

# **DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

We recognize that The King's Christian School is not a church but rather a supportive arm of the church, and that it does not replace the unique and distinctive elements of the local church. This abbreviated statement enables us to share the doctrinal position of The King's Christian School with you. It is a doctrinal position based on the infallible Word of God and interpreted in accordance with the reformed standards of the Westminster Confession of Faith (the London Confession of 1689).

# About God

We believe that God is a Spirit (Jn. 4:24): infinite (Job 11:7-9), eternal (1 Tim. 1:17), unchangeable (Jas. 1:17; Mal. 3:6), and incomparable (Ps. 145:3; Rom. 11:33-36) in all that He is; one God but three persons (1 Jn. 5:7; Mt. 3:16; 28:19-20; 2 Cor. 13:14)

- the Father (Eph. 4:6)
- the Son (Jn. 1:14; 10:30)
- the Holy Ghost (Jn. 15:26)
- Our Creator (Gen. 1:1; Jn 1:10), Redeemer, and Sanctifier, in Whose power and wisdom, righteousness, goodness, and truth (Rom. 1:20; Jer. 10:12; 32:17) we may safely put our trust (Prov. 3:5-6; Acts 17:24-25).

## About God's Word

We believe that our one aim in life and death should be to glorify God (1 Cor. 1:31; 10:31) and enjoy Him forever (Ps. 73:25-28; 90:14), and that God teaches us how to glorify and enjoy Him in His holy Word – that is the Bible (Ps. 1). He has given the Bible by the infallible inspiration of His Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21), allowing no errors in original writing, in order that we may know with certainty what we are to believe concerning Him (2 Tim. 3:15), and what duty He requires of us (Ps. 119:9-11; 105; Mic. 6:8; Mt. 22:34-40). We believe that the canon of Scripture is closed with the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Heb. 1:1-2; Rev. 22:18-19).

## **About Creation**

We believe that the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, are the direct work of God's hands (Jn. 1:3; Job 26:13) – created from nothing (Gen. 1; Heb. 11:3), without the process of evolution; and all that He has made He directs and governs (Ps. 115:3; Eph. 1:11), so that they fulfill the end for which they were created (Col. 1:16). We who trust in Him may rest securely in the protection of His almighty love (Acts 17:28).

#### About Man

We believe that God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him (Gen. 2:7). God created men and women in His own image (Gen. 1:26), distinct in gender and roles (Gen. 1:27; 2:18, 21-24 1 Cor. 11:7-9; 1 Tim. 2:12-14), but equal in worth, dignity, and inheritance (1 Pet. 3:7, Gal. 3:28), with wonderful and permanent intention, (Psa. 139:13-16), in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness (Ecc. 7:29; Eph 4:24), requiring of man the obedience that was God's due (1 Jn. 2:6). It was by willfully disobeying God that man fell into sin and misery (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 1:19-32).



#### Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes 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). 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 intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18- 20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of TKCS and to provide a biblical role model to the student body and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by TKCS in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage 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 TKCS.

#### About Sin

We believe that through the devices of Satan (Gen. 3:13; 2 Cor. 11:8) all mankind is fallen in Adam (Rom. 5:12-19). We are by nature children of wrath (Eph. 2:3), under the condemnation of God (Gal. 3:10) and corrupted in body and soul (Eph. 4:18), prone to evil (Rom. 7:5, 15-24; Eccl. 8:11), and liable to eternal death (Rom. 6:23) and everlasting punishment (Dan. 12:2; Mt. 25:41; 2 Thess. 1:9); from this dreadful state we cannot be delivered save through the unmerited grace of God our Savior (Jn. 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 2:11; 3:5).

#### **About Salvation**

We believe that God has not left the world to perish in its sin (2 Pet. 3:9); but, out of the great love wherewith He has loved it (Jn. 3:16), He has from all eternity graciously chosen (Rom. 8:30; Eph. 1:4) unto Himself a multitude which no man can number (Rev. 5:9; 7:9), to deliver them out of their sin and misery.

We believe that God has redeemed His people unto Himself (1 Pet. 2:9-10) through Jesus Christ our Lord (Eph. 2:15-19; 1 Pet. 1:18); Who, though He was and ever continues to be the eternal Son of God (Jn. 1:14; 1 Jn. 5:20), yet was born of a virgin (Is. 7:14; Mt. 1:23), born under the law, that He might redeem them that were under the law (Gal. 4:4-5). We believe that He bore the penalty due to our sins (Is. 53; 1 Pt. 2:24; 3:18).

#### **About Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ, our Redeemer (Acts 4:12; Gal. 3:13), died for our offenses (Is. 53:4-12), was raised again for our justification (Rom. 4:25), and ascended into the heavens (Acts 1:9-11; Heb. 4:14-16), where He sits



at the right hand of the Father Almighty (Heb. 1:3; 12:2), continually making intercession for His people (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:2). Because He governs the whole world as Head over all things for His church (Eph. 2:20-23; Col. 1:18), we surely know that nothing can snatch us out of His hands (Jn. 10:27-30) and nothing can separate us from His love (Rom. 8:35-39).

## About the Holy Spirit

We believe that the redemption wrought by the Lord Jesus is effectively applied to all His people by the Holy Spirit (Jn. 6:63; 1 Cor. 4:13; Eph. 7:17-19), Who works faith in them and thereby unites them to Christ (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 2:14-16). As His Spirit renews them in the whole man after the image of God (Col 3:10), they are enabled more and more to die unto sin and to live unto righteousness (Rom. 6:11; 1 Pet. 2:24); until, this gracious work having been completed (Phil. 1:6; 2 Tim. 3:17) in them, they shall be received into glory. Abiding in this hope (Titus 2:13), we must ever strive to perfect this holiness in the fear of God (Heb. 12:10).

## **About Sanctification**

The principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification and eternal life (Jn. 1:12; Acts 16:31; Gal. 2:20). Good works done in obedience to God's commandments are the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith (Jas. 2:18, 22): and by them believers manifest their thankfulness (Ps. 116:12-13; 1 Pet. 2:9), strengthen their assurance (1 Jn. 2:3, 5; 2 Pet. 1:5-10), edify their brethren (2 Cor. 9:2), adorn the profession of the gospel (Eph. 4:1-3; Titus 2:5), stop the mouths of the adversaries (1 Pet. 2:15), and glorify God (1 Pet. 2:12) whose workmanship we are, created in Christ Jesus unto holiness and good works (Eph. 2:10) that we may have eternal life (Rom. 6:22). Thus, we are to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Phil. 2:12-13). We believe that immediately upon death the souls of Christians are made perfect in holiness (Heb. 12:23; 2 Tim. 4:6-8) and are in the presence of the Lord forever (Lk. 23:43; 2 Cor. 4:8).

#### About Christ's Return

We believe that as Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return a second time in glory (Dan. 7:13; Mt. 24:30) according to His promise to consummate His kingdom (Mt. 24:14, 42); to judge the world in righteousness (Is. 22:3-4), and to assign each to His eternal reward (Rev. 20:7-15). Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him (Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:51-53); and when He shall return in glory we shall be raised in Him (1 Cor. 15:42-44; 1 Thess. 4:13-19) and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity (1 Pet. 5:10; 2 Tim. 2:10-13; Jude 24).

And to Him, our Redeemer With the Father, And the Holy Spirit, Be glory forever, world without end, Amen and Amen. Adopted June 1987 Revised March 2017 Revised January 21, 2021