

# ARTICLE III OF THE BYLAWS OF CORNERSTONE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, INC.

## FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

The Statement of Faith and Educational Philosophy of the Corporation is set forth in the unamendable Articles of Incorporation, which in relevant part is reproduced herein.

**Section (1). Statement of Faith.** The chief end of the Corporation is to glorify the triune God through the education of students. All activities of the Corporation shall be conducted in accordance with the following orthodox tenets of the holy, apostolic, and catholic Christian faith:

1. The 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are the perfect, inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God, and as such, rightly interpreted, are the final authority in faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16.)
2. There is one true God, creator of all things, who is eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Genesis 1:1; 1 John 5:7.)
3. Jesus of Nazareth is Lord, is Christ, and is God; He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, shed his blood and died a vicarious and atoning death, rose bodily from the dead, ascended to the right hand of God the Father, and will personally return in power and in glory. (John 10:30; Matthew 1:18; Hebrews 4:15; John 10:32; Romans 3:25; Matthew 28:6; Romans 8:34; Luke 21:27.)
4. For the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary. (John 3:3-8.)
5. Salvation is by grace through faith alone, in Christ alone, and for the glory of God alone. (Ephesians 2:8-9.)
6. True saving faith in a person will result in the performance of good works by that person, for faith without works is dead. (Ephesians 2:10; James 2:17.)
7. The present ministry of the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to live a godly life. (Galatians 5:16.)
8. God will raise all people from the dead, the saved to the resurrection of eternal life, and the lost to the resurrection of eternal condemnation. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:9.)
9. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 17:20-23.)

**Section (2). Educational Philosophy.** Excellent education is founded upon disciplined, eager attention to learning. This discipline rests upon a student's moral character, and that this moral character is developed through a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. In support of parents' God-given responsibility for educating their children, the Corporation will:

1. Provide a clear model of Christian life through its staff and Board members. (Matthew 22:37-40.)

2. Encourage every student to begin and to continue to develop a relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20.)

3. Teach all subjects from a biblical worldview as parts of an integrated whole with the Scripture at the center. (2 Timothy 3:16-17.)

4. Provide students with a **classical education**, in which **grammar** (the fundamental facts and rules of each subject), **logic** (the ordered relationship of particulars in each subject), and **rhetoric** (the expression in speech and writing of the ideas of a subject) are emphasized in all subject areas.

5. Encourage all students to develop wisdom, discernment, and a love for learning. Children will be taught how to learn for themselves and how to express what they have learned; how to think rather than simply what to think.

**Section (3). Organizational Philosophy.** To carry out its mission of academic excellence within a biblical worldview, Cornerstone Classical Christian Academy shall:

1. Operate with efficiency and excellence.

2. Maintain respect for the individual and insists upon gracious interactions at every level of the organization.

3. Encourage a decentralized form of administration where decisions are made and responsibility is taken for those decisions at the lowest possible level of the organization. This organizational principle of delegation is intended to reduce administrative overhead and empower the individuals involved in a particular process to have the primary input to improve it. (Exodus 18:13-27.)

4. Regard parents as customers of Cornerstone Classical Christian Academy and teachers as having Board delegated authority in the classroom.

5. Encourage parents to be active supporters of the educational process.

6. Commit to resolve disputes that arise out of or relate to its organizational documents by biblically based mediation. (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8.)