

HSNZ STATEMENT OF DOCTRINAL POSITION

We declare that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are divinely inspired, entirely trustworthy and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice, indispensable and determinative for our knowledge of God, of ourselves and the rest of creation, and for the whole educational task.

On this basis we confess that:

There is one God eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This one God is Creator of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible and sustains and rules over all His creation, including man, in perfect wisdom and power.

Man was created in the image of God and was given authority and responsibility to rule over creation for the praise and delight of our Maker.

In the whole of his life man either serves God, or a substitute of his own imagination. Education therefore is never neutral, but unfolds in obedience or disobedience to the Lord.

Man through unbelief and disobedience, has fallen into sin and brought God's wrath and curse upon himself and the rest of Creation. He is therefore separated from God and blinded to the goodness of God, and to the source, meaning and purpose of life.

Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, is the mediator whom the Father sent to redeem and to reconcile the world to Himself, and the Lord Jesus whom the Father has given all power and authority to give light and life to people lost in sin and death.

The death and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ are the only grounds of forgiveness of sin, of regeneration, and fellowship with God. God's purpose for our world will culminate with Christ's certain return.

The knowledge of God, of His Word and of creation results from the work of the Holy Spirit in man's heart.

We believe in the definition of gender as revealed by the Bible in Genesis: specifically, that God made male and female (only). Further, we believe that gender is biologically/genetically determined in the womb and evidenced at birth by physical differences, or, when necessary, at the chromosomal level.

We believe in Biblical marriage as defined in Matthew 19:4-6.

These views are held from a foundational position of Biblical inerrancy, authority, historicity, and actual creation.