

CHESSIE Statement of Faith

Please read this statement, and sign the enrollment contract, stating that you have read this document and understand and respect that these are the doctrinal beliefs maintained by CHESSIE. Respecting this Statement of Faith is a condition of membership in CHESSIE (Christian Home Educator's Science & Sports Institute). Please keep this copy for your records.

Our Statement of Faith includes only those truths upon which all true Christians agree. It concerns the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (the Gospel) as revealed in Scripture. It is the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 2, Eph. 4:5) which distinguishes believers from non-believers. There are many other precious truths taught in the Bible over which godly men have differed in understanding. Therefore, this is not a statement of all that is important to believe, but of all that is essential to believe for Christian fellowship and unity (Rom. 15:7). *

- 1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, authoritative, infallible and inerrant Word of God.*
- 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.*
- 3. 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.*
- 4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.*
- 5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and to perform good works.*
- 6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.*
- 7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(*Adapted from HSLDA and from the National Association of Evangelical's Statement of Faith)*

All CHESSIE teachers and must read, respect, *and agree with* this statement of faith. This ensures that those who believe in the Bible and who follow Christ lead our organization and teach our children. They are committed to providing this organization as a service for each other and for all area home educating families. Our leaders and teachers will make decisions and plan activities that are pleasing to God and are in accordance with his Word. It is not a goal of our organization to focus on growing ourselves or to seek approval from those who disagree with our philosophy, decisions or activities.

This statement allows CHESSIE to be inclusive; allowing any family, regardless of belief or background, to be members. It also ensures that all members are aware of the Biblical basis on which CHESSIE makes its decisions and plans its activities. Although our organization does not require everyone to maintain the same beliefs, doctrines or philosophy, it does require that members respect this statement of faith.

