

## Statement of Faith

**We believe** the Bible to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative Word of God;

**We believe** that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

**We believe** in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory;

**We believe** that for the salvation of lost and sinful humanity, regeneration by the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ is absolutely essential.

**We believe** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life;

**We believe** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they who are saved unto the resurrection of life and they who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation;

**We believe** in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

**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.

**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 any form of sexual immorality is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

**We believe** that children are a gift from God and that children should be placed in adoptive homes of faith, with a husband and wife, and free from sexual immorality. (Psalm 127:3)

**We believe** that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Legacy Adoption Services as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Legacy Adoption Services in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, as well as all prospective adoptive parents, agree to this Statement of Faith. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)

**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.)

**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 practices of Legacy Adoption Services.

### **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

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 Legacy Adoption Services faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our executive committee is Legacy Adoption Services final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

We, the undersigned, understand and are in full agreement with the foregoing Statement of Faith.

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