

# **Glory Alliance Christian Home Educators**

## **Mission Statement, Statement of Faith & of Family and Education**

### ***Mission Statement:***

***To minister to homeschoolers who are like minded and like hearted in the pursuit of a life with Jesus and raising our children accordingly.***

## **Article I - 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)

### **Section 2: Statement: We believe:**

- i. The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
- ii. That there is one living and true God; an infinite, intelligent Spirit, perfect in all His attributes, one in essence but eternally subsistent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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 alone, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, can be saved.
- v. 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.
- vi. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.

## **Article II - 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 is to be trained in self-government, social relationships, and the development of a personal relationship to the Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 3:5 and 16, Ephesians 6:1 and Colossians 3:20.

**We understand** "family" to mean a male and female parent, legally married, with one or more children (Genesis 1:26-28), **inclusive of single parent families.**

**We believe** in the biblical definition of marriage as outlined in scripture. (Romans 1:18-32) We believe that ungodly relationships are destructive to children and the very idea of family. Further, we believe that parents who are unable to say amen to God's laws renders them incapable of providing the long-term nurture and instruction needed by children and commanded by God (Proverbs 1:8 and 9, 2:1-11; Colossians 3:21, and Ephesians 6:4). In view of this, leadership, to include teaching, must abide by and live by our statement of faith.

### **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 no government entity can deny, 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; 3:1-2; 6:20-23; 9:10 and Matthew 28:18-20). Every discipline of knowledge, whether it be a subject such as mathematics, science, or history will have as its final reference point a theistic or, in the alternative, a humanistic view of reality (Colossians 1:15-20 and 2:8-15), and there is no neutral academic discipline. We believe that the religions of secular Humanism and Christianity are mutually exclusive. Because of this, children will be referred to as their biological birth pronouns in our organization.

### **Section 3: Discipline of Children**

**We believe** that the biblical discipline of children is crucial and necessary for life and godliness and is a required and a fundamental duty of members (Proverbs 13:24; 22:6; 23:13-14; 29:15-17). Members may be allowed to correct children in their care, but the ultimate discipline of children is reserved and is the primary responsibility of the parents. For that reason, it is important that parents remain on-site to aid in the correction and education of their children.