

**STATEMENT OF FAITH OF
STUDENTS FOR LIFE OF AMERICA**

**ARTICLE I
Statement of Faith**

Section 1. God

We believe that there is one God, self-existent and eternal, the creator, sustainer, and ruler of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Exodus 3:14; Psalm 90:2; Exodus 20:11; Deuteronomy 32:4)

Section 2. Holy Scripture

We believe that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God written and inerrant in the original manuscripts. They contain all that is necessary to our salvation and are of supreme authority for faith and practice. (Deuteronomy 6:2).

Section 3. Human Nature

We believe that man was created in the image of God; but as the result of Adam's sin, the entire human race was alienated from God and plunged into sin. By nature, we are thus corrupt and fallen, hostile to God and His Law, and utterly unable of ourselves to remedy our lost condition. By His prevenient grace, God restores moral sensibility to all mankind, enabling each of us to respond to His offer of salvation. (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 53:1)

Section 4. Human Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and that there are no other genders. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27). Transgenderism is inconsistent with the biological reality of God's good design in creating people, distinctly male and female, and that regardless of our own feelings or confusion, we should act in accordance with that design. (Leviticus 18:22; Deuteronomy 22:5). There is organic unity of biological sex and gender identity; that a person's gender identity should match their biological sex created by God.

We believe that God has given to us the gift of sexuality which must be exercised only within the boundaries of covenanted, lifelong, and heterosexual marriage. Intimate sexual relationships outside of marriage and sexual relationships between persons of the same sex are immoral and sinful. Specifically, we believe that the following behaviors are inconsistent with Biblical teachings: homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, polygamy, polyamory, incest, fornication, adultery, pornography, and other forms of licentiousness, as these behaviors are sinful perversions of the divine gift of sexuality. (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5, 13; Genesis 26:8-9; Leviticus 18:1-30)

Section 5. Family Relationships

We believe that God has instituted the family as the foundational unit of human society, and it begins with the legitimate marriage of one man and one woman. Within its structure, as He has ordained, parents are responsible to instruct their children in Godly faith and conduct, to set before them godly and consistent examples of the same, and in every way to “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Genesis 1:26-28; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14)

Section 6. Human Life

The sanctity and dignity of human life demands respect for all human life, especially in its most vulnerable stages and conditions. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion, or any destruction of the preborn child willed either as a means or end, constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. We reject any teaching that abortions due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth, or population control, or the physical or mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. We further believe that the killing of the weak, the physically challenged, the mentally ill, or the aged, whether by a deliberate act or by coercing or assisting a person to commit suicide is immoral. (Job 3:16; Psalm 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18)

Section 7. Authority

We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home, 2) the church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God.

Section 8. Substance Abuse

We believe that the production, sale, purchase, and use of narcotics and other harmful drugs, unless for mechanical, chemical, or medicinal purposes, is contrary to God’s requirement that we regard our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. (Proverbs 20:1; Isaiah 5:11; Proverbs 25:28)

ARTICLE II Authority of Statement of Faith

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. God is the source and authority of all that we believe, and the Bible is His inspired Word. We believe that the foregoing

Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of God in coherence with what we can learn from the Bible and, therefore, is binding upon all Directors, Officers, employees, and activities of the Organization. All materials used as authoritative in the Organization shall be in complete agreement with the Statement of Faith.

For purposes of the Organization's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board and President together make final decisions regarding application of the Statement of Faith.