

# *Ordo Amoris Classical*

## Statement of Faith

The foundation of the Corporation is the Word of God as interpreted in the confessions proceeding from the Protestant Reformation, and especially the Westminster Confession of Faith. On this basis, the Corporation believes the following articles of faith and principles for Christian education to be a true and necessary foundation for all activities:

- A. We believe the Bible, in its original form, to be written by men under the inspiration of God. It is the only inerrant, infallible and authoritative Word of God, finding as its focal point the person and redemptive work of the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and so revealing to men what they are to believe and how they are to live.
- B. We believe that there is one holy, personal Creator God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Among them there is equal ultimacy.
- C. We believe that God the Father, motivated by His infinite grace and mercy, established His covenant of grace with man, promising to deliver them from their sinful condition, removing the curse of their sin, reconciling them to Himself, and restoring them to eternal life in a personal relationship with the triune God.
- D. We believe that God the Son, the second person of the triune eternal God, took upon Himself human form, being born of a virgin, living a sinless life of perfect and exemplary obedience to the Father, obeying all His commands and fulfilling all His purposes, revealing to man the glory, mercy, grace and truth of the Father. In teaching man the way of life, He willingly gave up His life, being put to death on the cross by sinful men, in order to pay the penalty of sin, and thus redeemed the created world from the effects of sin. He rose from the dead on the third day, thereby removing the power of the curse of death and sin from mankind and creation, ascended to the right hand of the Father where He intercedes for His people, enabling them to grow as obedient children of God. He is coming again to judge all men and to complete the process of salvation.
- E. We believe that God the Holy Spirit, the third person of the triune God, testifies of Jesus Christ, convicts the world of sin, regenerates, indwells in, and bestows gifts on believers, and guides and empowers them to live a holy life that glorifies God.
- F. We believe that the first man and the first woman did not remain in their original perfect state because they willfully and consciously chose to disobey their Creator's command, thus incurring His wrath and condemnation, necessarily alienating themselves from their Creator and from one another. Falling from that perfect state in which they were created, they brought upon themselves and all succeeding generations of mankind the curse of inability to choose to obey God from the heart, proneness to sin, and sin's many and varied destructive effects, the greatest of which is death.
- G. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, totally apart from human merit and that the act of regeneration, which is a work of grace performed by the Holy Spirit,

produces a new creature in Christ.

- H. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the everlasting blessedness of the just, and the everlasting punishment of the unjust.
- I. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in Christ.
- J. We believe that all believers are under the mandate of Jesus Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all the world.
- K. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
- L. 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.) 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.
- M. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including without limitation, adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, transgenderism, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)
- N. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Tutoring Service as a Christian ministry and to provide a biblical role model, it is imperative that all persons who are students, parents of students, employees, or volunteers of the Tutoring Service agree to and abide by this Statement of faith, including without limitation, the statements relating to marriage, gender, and sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)
- O. 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.)
- P. 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 the Tutoring Service.
- Q. 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. (Psalm 139).

- R. 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 the Tutoring Service's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board of directors is the Tutoring Service's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.