



# The Master's Study

## Foundational Documents: Guiding Principles & Doctrinal Statement

### Mission

To provide homeschool families with a Christ-centered, classical academic community.

### Vision

To support and enhance parent lead-teachers with a Christ-centered, classical framework. Our goal is to teach each subject in a way that allows all students an opportunity to excel in their God-given gifts. We encourage a strong foundation in the humanities as well as pursuing excellence in the realms of math 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 committed to keeping Christ at the center of our community and classroom experiences.

**Classical Education:** TMS is committed to using the proven, classical, Christian model of education and to cultivating a love of learning through classroom experiences that incorporate creative and individualized teaching styles. Our desire is to set a high standard of excellence in our pursuit to develop critical thinkers and voices for the cause of Christ and defense of the gospel.

**Tutelage Model:** TMS embraces a model of education that allows parents to maintain the lead-teacher role within each family's homeschool while TMS provides the role of tutor. The relationship between the parent lead-teacher and the TMS tutor is one of cooperation, collaboration, and respect.

**Community Based:** At the heart of TMS is a community of believers who desire to know and pursue Christ. We aim to encourage one another through various interactions: the TMS day, our mentoring program, supplemental events for students and families, and opportunities to pray for and minister to one another.



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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 written 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, except for Jesus Christ, 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.

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 corruption of God's intended design and a rejection of the image of God within that person (Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:18-24; I Cor. 6:18-20). Human life in all its forms and dimensions from conception through physical death is of immeasurable worth (Psalm 139). We value people of all ethnicities, ages, and abilities (Luke 10:2-28; Col. 3:11).