

## IHP Statement of Faith

Our beliefs are grounded in Scripture and expressed in historic Christian orthodoxy as articulated by the evangelical Protestant tradition.<sup>1</sup>

- We believe the 66 books of the Protestant Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 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.
- We believe that individual salvation is wholly of God's grace by faith in Christ alone to the glory of God alone.
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whom the Christian is indwelt and enabled to live a godly life.
- 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.

## IHP Statement of Sexuality

Our beliefs on human sexuality express our commitment to the biblical, historical, evangelical Protestant faith we hold.<sup>2</sup>

- We are persuaded that the matter of human sexuality and gender is fundamental to biblical cosmology, not merely biblical morality. Beginning with the Genesis account of Divine Creation and continuing consistently throughout all of Scripture's canon, God's original and ongoing intent and action entails the creation of humanity manifest as two distinct sexes, male and female.

- While due to human sin and brokenness, our experience of our sex and gender is not always that which God the Creator originally designed, we yet affirm God’s capacity to heal and transform our brokenness. Considering this foundational understanding of creation, fall, and redemption, we do not affirm the resolution of any tension between one’s biological sex and one’s experience of gender by the adoption of a psychological identity discordant with one’s birth sex.
- We uphold the sanctity of marriage as God-ordained, a special, exclusive lifelong union between one man and one woman, within which sexual relations are honored and affirmed by God. We share the conviction that all sexual unions outside of marriage, as thus defined, deviate from the Creator’s design and are sinful and, thus, ultimately detrimental to human flourishing.
- We affirm the dignity of all human beings, and we deplore all forms of sexual harassment and violence. The Bible calls upon us to respect people even though we may disagree with them. We will demonstrate civility and compassion as we engage in dialogue with those whose beliefs, self-identification, and behaviors deviate from biblical standards. We call upon all Christians to seek to embody the gentle and patient love of Christ for all.
- We will also separate the value and identity of each person from the behavioral choices one makes. We must never reject people, but only those actions that Scripture defines as immoral. We rejoice in the fact that God welcomes, embraces, forgives, and heals all people who are responding to His grace.

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted with adaptations from the National Association of Evangelicals.

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