

California Christian College

Application for Admission

Biblical Foundations Statement

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rules of faith and practice.
 - a. We believe in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible. By plenary we mean “full and complete.” We hold that all parts of the Bible are inspired and that inspiration extends to all its subjects. By verbal we mean that inspiration extends to the very words of the Scriptures, not just the thoughts and ideas expressed by human authors.
 - b. We believe the Scriptures are infallible and inerrant. The Bible is without error and is trustworthy in all its teachings, including cosmogony, geology, astronomy, anthropology, history, chronology, etc., as well as in matters of faith and practice. Being the very word of God, it is God’s final revelation and our absolute authority.
2. We believe there is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the creator, preserver, and the Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey. We believe in the Triune God.
3. We believe Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man; the mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.
4. We believe in the Holy Spirit and that the Scriptures assign to Him all the attributes of God. This third person of the Godhead guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against. He convicts, regenerates, indwells, seals all believers in Christ, and fills all who yield to Him. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers; even so, the manifestation of any particular gift is not required as evidence of salvation.
5. We believe God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of humanity requires.
6. We believe man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherits a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.
 - a. God, by His own special act, created the universe and all that is in it in six literal days of the creation week.
 - b. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker. Adam and Eve are our first parents whom God specifically created.
7. We believe the Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. We believe the conditions of salvation are:
 - a. A “godly sorrow which produces repentance to salvation” (2 Corinthians 7:10).
 - b. Faith or unreserved committal of oneself to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.
 - c. Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.
 - d. Personal salvation from the eternal penalty of sin is provided solely by the grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, to be received solely through personal repentance of sin and faith in His Person and Work.
9. We believe God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
10. We believe the human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
11. We believe God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
12. We believe all believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
13. We believe that Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord’s Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet washing, as ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.
14. We believe God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, “Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him” (1 Corinthians 16:2a).
15. We believe the divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
16. We believe in the personal, malevolent being called Satan who acts as tempter and accuser, for whom the place of eternal punishment was prepared, where all who die outside of Christ will be confined in conscious torment forever.
17. We believe the Lord Jesus, Who ascended on high and sits at the right hand of God, will come again to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world (Acts 1:11).
 - a. The return of our Lord Jesus Christ will be personal, bodily, and visible.
 - b. We believe the Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.

I have read and understand the Biblical Foundations Statement above, as they apply to the Free-Will Baptist faith.

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Student Signature

Date