

Biblical Foundations Statement

- Georgia Christian University

The Georgia Christian University (GCU) is a Jesus Christ centered institution of higher learning that is unwavering in its belief that the following doctrinal statements are foundational to the educational and spiritual growth of each GCU trustee, faculty, student, and staff member:

- The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God. It is accurate, without error, reliable, and authoritative. The sixty-six Old and New Testaments canonical books are **infallible**;
- There is one eternal, transcendent, omnipotent, personal God that exists as the **Trinity**. Three persons, the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- **God**, the Father, is the first person of the Trinity. He is the infinite spirit sovereign. He is eternal, immutable, and unchangeable in all His attributes. He exists without any time or space limitation;
- Jesus Christ is a person in the Godhead. He is the **Son of God**. He is the perfect, sinless humanity and the absolute, full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, indissolubly united in one divine-human person since His unique incarnation by miraculous conception and virgin birth;
- The third person of the Godhead who convicts, illuminates, regenerates, indwells, seals all believers in Christ, and fills those who yield to Him is the **Holy Spirit**. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers; however, the manifestation of any particular gift is not required as evidence of salvation;
- The biblical record is the full **historicity** and perspicuity of primeval history, including the literal existence of Adam and Eve as the progenitors of all people, the literal fall and resultant divine curse on the creation, the worldwide cataclysmic deluge, and the origin of nations and languages at the tower of Babel;
- Jesus Christ became the substitutionary and redemptive **sacrifice** for the sin of the world, through His literal physical death, burial, and resurrection, followed by His bodily ascension into heaven;
- The gift that comes from the eternal penalty of sin provided solely by the grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of Christ, to be received only through personal faith in His person and work is **Salvation**;
- There will be a future, personal, bodily **return** of Jesus Christ to the earth to judge and purge sin, to establish His eternal Kingdom, and to consummate and fulfill His purposes in the works of creation and redemption with eternal rewards and punishments;
- There was a special **creation** of the existing space-time universe and all its basic systems and kinds of organisms in the six literal days of the creation week; and
- **Satan** exists as a personal, malevolent being who acts as tempter and accuser.
- **Heaven and Hell**. Two distinct, different, and real places. Hell is the place of eternal punishment, where all who die outside of Christ are confined in conscious torment for eternity.

Note: Each Faculty, Staff, Board member, and Student at GCU shall subscribe over his/her signature to the foregoing Biblical Foundations Statement. GCU has determined that board members, faculty, staff and students only need to re-sign the Biblical Foundations Statement if there are any changes.

Note: GCU will still be in compliance with TRACS Standards. This change is recommended so that GCU is in compliance with their own policies and procedures.

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AGREEMENT

I have read, understand, and respect the Biblical Foundations Statement of Georgia Christian University.

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Position at GCU: _____

Signature: _____