian school serving people with many different church backgrounds, but we are a family. Founded on a Biblical worldview, Genesis Prep Academy strives to be unified on those facets of doctrine deemed to be essentials for salvation. Additionally, while permitting differing stances on doctrine that are deemed not essential for salvation, for the sake of unity, Genesis Prep Academy's stance on these doctrines are included as well. We believe these statements of faith to be an accurate summary of what Scripture teaches. All members shall refrain from advocating doctrines not included in the statement of faith, in such a way as to cause dissension and/or division.

Therefore, we believe the following doctrines are essential for salvation:

GPA Doctrinal Statement: GOD

We believe God is self-existent, and by nature He is eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere. God exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. The Godhead is in agreement with the role of each; Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. We believe these three are co-equal and are one God.

Supportive Scripture: Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 3:22; Deuteronomy 6:4; Job 38, 39, & 40; Psalm 90:2, 139:1-4, 7-10; Isaiah 40:13-17, 45:18; Matthew 19:26, 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; I Peter 1:2.

GPA Doctrinal Statement: FATHER

We believe that God the Father is God and holds all the attributes of God while exercising a unique role in the Godhead. He is the father of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and yet still one with both as God. God adopts believers in Jesus Christ into a relationship with Him as their Father. As Father, God actively prunes and disciplines believers so they may grow in character, wisdom, and knowledge of Him and bear the fruit of Christlikeness.

Supportive Scripture: John 15:1-4; Deuteronomy 32:6; Isaiah 9:6, 63:16; John 20:17; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:6.

GPA Doctrinal Statement: JESUS

We believe Jesus Christ is God. He is coequal with the Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus participated in the creation of all things and became man, born of a virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He was raised from the dead, after three days, victorious over the power of sin and death. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will return with his church, to judge the living and the dead and to make all things new.

Supportive Scripture: Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:22-23; John 1:1-5; 8:58; 14:10-30; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 1:3-4; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Colossians 1:15-23; I Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 4:14-15; Revelation 1:8.

GPA Doctrinal Statement: HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit is God and is coequal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make all people aware of their sin and their need for Jesus Christ. He dwells in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He gives gifts to believers providing them with power to grow in Christlikeness, to understand spiritual truth, and to serve the mission of the church.

Supportive Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 51:10-12; John 14:16-17, 16:7-13, 17; Acts 1:8; Romans 5:5; I Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 1:13, 5:18; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

GPA Doctrinal Statement: SALVATION

We believe that all have sinned. We believe that the wages of sin is death and eternal separation from God. Salvation is a free gift of God. Jesus Christ's death and his resurrection is the only sufficient payment for our sins. It's only by grace through faith that one can receive this free gift. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ as Lord of their life. This is evidenced by repentance, confession and a life submitted to Christ.

Supportive Scripture: John 1:12, 14:6; Romans 5:1, 6:23; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5, Romans 10:9-13.

We believe the following doctrines are essential for unity:

GPA Doctrinal Statement: BIBLE

We believe the Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because it is inspired by God, the Bible is infallible, inerrant, and absolute truth. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

Supportive Scripture: Psalms 12:6, 119:105, 160; Proverbs 30:5; 2 Timothy 1:13, 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

GPA Doctrinal Statement: MANKIND

We believe people are made in the image of God, '*male and female he created them,*' to be in relationship with Him, to become like Him in character and to bring him glory. Yet, '*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*' Sin separates people from God, affecting all areas of life, resulting in suffering and hopelessness apart from Jesus Christ.

Supportive Scripture: Genesis 1:27; Genesis 3; Psalms 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 3:23.

GPA Doctrinal Statement: ETERNITY

We believe people were created to live forever. People will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or exist eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is eternal death in Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life in Heaven. We believe that Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

Supportive Scripture: John 3:16, 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 6:23, 8:17-18; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9; Revelation 20:15.

GPA Doctrinal Statement: THE CHURCH

We believe the church is the body and bride of Christ and also serves as the household of faith. It is a living temple where God dwells in each of His people. We believe that everyone that has been saved by Christ is a member of His church. We believe that His church exists throughout the world, and is witnessed and experienced in local autonomous gatherings of believers. *We believe that every believer is to be an active part of a local congregation of believers.*

Supportive Scripture: Ephesians. 4:16; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 5:24-32; Galatians. 6:10; 1 Peter 2:4-5; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Acts 14:23; Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:20-23; 4:3-10; Colossians 3:14-15.

GPA Doctrinal Statement: MARRIAGE, GENDER & SEXUALITY

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25, Matthew 19:4-6). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity, of any kind, be engaged in outside of marriage.

We believe that neither the federal government, the state, nor the church, nor any other individual possess the authority or jurisdiction to set or alter Scripture's definition of marriage. Therefore, unions or partnerships that do not conform to the Biblical definition of marriage are not acknowledged by Genesis Prep Academy as marriage.

We acknowledge that there are some individuals that do not have a physical attraction towards the opposite sex, or who do not wish to marry. We believe these brothers and sisters are wholeheartedly supported and encouraged to remain voluntarily celibate as delineated in Scripture. (Matthew 19:10-12, 1 Corinthians 7:1-8, 32-38, Isaiah 56:3-5)

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10). Therefore, known or suspected habitual and unrepentant practice of these sexual sins will be reason for denial of membership and/or a revocation of membership and/or employment at Genesis Prep Academy, together with the benefits that accrue therefrom.

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Genesis Prep Academy as non-denominational Christian school, and to provide a Biblical role model to Genesis Prep Academy members, staff, students/families and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Genesis Prep Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by Genesis Prep Academy's Doctrinal Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (*Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22*).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (*Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11*).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Genesis Prep Academy.

Supportive Scripture: *Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:18-25; 1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 15:18-20, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.*

GPA Doctrinal Statement: SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God, in His image. We believe human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. Therefore, we believe that we are called to defend, protect, and value all human life.

Supportive Scripture: *Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 139.*

The Statement of Faith (Doctrinal Statement) above does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, and is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Genesis Preparatory Academy's doctrines, practices, policies and discipline our Board of Directors is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

This Statement of Faith (Doctrinal Statement) may be amended at any regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Genesis Preparatory Academy, provided any such amendments are proposed to all voting Board Members at least 30 days prior to the meeting and approved by 2/3 of the voting members of the Board.

GPA Staff Member Declaration

I have read the above statement of faith and understand that our school community is built upon these major doctrinal areas of Christian faith. I have a personal faith founded upon all of these biblical beliefs and agree that I will represent them, in word and deed, as God's truth to each member of our school community. I also agree that if my personal convictions change regarding their truthfulness, I will notify the school board immediately. I acknowledge that my continuing employment with the school is dependent on my embracing as truth these non-negotiable statements of belief.

Signature: _____ Date: _____