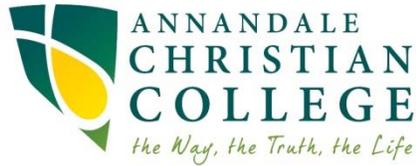


STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

1. The books of the Old and New Testaments constitute the Holy Scriptures, They are the inspired and infallibly written Word of God containing all truth necessary for salvation. Being God's means of revealing Himself to mankind, it is the completed supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct, and provides the framework for our understanding of God's creation and His purposes within it. There is no authority that can either add to, or retract from the Holy Scripture – it is the sole authority and final revelation to mankind.
2. Holy Scripture is intelligible in itself, but our understanding of its truth is brought about only as the Holy Spirit reveals it to us. It still remains essential that God's people draw to one another's attention the plain meaning of Scripture and its implications for life, and witness to its truthfulness in experience.
3. There is one true God, Creator of all, who, in the unity of His Godhead, exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
4. God has sovereign authority in His creation and He exercises that authority in infinite wisdom and goodness.
5. Humankind has chosen to rebel against the sovereign God. This fact has cosmic significance: it has affected the environment in which we live; it has marred our nature including our mind and will and distorted our perception of our place in the world and broken our relationship with God. By ourselves we do not have the power to act in a way that is pleasing to God. From birth, we are self-centred, thereby rendering ourselves deserving of God's anger and condemnation.
6. God the Son became Man and lived in His world. He is known as the Man Jesus Christ Who is both truly God and truly Man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
7. Jesus, the sinless Redeemer, died to reconcile God and humankind. His death is the once for all, perfect, propitiatory, substitutionary and satisfactory sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humankind. Through the death of Jesus, God Himself has removed the barrier that prevented His full relationship with humankind.
8. Because of His obedience in life and unto death, Jesus was crucified, bodily raised from death on the third day to the Most Holy Place and given all authority. This authority is not recognised by rebellious humankind, but will be clear to all when Jesus returns in person to judge the world. Heaven with its eternal glory and the blessedness of Christ's presence is the final abode of those who accept the salvation which God provides through Jesus Christ, but hell with its everlasting conscious misery and separation from God is the final abode of those who reject this great salvation.
9. As by the grace of God persons turn from their sins, repent toward God, and place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Such persons are declared wholly righteous by God, with their transgressions no longer being held for account against them. The conscious commitment of one's life to Jesus is made possible only by the work of the Holy Spirit within the individual. As a result, mankind is justified alone by faith in Christ, and not through our efforts, so that none can boast. The Holy Spirit permanently indwells believers and makes it possible for them to live in obedience to God's will.
10. Salvation of an individual is not related to which church denomination a believer attends, nor is it dependent upon worship methodology or practices. No denomination or doctrine of the body of Christ has claim to exclusiveness in the Kingdom of God.



11. God expects His people to assemble together regularly in the name of Christ for worship, Bible teaching, thanksgiving and prayer to God. Spiritual gifts are given to believers for the assistance and edification of the Church, not to be exercised selfishly or egotistically.
12. Christian parents have the responsibility of disciplining and instructing their children in the Lord. Parental responsibility includes the welfare of their children: spiritual, mental, physical and cultural.
13. The education of children of Christian parents should be God-honouring, centred upon Christ and integrated with the Bible.

I hereby affirm my belief in, and acceptance of, this Statement of Christian Beliefs. In signing this Statement of Faith I desire to declare my personal faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour, my Lord and my God.

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

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