

Christos Institute Affirmation Statements

Mission Statement

As a Spirit-filled evangelical institution of higher education, Christos is dedicated to the preparation of men and women for effective leadership and Christ-like servanthood in the global community.

Institutional Purposes

To fulfill its mission, Christos is committed to:

Provide instruction, nurture, and enrichment for personal and professional development within a Spirit-filled, ecumenical ethos;

Instill in the student recognition of the authority of Scripture in all areas of life and provide a solid knowledge of the Bible;

Encourage development of a biblical and balanced Christian theology;

Increase awareness and appreciation of the heritage of the Christian community and the Spirit-filled community of faith in particular;

Equip students with the basic skills for ministry and evangelism;

Cultivate within students a spirit of thoughtful inquiry and reflective discernment in the quest for knowledge and truth;

Enhance spiritual development by encouraging students in personal prayer and the spiritual disciplines;

Increase student's biblical knowledge of moral and ethical standards and encourage a lifestyle based on Scripture;

Prepare students for servanthood in the Church and community with sensitivity to the rich ethnic and cultural diversity and varied needs of the world;

Make personal and professional development possible for adult learners through quality educational delivery systems;

Stimulate awareness for the need of continuous lifelong personal and professional development and provide such opportunities; and

Operate in an efficient and effective manner so as to be a good steward of the resources God has entrusted to it.

Institutional Objectives

In harmony with the missions and institutional purposes of the school, Christos expects certain outcomes to be demonstrated by its graduates. These foundational outcomes are enlarged upon by the specific measurable objectives articulated in each academic program offered by the institution. The combination of these institutional objectives for each student and the specific objectives for each academic program provides a basis for assessing a student's progress and the institution's effectiveness in fulfilling its mission.

Students will:

evidence a commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ;

evidence the fruit of a Spirit-filled lifestyle and mindset;

evidence the recognition of the authority of Scripture in their lives;

demonstrate a foundational knowledge of Scripture and the ability to apply its principles to life;

evidence a commitment to the biblical mandate of evangelism and the ability to share their faith;
evidence a commitment to the Church and to serve in it;
demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate in both written and oral form;
evidence analytical reasoning skills with the ability to interpret and integrate knowledge;
demonstrate the ability for research on a post-secondary level;
and manifest a commitment to lifelong learning and growth.

Philosophy

Christos Institute recognizes the primacy of the spiritual truth revealed in the Bible and incarnate in Jesus Christ, and acknowledges that all truth, wherever it is found, is of God. All truth finds its unity in God. Christos also recognizes the role of the Holy Spirit in interpreting God's truth in accordance with the words of the Lord Jesus Christ who instructed His disciples that "when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

Christos recognizes that the Father has shown humankind truth through Christ in nature, history, and above all, in Scripture. Thus the Bible, as the authoritative Word of God, is central in the quest for knowledge. Its principles and precepts are integrated throughout The King's curriculum and are foundational in the school's basic philosophy of education.

Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE –

Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Son of God; He was eternally preexistent with the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity; He became incarnate as the virgin born Savior of the world; that by His sinless life, atoning death on the Cross and through His bodily resurrection He completed God's sole plan for the redemption of fallen humanity; Jesus is the King of Glory, who is now ascended to the right hand of God as His Majesty on high, where He ever lives to make intercession for us, and from whence He will yet return to earth again to reign in righteousness.

(Luke 1:34-35; John 1:1-2, 10:36-38; Acts 1:9-11, 2:33-36; 1 Cor. 15:3-5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:24-26, 9:26)

These truths are revealed in the Holy Bible, which is the Holy Spirit-inspired and infallible Word of God contained in the books of the Old and New Testament, inerrant as given in their original form; that the Word is the conclusive and final authority provided to humankind, revealing the ultimate Way, the Truth, and the Life – Who alone can satisfy our need and hunger.

(Matt. 5:8; John 5:39, 14:6; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 3:16-18)

The Scriptures join with God's revelation of Himself in His Messiah and in His Creation to show us the goodness and glory of the Eternal Godhead – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator and Sustainer of all things visible and invisible, as revealed in the Scriptures; the everywhere present, almighty, all-knowing – all-loving One, whose benevolent laws have framed humankind's promise and potential, and whose redeeming grace alone provides for humankind's salvation and restoration.

(John 1:3, 14:16-21,26; 16:12-15; Rom. 1:20; Col. 1:16-17; 1 Tim. 1:17, 2:3-6; Titus 2:11; Heb. 1:1-3; 1 John 4:15-16; Rev. 1:8)

The Gospel is the full message of his salvation and restoration; announcing that forgiveness of sin, restoration unto the Father's will and the promise of eternal life are available through repentance and faith in Jesus, the Savior; that this faith brings new birth into the Kingdom of God whereby the Creator's loving purpose for each individual may be realized by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(John 3:3-7; Acts 16:31, 26:17-20; Rom. 1:16, 10:8-10,13; Titus 3:4-7; Heb. 6:1-2)

The Church is constituted of all those who have believed and received the Gospel; that the global Church's essential unity is to be rooted in our mutual acknowledgement of the Saviorhood and Lordship of Jesus, the Messiah; that each community and ethnicity within the global Church should receive the respect and acceptance of the other, allowing one another the liberty of doctrinal distinctive, cultural uniqueness or ministry emphasis in the spirit of love and brotherhood.

(John 13:34-35; 15:12-13; Acts 2:36; Rom. 15:7; I Cor.12:3; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 2:19-23, 4:1-6; I Thess. 4:9-12; I John 4:7-21)

The whole Church is commissioned by Her Lord to take the whole Gospel to the whole world, declaring the message that all may be reconciled to God in Jesus' Name; that even as Jesus, the Son, was sent as our Redeemer from heaven, the Holy Spirit has been sent to enable the living Church to spread this good news, to minister the love of God in every way consistent with His will and truth.

(Matt. 5:13-16, 24:14, 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:18-21)

The fullness of the Holy Spirit is the fountainhead of the Church's capacity for witness and ministry; that as the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, Jesus Himself directs each of His own to receive His power from on high, that each being filled today in the same way as the earliest believers we may work the same works today, in Jesus' Name; that the gifts, fruit, and power of the Spirit are essential for the Gospel of the Kingdom to be preached to all the world for a witness, and then the end shall come.

(Matt. 3:11, 24:14; Luke 3:16, 24:48-49; John 14:12, 20:21-23; Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4; Rom. 12:5-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Gal. 5:22,23; Heb. 13:8)

According to the Scriptures, the end of all things is at hand; that vital believers will always balance their care and service of life's most practical daily issues with their warm expectation of the imminent return of their Savior from heaven; that at His return He will judge the living and the dead according to the righteousness of God, each one receiving their just reward of either eternal gain or eternal loss.

(John 5:28-29; Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Tim. 4:1-2; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:11-14; 1 John 3:2-3; Rev. 20:11-15)

The above affirmations of faith are founded on the revelation of God's Word and are reaffirmed in the following statements:

We believe in the Trinity of the Eternal Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, perfect in unity as Creator, Redeemer, and Restorer of Humankind.

We believe in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible—the completed canon of the Old and New Testaments, inerrant in the original manuscripts and infallible in its truth for faith and life.

We believe in the creation of the universe, the fashioning of earth for human habitation, and the historicity of primeval history as presented in the Scriptures.

We believe in the literal existence of the devil and in the reality of the invisible war against demonic hosts who seek to tempt and separate humankind from the Father.

We believe in the Gospel of salvation through the Cross—that humankind is lost without Jesus the Savior, whose atoning blood and substitutionary death alone provide forgiveness for and justification from sin and provide eternal life.

We believe in the literal reality of each—the virgin birth, reconciling death, bodily resurrection, personal ascension, and promised Second Coming of Jesus, the Messiah.

We believe in the essential unity of the Church under the Saviorhood and Lordship of Christ, with a commitment to respond to His prayer "that they may be one" in the Spirit of humility and love.

We believe in the Savior's great commission to go into all the world preaching the Gospel, baptizing, and making disciples.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit's gifts and works of power and through the Church, beginning with the believer's receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit as at the beginning.

We believe in showing love and good works toward all humanity in serving human need, that the Gospel not be reproached, and that God's love be seen in practice as well as proclamation.

We believe in the final judgment of all humankind into eternal union or eternal separation from God; ministering in this light with the passion of those who believe that "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Christos Institute subscribes to the historic creeds of the Church, including the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed, and to the Statement of Faith of the National Association of Evangelicals (USA), and to the Declaration of Faith of the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America.

Christos' Standards of Conduct

Recognizing Christos Institute as a community of believers, the school expects its students, faculty, and staff to exemplify biblical standards of conduct in all areas of their lives, both on and off campus, and in interpersonal and community relationships. The institution expects its members to demonstrate integrity in their personal lives and in their academic/professional work, and to show respect, concern, and proper behavior towards their colleagues and those in authority.

Christos' Standards of Conduct is a central criterion of behavior for all that are a part of Christos' community. It represents a standard of Christ-like maturity based upon a biblical philosophy, reverence for God, esteem for humankind, and personal integrity.

Recognizing that preparation for and involvement the service of Christ requires personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, Christos' expects all members of its community to seek spiritual growth and maturity in their Christ-like lives. The following are expected of community members:

1. **Study the Word of God.** Regular and consistent personal study of the Word is essential for spiritual growth. I Pet. 2:2 encourages us to "long for the pure milk of the Word." The Word has the power to reach the innermost parts of our being (Heb. 4:12) and to enable us to stand firm for Christ (Eph. 6:17).
2. **Communion with the Father.** Christ-like living is essentially a love relationship with the living God (James 4:8), birthed by and substantiated through the power of the Holy Spirit. To personally know the Father we must have communion with Him. Jesus Christ gave us the example to pray regularly and consistently and the Scriptures encourage us to "pray continually" (I Thess. 5:17) including prayer in the Spirit (I Cor. 14).
3. **Discipleship.** God's Word instructs believers to follow the example, "and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us" (Phil. 3:17). Discipleship is developing personal relationships for spiritual goals. Community members are encouraged to form personal friendships, structured accountability relationships, and/or small groups.
4. **Church Attendance.** Believers are instructed not to forsake "assembling together" as they submit themselves to the life and leadership of a local assembly (Heb. 10:25, I Cor. 16:13-16). It is expected that all members of Christos' community will establish a church home and regularly attend worship services.
5. **Christian Ministry.** The Father has called every believer to do the work of ministry (Eph. 4:16-18). The Word declares "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph. 2:10). It is anticipated that all members of the community will be involved in some expression of Christian service in Jesus' name and that all are encouraged to exercise spiritual edification of gifts for the body.

Recognizing that preparation for and involvement in the service of Christ requires a lifestyle consistent with an effective Christ-like witness and one which exemplifies a life of integrity and Christian values, the following are expected of community members:

1. **Maintain a Blameless Testimony.** Scripture declares that God has created all persons in His image (Gen. 1:26-27) and that we are not to be conformed to this world (Romans 12:2), but are to be “holy in all” our conduct (I Pet. 1:15-16). To maintain a blameless testimony as Christian leaders, students and employees are expected to totally abstain from participating in either fornication, adultery, or homosexual activities or using pornography, illegal drugs or harmful substances; and profanity, obscenity, and dishonesty including plagiarism are equally unworthy and to be shunned.
2. **Respect for Peers and Authority.** Christos expects every member of the community to demonstrate love, respect, and honor to all other members of the community, whether it is with one’s colleagues or with those in authority (Rom. 12:10, I John 4:21, I Pet. 2:17, Heb. 13:16-17).
3. **Discrimination/Harassment.** In valuing the rights of all individuals and their contributions (I Cor. 10:24), we acknowledge all forms of racial and gender discrimination to be violation of God’s laws (Acts 10:34). Christos is committed to providing a learning and working environment that is free of discrimination. In keeping with this commitment, unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment, is strictly prohibited.
4. **Dating and Marriage.** Christos expects the highest standard of moral purity to be maintained by members of its community regarding both dating and marriage. God’s Word does not condone either pre- or extra-marital sexual activity (I Thess. 4).
5. **Appearance and Dress.** Recognizing that members of Christos’ community are called to be leaders in the Church and in society, the school requires its members to follow the standard of modesty in dress and appearance. Scripture calls believers to be examples to those around them (1 Tim. 4:11-12) and to give no offense to others (I Cor. 10:32). Thus members of Christos’ community should never allow their appearance to be a stumbling block to another.

I have read, understand, and respect the above Statements including the Mission Statement, Institutional Goals, Institutional Objectives, Philosophy, and Statement of Faith. I have also read the Standards of Conduct and understand that they are a guide for my behavior both on and off campus while I am a member of Christos' Community. I recognize that failure to abide by these lifestyle commitments may lead to disciplinary action.

Please check appropriate status:

Trustee Faculty Administration Student

Print Name

Signature

Date