

Core Values for HOPE International School

1. God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

Therefore an attitude of wonder and gratitude is important as we seek to understand and care for the world around us. Gen. 1: 29; Heb. 11: 3;

2. God's truth is revealed in creation, in the Bible and through Jesus Christ.

Therefore the pursuit of truth is necessary for developing a high level of understanding knowledge. Psalm 19: 1 – 4; 1 Cor. 2: 9,10; John 16: 13; John 17: 17

3. God's authority and sovereign power is absolute throughout history.

Therefore we are to respect the authority that God has delegated to individuals through institutions such as the family, the church, the school and governments. Exodus 20: 2,3; Ephesians 6: 1 - 3; Romans 13: 1,2; Hebrews 13: 17; James 1: 25

4. Each person is uniquely created in the image of God.

Therefore it is important to recognize the talents, gifts and abilities of every individual in order to encourage the development of personal potential. Genesis 1: 26; Genesis 5: 1,2; I Cor. 12: 7 – 11; Colossians 1: 28; Ephesians 4: 11 – 16

5. All people have been created to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Therefore it is important to be restored into a relationship with God, which in turn enables us to develop and maintain healthy and loving relationships with all people. Ephesians 2: 8,9; Romans 5: 1 – 5; Romans 12: 9 – 21

6. Our earthly and eternal purpose is to honour and bring glory to God.

This will motivate us and provide direction and meaning to all that we do. Matthew 5: 16; John 15: 8; Romans 15: 6; 1 Cor. 6: 20; Romans 15: 5,6; 1 Peter 2: 12

7. A living relationship with God results in a desire to be more like Jesus Christ.

Therefore it is important to allow the Holy Spirit to refine our character, resulting in the demonstration of godly virtues. Matthew 5: 3 – 12; Galatians 5: 22,23; Ephesians 5: 1,2

8. Parents have ultimate responsibility for the education of their children.

Therefore it is important to develop a partnership between parents and teachers for the education and nurturing of the children. Deut. 6: 4 - 9; Psalm 78: 4 – 6; 1Cor. 12: 27 & 28.

9. Jesus Christ commands us to make disciples of all nations.

Therefore it is important that we respond to this by developing skills and seeking opportunities to share our faith in love, through words and deeds, with all people. Matt. 28: 19, 20; Deut. 15 7; Matt. 19: 21.

Statement of Faith for HOPE International School

1. We believe in the inspiration of the Bible, that it is without error in the original documents and the final authority in faith, life, and doctrine. (II Timothy 3:15; II Peter 1:21).
2. We believe in one living and true God, eternally existent in Three Persons; Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).
3. We believe God is the creator of all things, giver of all life, all knowing, all-powerful, and all loving. (Genesis 1:1; Jeremiah 31:3; Acts 14:15; Hebrews 11:3; Isaiah 40:28)
4. We believe in the humanity and deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:14, John 10:33)
 - His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35)
 - His sinless life (Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 7:26)
 - His miracles (John 2:11)
 - His finished work of salvation, including His atoning death on the cross, substituting for us (I Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9)
 - His bodily resurrection from death (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4)
 - His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:9)
 - His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11)
5. We believe in the universal sinfulness and guilt of humanity since the Fall through Adam, and that the relationship that God intended all people have with Him has been broken. (Psalm 53:3; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23).
6. We believe that forgiveness and salvation of sinful humans is only by the grace of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone, accomplished through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit. (John 3: 16 – 19; John 5:24; Romans 5:8,9; Ephesians 2: 8-10; Titus 3:5).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit who indwells and empowers all Christians enabling them to become more like Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:13-14; Corinthians 3:16; I Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 5:18).
8. We believe in the resurrection and judgment of all people; they who have been saved to eternal fellowship with God, and they who are lost to bear the consequences of sin by eternal separation from God. (John 5:28-29)
9. We believe that having a saving faith in Jesus Christ unites all Christians as members of the body of Christ, His church, and that we have the responsibility to maintain the unity of the spirit in love. (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).
10. We believe that as Christians, we are to be committed to proclaim the gospel throughout the world, demonstrating God's love to all people. (Matthew 26:18-20)