



INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

## 2011-2012

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**The Scriptures** - We believe that God inspired all the words of the Bible without error in the original writings. The Bible constitutes the only infallible and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

**God** - We believe that there is but one living and true God, perfect in all His attributes, one in essence, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Jesus Christ** - We believe in the full deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His real humanity, His sinless life, His substitutionary death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, His present ministry as High Priest and His future personal return to this earth.

**The Holy Spirit** - We believe in the full deity of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit convicts sinners and regenerates those who believe in Christ. He also indwells, sanctifies, instructs, and empowers believers for service, and seals them unto the day of redemption. We believe that every believer is indwelt and baptized by the Spirit at the time of salvation. We believe being filled with the Spirit or walking in the Spirit is living in the conscious presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, letting His mind, through the Word, dominate everything that is thought and done. We believe the Holy Spirit administers spiritual gifts to the church and He is sovereign in bestowing all of the gifts for the perfecting of the saints. We do not believe that speaking in tongues and associated manifestations are the unique evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**Man** - We believe that God created all things as described in Genesis. We believe that the first man, Adam, sinned, bringing spiritual death to all mankind, who therefore stand condemned, making the new birth absolutely necessary.

**Salvation** - We believe that salvation is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works. God gives eternal life to those who repent of their sins, and put their faith in Christ alone, justifying them instantaneously by the blood of Christ and imputing His righteousness to them.

**The Church** - We believe in the universal church to which all believers belong. We believe in the importance of the local church, which is made up of believers who gather for worship, fellowship and teaching. We believe in the responsibility of the church to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ, preaching the gospel to all nations.

**The Future** - We believe in the eternal existence of the soul, the resurrection of the body, the eternal blessedness of believers, the eternal punishment of unbelievers.

**We ask that members of our administration, faculty, and staff only teach and proclaim those doctrines in agreement with our Statement of Faith. We desire to glorify God by being zealous about the things that truly build the body of Christ and clearly communicate the Gospel of Christ, speaking the truth in love.**

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