

Immanuel Christian School Statement of Doctrinal Beliefs

Immanuel Christian School (ICS), the Warrior Board, faculty, and staff subscribe to a strong fundamental, evangelical statement of doctrine. The school was founded by Immanuel Baptist Church and is governed by a Board and Administration of Bible-believing leaders; even so, the mission and focus of this institution is non-denominational. Immanuel Christian School believes denominational beliefs and preferences ought to be taught at church and in the home. The school will emphasize the traditional, fundamental, and historic essentials of Christian belief and practice, while emphasizing the need of a relationship with Christ and Christian growth.

THE SCRIPTURES: ICS believes that the entire Bible, all 66 books of the combined Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired by God and is inerrant in the original writings. Through the providence of God, the Word of God has been protected and preserved and is the only infallible and authoritative rule of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

GOD: ICS believes that there is only one true, living, sovereign, holy, and eternally existent God. He exists in three co-equal persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each being a distinct person and with a distinct function, but all of one essence and all possessing the same nature, perfection, and attributes. The triune God is the creator and sustainer of all things, the source of all truth, and is worthy of worship, and obedience (Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Genesis 1:31).

JESUS CHRIST: ICS believes that Jesus Christ is God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed many miracles, shed His blood on the cross as a vicarious substitute, was buried, bodily resurrected, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return literally, visibly, and personally in glory and power (John 1:1-3, 14; Matthew 1:18-25, Philipians 2:5-9; Colossians 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Acts 1:11).

HOLY SPIRIT: ICS believes that the Holy Spirit is God, co-equal and co-existent with the Father and the Son. He is the chief convictor of sin, the chief agent of regeneration and sanctification. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer and empowers every believer to live a godly life (John 14:16-19; 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 8:9, 11; Titus 3:5).

MANKIND: ICS believes that in the beginning God created mankind in His image and is not in any sense the product of evolution. Mankind was originally created with the ability to live perfectly for God's glory (Genesis 1:27, 31).

SIN: ICS believes that Adam, the first man, sinned by disobedience. This act resulted in the fall of all mankind; therefore, all people have sinned and lost their ability to live for the glory of God. Mankind's fall has incurred both physical and spiritual death on all until there is forgiveness and salvation by the grace of God (Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:10-23; 5:12-21, 23).

HUMAN SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE: ICS believes that God has created each of us to pursue intimacy with Him, and that He calls some of this pursuit through marriage and others through singleness. ICS believes that God:

- a. Creates people in His image as two distinct genders, male and female, and that the intended gender of an individual is determined by such individual's biological sex at birth (Gen 5:2) ICS does not affirm the resolution of tension between one's biological sex and one's experience of gender by the adoption of a psychological identity discordant with one's birth sex.

b. Has instituted the divine institution of marriage as a covenant relationship between one man and one woman (Eph. 5:31-32);

c. Calls husbands and wives to exclusive sexual fidelity (Eph. 5:31-32); and

d. Calls sexual relations outside of marriage (whether involving individuals of the same or opposite sex) inconsistent with God's call to intimacy in our lives, undermines the dignity and image of God in us and alienates us from God and from each other (Heb. 13:4).

e. ICS's beliefs regarding human sexuality and marriage shall apply in all policies and programs in the ICS Christian community. ICS will only recognize marriages consistent with its Christian beliefs about marriage.

SALVATION: ICS believes the salvation of lost and sinful mankind is a free gift of God's grace apart from human works, based solely upon Christ's vicarious and atoning death, effected by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, and received only through faith in the person and finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross (Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

THE CHURCH: ICS believes that the church is the body of Christ and the family of God. It is made up of saved believers who regularly join together on the Lord's Day for worship, fellowship, and ministry (Matthew 16:18; 2 Corinthians 12:12-14; Hebrews 10:25).

EVANGELISM: ICS believes that it is the responsibility and privilege of every Christian to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to seek to make growing disciples (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

THE HOME: In addition to these important beliefs, ICS also believes that God has given the parents and the home the responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6). ICS believes that a consistent and whole education will occur when the home, church, and school work closely together and are in agreement on the basic concepts of life.

SANCTITY OF LIFE: Immanuel Christian School believes that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. 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. ICS is therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139).

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

The statement of doctrinal beliefs does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible 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. For purposes of ICS's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the Warrior Board is ICS's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.