

Belief Statement/Educational Philosophy Statement

Nampa Christian School believes in a God-centered (as opposed to a man-centered) view of life. We believe in one triune God who is personal, spiritual, sovereign, perfect, infinite, self-existent and self-revealing in three distinct persons--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God who was born of a virgin birth, lived as both true God and true man, died on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of men, rose from the dead, and is the advocate and intercessor for man with God. Jesus Christ is the eternal Word, the source of all knowledge and wisdom. It is only through faith in what Jesus did that man can receive the free gift from God of salvation and eternal life in heaven. Christ will return to earth a second time to resurrect and translate all those who have accepted His gift of salvation. He will judge every man, and non-believers will be cast into the final place of everlasting judgment.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who indwells the child of God to empower him to live a holy life. It is the Holy Spirit who guides and teaches the believer in truth. He enables the believer to know that which the non-believer can never know. Only people (in our case, teachers) who have been empowered by the Holy Spirit can teach God's truth to man.

We believe that man is the direct creation of God and in NO way the product of an animal ancestry. By direct disobedience to the revealed will of God, man became and is sinful and the progenitor of a fallen race. Within himself, he has no possible means of recovery or salvation. Man is to live a righteous life and do good works, not in any sense as the procuring cause of salvation, but as its proper evidence and fruit. He is to have no fellowship with evil ways of unclean habits that defile mind or body.

We believe in the existence of Satan who through unlawful ambition rebelled against God and thus became utterly depraved. He is the deceiver and god of this world, but is defeated and judged at the Cross. The child of God is able to resist and overcome him with God's armor and Christ's blood.

We believe in the HOLY SCRIPTURES: accepting fully the writings of the Old and New Testaments as the ONLY Word of God, verbally inspired in all parts and, therefore, wholly without error as originally given of God, altogether sufficient as our infallible rule of faith and practice (Matthew 5:18; John 10:35; John 17:17; II Timothy 3:16). It, in conjunction with God's creation, is the basis for all truth and reality. Its truth is eternal, not material or temporal. All knowledge and wisdom must be based on God's Word.

We believe that the education of children is the responsibility of parents. The school exists as an extension of the home to assist the parents with this responsibility. All instruction must have the Bible as its base. Its main purpose is to assist parents to bring their children into conformity with God's revealed will so that every man may be presented perfect before Christ. The child needs to be prepared to be a productive member of society and the body of Christ.