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# THE MASTER'S STUDY

## Foundational Documents: Guiding Principles & Doctrinal Statement

### Mission

To provide a Christ-centered, classical academic community for home school families focusing on a comprehensive history-based educational tutelage based on a Christian worldview.

### Vision

To provide, within a classical Christian model, a tutelage that enhances, not replaces, each family's home school. Our goal is to teach each subject in such a way to allow all students an opportunity to excel in their God-given gifts. We encourage the exploration of the arts as the students study history, literature, writing, and science.

### Core Values

As The Master's Study seeks to fulfill its mission and ring true to the vision, a few core values serve as compass headings. These include:

*Remaining Christ-centered:* TMS is unapologetically committed to Jesus Christ as the center of our organization, our education, our relationships, and our purpose.

*Classical Education:* TMS is committed to teaching children using a Christian Classical model as a guide while incorporating creative and individualized teaching styles to deliver such. TMS strives to foster excellence through this educational model, developing critical thinkers and voices for the cause of Christ, while setting the highest of standards.

*Tutelage Model:* TMS remains a tutelage school, with emphasis on the role of tutor. TMS yields to the parent as the lead teachers within each student's home school. The relationship between the Lead Teachers (parent) and TMS Teacher (tutor) is one of respect and cooperation with a willingness to yield to one another when appropriate for the benefit of the student in his or her academic pursuits.

*Community Based:* TMS is committed to building a community environment in which members spur one another on to follow Christ more closely. This community is comprised of the students themselves, parents and TMS staff. Opportunities for fellowship within the school day as well as supplemental activities & field trips, service and ministering to one another, and an opportunity for prayer for each other foster this community spirit.



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## Doctrinal Statement

We believe that God is one in essence, but that He exists in three distinct and equal persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that these three have precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfections (Matt 28:20; John 1:1-3; John 14:26).

We believe that the Bible is the inspired, complete, and only Word of God, and that both inspiration and inerrancy extend to every part of the writings as they came from God (Is 40:8; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21).

We believe in God as absolute and sole Creator of the universe and that creation was by divine fiat, not by evolutionary process (Gen 1:1; Ex 20:11; Heb 11:3; Rev 4:11).

We believe that man was created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) to enjoy His fellowship; that by his own choice, he decided to rebel against his Creator; that every person since that time has been born a sinner (Ps 51:5; Ro 3:23; 1 John 1:8-10); that our personal sins cause us to have need of justification and redemption; and that sin is universal and without excuse (Ro 5:12-14).

We believe that God, by His sovereign choice and out of love for humanity, sent Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners through His death on the cross (John 3:16-17). We believe that we are justified before God by His grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ (Ro 5:1-2). We believe that there is no way of salvation other than through Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Eph 2:1-9).

We believe that Jesus Christ is both God and man (John 1:1, 14; John 10:30); that He was born of the virgin Mary (Is 7:14; Is 9:6); that He died for our transgressions; that He rose bodily from the dead; that He ascended to the right hand of God the Father; and that He will return to the earth bodily and visibly to set up His eternal kingdom (Eph 1:7-10; Eph 2:4-9; Col 1:13-20; Heb 1:3-4).

We believe The Lord established marriage exclusively as the beautiful mystery of one man and one woman being united as one flesh for one lifetime (Genesis 2:18, 24; Mark 10:6-12), and that sexual intimacy is only appropriate within the bonds of sacred marriage (Acts 15:19-20, 1 Cor 6:9-7:5). We believe that children are a blessing from The Lord (Psalm 127), and it is the parents' duty to disciple their children in the nurture and admonition of The Lord (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

We believe that civil authorities are established by the Lord as a means to commend the righteous and bring wrath against the unrighteous. (Rom 13:1-5; 1 Pet 2:13-14).

We believe The Lord established The Church with the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, to be the pillar and foundation of the truth (Matt 16:18-18:35; Matt 28:18-20; 1 Tim 3:15) and to make disciples of all nations.



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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); therefore, 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 of development from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139). Rejection of one's biological sex is an abomination and a rejection of the image of God within that person (Genesis 1:26-28; Deut 22:5).