

Path of Life Camp Doctrinal Statement

Article 1- The Bible

The Christian Bible, comprised of 39 “Old Testament” and 27 “New Testament” books comprise the entirety of the inspired, inerrant, and preserved Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16) A literal and historical interpretation of It is our basis for faith and practice.

Article 2- The Trinity

We believe in a singular God, self-existent in eternity past as three co-equal persons, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, (Genesis 1:1, 26; Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 John 5:7)

Article 3- Jesus Christ

We believe in the eternal deity of Jesus Christ, the second person of the trinity, a literal, historical person, that he was born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:20-23, clothed in flesh while never ceasing to be God, (Philippians 2:5-11) living a sinless life and giving his life for the remission of sin through His shed blood. We believe his crucified body was literally resurrected and ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God, interceding and advocating for us. (Hebrews 1:1-3, 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2)

Article 4- The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a literal person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He is the agent of regeneration when saving faith in Christ occurs, indwelling and sealing the church unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 3:6; Eph. 1:13-14). We believe He illuminates the scriptures to our understanding and application.

Article 5- Satan

We believe in the literal existence of the person the Bible describes as Satan, a created angelic being, fallen in sin and rebellion, and cast out from the presence of God, the adversary of Christ and the church, the tempter, the accuser of the brethren, the god of this age, destined to the lake of fire. (Isaiah 14:12-17, Matthew 4:2-11 Revelation 12:10, 20:10)

Article 6- Creation

We believe in a literal interpretation of Genesis 1-2, that God spoke the universe into existence by the word of his mouth, in 6 literal 24-hour days, and that man was formed as a special creation in the image of God, not a product of any form of evolution. (Genesis 1:27, Exodus 20:11, Colossians 1:16)

Article 7- Sin

We believe that mankind was created in sinless innocence, but voluntarily broke the command of God, bringing sin into the world, and death by sin.(Romans 5:12) Consequently, every person, born of man, was born into sin, by nature and by choice, under condemnation without

excuse. (Romans 1:20) We believe the wages of sin is eternal death, separated from God in the lake of fire (Matthew 25:31–46, Romans 3:23, Revelation 20:15)

Article 8- Salvation

We believe that the sinless sacrifice of the son of God vicariously and exclusively satisfied the justice and righteousness of God on behalf of all people. We believe that Christ voluntarily shed His blood, bore the sins of mankind, and tasted death for every man.

We believe that without faith, it is impossible to please Him, that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice is the singular condition of salvation. Repentance is a change of mind and a turning away from sin and toward God, and is inseparable from saving faith. (James 2:14-26)

We believe that all who are born again are granted immediate eternal life. These are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1; 38-39; 1 Cor. 1:4-8; 1 Pet. 1:4-5).

Article 9- Human sexuality and gender

We believe that God created the sexual relationship as a gift exclusive to marriage between one man and one woman, and that any form of sexual immorality (including but not limited to adultery, cohabitation, fornication (which is sexual intercourse or other sexual activity between people not married to one another), homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, transgenderism, and the use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

We believe that the assignment of biological sex at birth is a gift from God and part of God's glory and creation. The Fall of Man into sin and God's subsequent curse have introduced brokenness and dysfunction into God's good creation (Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 8:20). We extend love and compassion to those whose experience of this brokenness includes a perceived conflict between their biological sex and their gender identity as well as those with same-sex attraction (Romans 8:22-23). We affirm God's good design that gender identity should be determined by biological sex and not by one's perception – a perception which is often influenced by fallen human nature in ways contrary to God's design (Ephesians 4:17-18). We affirm distinctions in masculine and feminine roles as ordained by God as part of the created order (Genesis 2:18; 21-24; 1 Corinthians 11:7-9; Ephesians 5:22-23; 1 Timothy 2:12- 14).

We also believe that acting on same-sex attraction is sinful and contrary to God's order of sexual identity and the created order of God designing Man and Woman who are then complimentary for one another and designed exclusively to fulfill the God created sexual desire found inside a marriage covenant.