

Hershey Christian School **Statement of Faith**

- A. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testament, to be the inspired word of God, without error in the original writing, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- B. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Colossians 2:9)
- C. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Advocate. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 John 2:1; Luke 1:35)
- D. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age, to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service. (John 15:26; John 16:7-14)
- E. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost. Only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained. (Genesis 1:27; Romans 5:12; John 3:3)
- F. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become the children of God. (Hebrews 9:22; Romans 5:1; John 3:16)
- G. We believe that the Lord's supper and baptism by immersion are ordinances to be observed by the Church during this present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 28:19-20)
- H. We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are baptized into the body of Christ of which He is the head. (1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:1-6; Titus 3:5)
- I. We believe that only those who are thus members of the true and invisible Church should be eligible for membership in this Association. (Acts 2:47)
- J. We believe in the personal and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer. (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16; 1 John 3:1-3)
- K. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, of the believer to the everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, and the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment. (Revelations 20:15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)