

Grace Home Educators STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Grace Home Educators group is to support and encourage home-educating families as we faithfully endeavor to train up our children in the Lord. We are a "parent-centered" group with the desire that parents will be enabled to take on the important task of discipling and educating their children.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We of the Grace Home Educators present the following as our Statement of Faith, to be signed by members of the group at the beginning of each year of home education. (Your signature indicating you have read and approve this statement is on the registration form. This is a copy for your records.) By doing this, we hope to ensure our members are walking together in Christian faith as we home-educate our children.

THE BIBLE: The Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, verbally inspired in all parts, and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).

THE ONE TRUE GOD: Existing eternally as three persons -the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 3:14).

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: His pre-existence and deity (John 1:1-3); incarnation by virgin birth (John 1:14, Matthew 1:18-23); sinless life (Hebrews 4:15); substitutionary death (2 Corinthians 5:21); bodily resurrection (Luke 24:36-43); ascension into heaven and present ministry (Hebrews 4:14-16); and coming again (Acts 1:11).

THE HOLY SPIRIT: His personality, deity, and work in each believer (John 16:7-15, Acts 5:3-4); baptism and indwelling at the moment of regeneration (1 Corinthians 12:13, Romans 8:9); filling (Ephesians 5:18) to empower for Christian life and service (Ephesians 3:16, Acts 1:8, Galatians 5:22-23).

MAN: His direct creation in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-28); his subsequent fall into sin resulting in spiritual death (Genesis 3:1-24, Romans 5:12); and the necessity of the new birth for his salvation (John 3:3-5).

SALVATION: A complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone, received as the gift of God through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5- 7, 1 Peter 1:18-19).

THE CHURCH: One true Church, the body and the bride of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-32), composed of all true believers of the present age (1 Corinthians 12:12-13); and the organization of its members in local churches for worship, for edification of believers, and for world-wide gospel witness, each local church being autonomous, but cooperating in fellowship and work (Ephesians 4:11-16).

CHRISTIAN LIFE: A life of righteousness, good works, and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world (Romans 12:1-2), manifested by speaking the truth (James 5:12); maintaining the sanctity of the home (Ephesians 5:22-6:4); settling differences between Christians in accordance with the Word of God (1 Corinthians 6:1-8); not engaging in carnal strife, but showing a Christ-like attitude toward all men (Romans 12:17-21); exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23); maintaining a life of prayer (Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6).

ORDINANCES: The Christian should observe the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ, which are baptism of believers and communion service.

SATAN: His existence and personality as the great adversary of God and His people (Revelation 12:1-10); his judgment (John 12:31); and final doom (Revelation 20:10).

SECOND COMING: The personal, visible, and imminent return of Christ.

FUTURE LIFE: The conscious existence of the dead (Philippians 1 :21-23, Luke 16: 19-31); the resurrection of the body (John 5:28-29); the judgment and reward of believers (Romans 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10), the judgment and condemnation of unbelievers (Revelation 20:11-15); the eternal life of the saved (John 3:16); and the eternal punishment of the lost (Matthew 25:46; 20:15).