

Faith, Substance & Evidence (FSE) University – Statement of Faith Date: January 10, 2019

In order to be eligible for the FSE University scholarship program, one of the requirements is the candidate must sign this statement of faith (as described below) that they agree and personally believe in the following 8 statements about their Christian worldview.

Candidate Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

#1. The Creator

We believe in one God, Creator and the Lord of the universe, eternally existing in three-person: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Father: John 6:27; Son: John 1:1, 18; Titus 2:12-13; Holy Spirit: Acts 5:3-4).

#2. The Trinity

We believe in the unity of the Trinity. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 48:16, Matthew 28:19, 1 Timothy 2:5)

#3. The Scriptures

We believe the Bible is God's authoritative, inspired word and without error in all its teachings (any command or original manuscripts). It is our final authority. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21, Matthew 4:4,7,10, Romans 1:16-17, Colossians 1:10, 1 Peter 2:2, 2 Peter 3:18)

#4. Sin and redemption

We believe we're all born separated from God and cannot be united with Him despite our best efforts at being good enough. We can only become united with God by admitting we are spiritually lost, have sinned and need His forgiveness and restoration. When we make these confessions we are brought into a right relationship with God when we accept the word of His Son Jesus. (John 3:16, Acts 16:31, Romans 3:23, 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-7)

#5. The Church

Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, which is made up of all believers everywhere in the world. The church is not a building but a group of baptized believers who are organized to do God's will. Its calling is to worship God and make Him known to the world in word and deed. (Matthew 16:18, 28:18-20, Acts 8:36-39, 10:43-48, 1 Corinthians 1:2, Ephesians 1:20-23, 5:23-33)

#6. The Savior

We believe Jesus Christ is eternal (Micah 5:2, John 1:1,14, 17:5; Revelation 1:8), that He is God's son and was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (Matthew 1:25; Luke 1:26-28). We believe He lived a sinless life and died a substitutionary atoning death on the cross for our sins (Isaiah 53:10; Romans 3:21-26; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 2:1-2). We believe Christ rose in bodily form from the dead and ascended to Heaven (Acts 1:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:4; Ephesians 1:20). We believe Jesus was fully God and fully man and is the only mediator between God and man. (John 1:1,18, Titus 2:13, Hebrews 13:8, 1 Timothy 2:5, Luke 2:52, John 4:6, 19:28, Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25, 9:24, 1 Timothy 2:5, 1 John 2:1-2)

#7. The New Birth

Accepting the work of Jesus on our behalf results in a spiritual rebirth. This birth leads to spiritual maturity and transformation in individuals and the church. Believers are called to live in God's power and to experience a life of dynamic change, becoming more like Christ in character each day. (John 16:8-11, Romans 8:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Peter 1:2)

#8. The Return of Christ

We believe Jesus Christ will personally and visibly return in glory to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgment to completion. God will fully manifest His kingdom when He establishes a new heaven and earth, in which He will be glorified forever. The new kingdom will be without evil, suffering, and death. (Zechariah 14:1-9, Matthew 25:31-46, Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 19:11-21, Revelation 20)