

ARTICLE IV Statement of Faith

Section 1: Preface

Our statement of Faith includes only those truths upon which all true Christians agree. It concerns the person and work of Jesus Christ (the Gospel) as revealed in Scripture. It is the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3, Eph. 4:5), which distinguishes believers from non-believers. There are many other precious truths taught in the Bible over which godly men have differed in understanding. Therefore, this is not a statement of all that is important to believe, but of all that is essential to believe for Christian fellowship and unity (Rom. 15:7), and should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

Section 2: Statement

We Believe:

1. The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
2. That there is one God, internally existent in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
4. That man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God, can be saved.
5. That salvation is the free gift of God brought to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin.
6. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
7. In the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences which may exist, outside of the aforementioned (IV:1-6), should not hinder the unity of Christian home-educators.

ARTICLE V Statement on Family and Education

Section 1: Family

We believe that the family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God. In it the child learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 3:5 and 16, Ephesians 6:1 and Colossians 3:20. The family also provides protection from over-extensive government and over stimulating social involvements.

We understand "family" to mean one male and one female parent, legally married, with one or more children (Genesis 1:26-28). We recognize single parents and foster children as "family" in accordance with James 1:27.

We reject homosexual practice or homosexual marriages because it is contrary to Scripture and the intentions of God in creation (Romans 1:18-32), and we believe such relationships are destructive to children and the very idea of family. Further we reject transitory, co-habitational relationships as being equally in violation of God's laws and incapable of providing long-term nurture and instruction needed by children and commanded by God (Proverbs 1:8-9, 2:1-11; Colossians 3:21; and Eph. 6:4). In view of this, no homosexual or merely cohabiting "parents" are eligible for membership in this organization.

Section 2: Education

We believe that the ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents (Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:1-25, and 4:1-4). Thus, we believe this is an inalienable right given by God which the State cannot create, destroy, or alter. Parents may allow another to teach some of the cognitive information that children need to know, but all education must be under the ultimate control and supervision of the parents.

We believe that all education is religious in nature since one's view of the world and life is inevitably involved in teaching (Proverbs 2:1-8 and 3:1-2, with 6:20-23; and Matthew 28:18-20). Every discipline of knowledge, whether it be a subject such as mathematics, science, or history will have its final reference point a theistic or, in the alternative, a humanistic view of reality (Colossians 1:15-20 and 2:8-15), and that there is no neutral academic discipline. We believe that the religions of Secular Humanism and Christianity are mutually exclusive.

We have read and agree with the HEA Statements of Faith, Family and Education as written above. We agree to abide by the HEA Constitution and Bylaws. If our agreement changes at any point in the future, we will inform the HEA board and resign our membership.

Signed _____ **Date** _____