

# THE FAMILY RADIO NETWORK, INC.'S DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS & BELIEFS

These doctrinal statements do not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. For purposes of The Family Radio Network's (The Family) faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is the final interpretive authority on the Holy Bible's meaning and application.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**THE SCRIPTURES:** We believe the Holy Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by God. We believe it is the infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct for Christians.

**GOD:** We believe in one, true, living, eternal God, who has manifested Himself to man as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-present. He is the creator and sustainer of all things. He is loving, just, righteous, perfect and without change.

**JESUS:** We believe Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Savior of the world. He is the Son of God; God manifested in the flesh. Truly God and truly man. We believe He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin named Mary. He was born without sin and lived His life without sin. We believe He was crucified and died for the sins of all mankind. We believe He was resurrected from the grave and is alive. We believe He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father. We believe He will soon return to earth as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords to establish forever the kingdom of God among men.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present in our world today. We believe He convicts the world of sin, judgment and righteousness. He regenerates and indwells Christians, plus gives them power to live a godly life. He serves as a comforter, revelator, leader, teacher, and counselor to the Christian. He is the bearer of God's grace and manifests God in the believer's life.

**MANKIND:** We believe man was created in the image of God, that he sinned in Adam, and that all men by nature and by choice are sinners, having incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God.

**SALVATION:** We believe God so loved the world, in spite of its sinfulness, that He sent His only begotten Son, and whoever believes in Him will not experience

spiritual death, but will have eternal life. Therefore, those who, by faith, apart from human merit, works or ceremonies, accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are forgiven and given a new, eternal life.

**CHRISTIAN:** We believe a Christian is a disciple of Christ. A person born from above. We believe a Christian places faith in Jesus of Nazareth for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We believe the Christian obeys the commandments of Jesus, thus making Jesus both Savior and Lord. We believe a Christian relies totally on the grace of God for salvation, holy living, resurrection from the dead and eternal life. We believe a Christian is commanded to confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord publicly. We believe Christians are to love people in the same manner that they have been loved by God, and are to practice the role of a servant in all relationships with God and man. We believe a Christian is committed to evangelism, edification and good works based on the grace and faith extended to him by God. We believe a Christian is a child of God and a co-heir with Christ in God's eternal kingdom.

## **STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY**

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes 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 God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that sexual immorality includes any sexual activity outside the confines of marriage between one man and one woman, use of pornography, and attempts to change or disagree with one's God given sex (which constitutes a rejection of the image of God in that person), are sinful and offensive to God and not permitted. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of THE FAMILY as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to THE FAMILY and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by THE FAMILY, in any capacity, or who serve as Board Members or volunteers, agree to, and abide by

this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thes. 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 doctrines of THE FAMILY.

## **STATEMENT ON THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

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. (Ps 139.)

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