# Objectives and Standards / Statement of Faith

### **OBJECTIVES AND STANDARDS**

Christ For The Nations Institute exists for the purpose of providing biblical training for Christian discipleship and leadership. CFNI is a charismatic Bible school with fundamental roots in Biblical studies and evangelical ministry. Spiritual education in these Christian traditions involves not only intensive Bible study under a proficient faculty but also practical ministry experience for each student, along with the development of sound discipline in the student's personal life. For the accomplishment of this last goal, the institute requires that each student, as a condition of his/her admission, agrees to the following for the entire time of his/her enrollment.

- 1. To be familiar with and abide by the requirements published in the CFNI Student Handbook, and such amendments as may be established from time-to-time, by announcement or otherwise.
- 2. To live in a spirit of good campus citizenship, showing consideration and respect for the personal freedoms and rights of others.
- 3. To observe with special care the following standards of personal behavior, whether or not the student agrees with the Institute as to the relationship of these things to a consecrated Christian life:
  - a. To refrain from the use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics and hallucinogenic drugs, and from gambling and social dancing.
  - b. To exercise mature, Christian judgment in regard to reading matter, movies and other forms of entertainment taking into consideration the standards of the Scriptures: "Therefore, 'Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.' Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 6:17, 7:1).
- 4. To endeavor to help others abide by the Institute's objectives and standards:
  - a. To neither incite nor aid another in violating the standards.
  - b. To encourage adherence to the standards by word and example.
  - c. To tell another about his/her observed fault in the biblical fashion. The person at fault, then, has a responsibility to correct his/her behavior (Matt. 18:15-17). If the person persists in disregarding the standards, it becomes the moral obligation of the students and faculty to report the violations to the appropriate authorities.

Note: These standards apply not only to enrolled full-time students but also to all other persons residing on campus or connected with the institute, including members of the student's families, as well as all staff.

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#### STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1. The One, True God: There is one living and true God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19).
- 2. The Scriptures Inspired: The Bible is the only infallible, inspired, authoritative, written Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16).
- 3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ: 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, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal future return to this Earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (John 1:1).
- 4. Original Sin and the Fall of Man: We believe that man, created in the image of God, by voluntary disobedience fell into the depths of sin and iniquity, therefore passing on sin's nature and consequences to all mankind, with their accompanying loss of intended meaning and purpose (Gen. 1:27; Rom. 5:12).
- 5. The Salvation of Man: Man's only hope of redemption and salvation from the power of sin is to willingly choose repentance and faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that it is possible for a believer to lose his or her salvation by willfully turning away from the provisions of salvation which Christ has made. Salvation is a free gift from God and is available to any and all who call upon the Name of the Lord (Acts 4:12; Rom. 5:8-13, 15; 10:9, 13; Jas. 1:21; Eph. 2:8; Heb. 3:12, 6:4-6, 12:15; Matt. 13:22; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Tim. 1:19).
- 6. The Church and Its Mission: We believe in the Great Commission to go into all the world to make disciples (Matt. 28:19).
- 7. The Ordinances of the Church:
  - a. Baptism in water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All who repent of their sins and believe in Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. This is a declaration to the world that they identify with Christ in His death and have been raised with Him in newness of life (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Rom. 6:4).
  - b. The Lord's Supper consisting of the elements—bread and the fruit of the vine—is the symbol that expresses our sharing of the Divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 1:4), a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Cor. 11:26), and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Cor. 11:26), and is enjoined on all believers until He comes!
- 8. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit: The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance (Acts 2:4). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit comes power for life and service in the ministry of the Body of Christ. We believe in corporate prayer with the believer's prayer language. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 2:11; 10:46; 1 Cor. 12:1-31).

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- 9. Divine Healing: Divine healing was provided for all in the Old Testament (Ex. 15:22-26; Psa. 103:1-3; Isa. 53:4, 5), and in the New Testament, through the Atonement of Christ, it is an integral part of the Gospel (Matt. 8:16, 17; Acts 5:16; Jas. 5:14-16).
- 10. The Final Judgment: We believe that all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ: the redeemed to be delivered unto everlasting life, and the unrepentant unto everlasting punishment (Rev. 20:11, 12; 2 Cor. 5:10).