



Students International Statement of Faith

Students International believes in the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith as taught by Holy Scripture.

We believe that there is one God, the almighty Creator of all things, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Isa 45:18; Jer 10:10; Mt 28:19; Isa 40:28; Jn 10:30; 2 Cor 13:14)

We believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired, entirely trustworthy, authoritative Word of God. (Isa 40:8; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21; Heb 4:12)

We believe in Jesus Christ, both fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, who lived a perfect life, and gave himself as the only ransom for sinners. He was bodily raised from the dead and ascended into heaven where he reigns as Savior and Lord. (Jn 1:1, 14; Lk 1:35; 1 Pet 1:3-5, 2:22; 1 Jn 2:1-2, Heb 1:2-4)

We believe that full justification is freely offered to all sinful men and women who repent, and put their faith in Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation. Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and humanity. (1 Tim 2:5-6; Acts 4:12; Rom 3:24-26)

We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling presence and transforming power gives new life to all believers, enables personal change, empowers Christian community, and inspires obedient service and sacrifice. (Jn 14:26; Rom 8:14-16; 1 Cor 12:7-11; Tit 3:5; Acts 2:38-47)

We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ calls all believers, this holy church, to preach the Gospel, care for the needy and strive for social justice. (Jn 1:12; Gal 3:27-28; Eph 4:25; Mt 28:18-20; 1 Pet 3:15; Isa 58:6-9; Mt 25:34-40)

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)

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, intimate sexual activity engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman, homosexual behavior, bisexual or transsexual conduct, bestiality, incest and the use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Students International.

We believe in the future return of Jesus Christ, who will personally return to judge all people with justice and mercy. The redeemed will be saved unto eternal life and the unrepentant will be lost unto eternal damnation. (1 Thess 4:13-18; Acts 10:41-42; Jn 5:24-25; Jn 3:36; Rom 6:23)

We believe that in order to preserve the mission and integrity of Students International as an international Body of Christ and to provide a biblical role model to all persons who encounter any person representing Students International, including, without limitation, employees and volunteers of Student's International, it is imperative that all persons employed by Students International in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers in any capacity, including, without limitation, those persons serving on long-term missions, agree to and abide by this statement of faith. Those persons serving on short-term missions shall acknowledge this statement faith.

This 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 sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Students International's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board of directors is Students International's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.