Statement of Faith

The following is the foundation of beliefs on which Veritas is based. They are also the key elements of Protestant Christianity that will be unapologetically taught in various ways through all grade levels.

- 1. We believe the Bible alone to be the Word of God, the ultimate and infallible authority for faith and practice. We believe that God has revealed Himself to mankind today in only two ways: (1) God revealed Himself in nature (general revelation); (2) God has spoken to us in the Bible (special revelation). We believe that God will never contradict what is in His final, authoritative word, the Bible.
- 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and HolySpirit. He is omnipotent; that is, He is capable of doing all things. He is omnipresent; that is, He is present to all creation, and has under His immediate authority all things which are in Heaven, in the earth, and under the earth. He is omniscient; that is, He knows all things. He readily exercises His power, which is present everywhere, and to Him there is nothing that is impossible or unknown; that is, He has decreed what has been from eternity, what now takes place everywhere, and what will be to all eternity.
- 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. We believe that faith in Christ is the only way to salvation, which is peace with God and adoption into His family.
- 4. We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.
- 5. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone in Christ alone.
- 6. We believe that faith without works is dead.
- 7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- 8. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved to the resurrection of life, and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation.
- 9. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 10. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably created each person as distinctly male or female (Gen. 1:26-31; 2:18-25; 5:1,2). These two distinct and complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. To reject one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person and is a sin against God.
- 11. We believe that marriage was created and sanctioned by God, in which God joins one man and one woman into a single and exclusive union. (Gen 2:24; Matt. 19:4-6)
- 12. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. Any form of sexual intimacy outside of marriage is immoral and is sin against God. (I Cor. 6:15-7:6; Eph. 5:3-7) Sexual immorality includes, but is not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexual conduct, and pornography.
- 13. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition

- from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139)
- 14. We believe in the five solas: sola scriptura (Scripture alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), sola fide (faith alone), and sola gratia (grace alone), and soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone). Sola scriptura is the belief that because the Scripture (the Bible) is God's inspired Word, it is the only inerrant, sufficient, and final authority. Solus Christus is the assertion that Christ alone is the basis on which the ungodly are justified in God's sight. Sola fide maintains that the believer receives the redemption Christ has accomplished only through faith. Sola gratia proclaims that all of our salvation, from beginning to end, is by grace and grace alone. Because of these things, we hold fast to the phrase soli Deo gloria, that only God receives the glory for our salvation.

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the final source of all that we believe. For the purpose of Veritas' faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's application. Voting board members must be actively involved in ministry within a local church that also teaches the items outlined in this statement of faith