

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIANS

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

One GOD

We believe in one eternal God, self-existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; distinguishable but indivisible. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of humanity from sin (John 3:17).

The Bible

We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired, inerrant written Word of God and the final authority in all matters, above human laws and government (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Three Institutions

We believe that God has ordained three Institutions: The Family, The Church and Civil Government, each with its own special responsibilities, duties and authority.

The Family

We believe that the family, consisting of those individuals related by blood or marriage, is the foundational social unit of a nation. The family has primary responsibility for the welfare, education and property of its members. We believe that Civil Government must respect the sanctity of the family and its unique sphere of authority, and should preserve and promote the optimum conditions in which the integrity of the family unit can be maintained and helped to flourish.

Marriage

We believe Jesus Christ taught and reaffirmed that God created mankind as male and female, and designed for a man and a woman - as husband and wife - to live together honourably in a lasting, loving, lifelong, faithful covenant relationship. We believe marriage is a sacred relational covenant and the context in which God intended husband and wife to procreate and lovingly raise and nurture children. We believe that marriage is a fundamental basis of Christian life in which fathers and mothers are united in providing help, comfort and companionship to one another and to their children as a family.

Sexual Morality

We believe that God has established laws of sexual morality for the wellbeing of society. These laws provide solid foundations for a wholesome life.

Right to Life

We believe that God is the Author of life and that human life originates and is sacred from the moment of conception. We oppose abortion as it brings harm to both the mother and child. In order to make an informed decision, pro-life information should also be equally available and accessible. We oppose euthanasia and support better palliative care options. We believe that every person from conception to their old age and natural death should enjoy the right to life within a caring society.

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Parental Rights

We believe that parents have the primary responsibility before God for child-rearing, nurture and the education of their children. We believe that Christian parents should be allowed to act according to their conscience.

Education Excellence

We believe in the importance of excellence in education in both government and non-government schools. Schools should be allowed to freely operate and educate with a Christian ethos. We also believe in the implementation of appropriate programs that address the well-being of all students.

Family Impact Analysis

We pledge to test government policies and initiatives using our Guiding Family Principles to assess impact on the family.

The Guiding Family Principles

Does the policy or initiative... ?

- Uphold the preservation and integrity of the family unit
- Reflect the Christian belief in the family as the basic unit of society
- Uphold the view that marriage as between a man and a woman (husband and wife) relative to other forms of union
- Uphold family household tax and welfare supplements favouring the family unit, particularly families with dependent children
- Hold parents responsible in law, to provide for their children regardless of divorce, re-marriage, separation or casual conception
- Encourage an educational curriculum that upholds Judeo-Christian principles and ideals

The Church

We believe that the Church, as the Lord's Body of believers, is charged and commissioned to proclaim and express God's truth, setting an example inwardly and outwardly of Godly living to this current world. Without use of physical coercion, the Church challenges human conscience as to what is right.

Church and State

We believe that the separation of the structure of the organised Church and the State in Australia does not mean the separation of Christian faith from government. No nation can survive or thrive within a moral and spiritual vacuum.

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Judeo-Christian Ethic

We believe that the Judeo-Christian Ethic as taught in the Holy Bible should be the foundation for our laws, education and culture.

Recognition of other Religions

Though predominantly a Christian nation, Australia does recognise freedom of religion and the right of all citizens to worship according to their faith.

Promoting Christian Principles

We believe that as Australian Christian citizens, it is our responsibility, mission and mandate to do all we can within the law to actively promote Christian principles, ethics and faith as the most effective basis to Australian law, legislation, society and culture. We defend, uphold and build on the Christian basis that already exists.

Civil Government

We believe Civil Government to be under the authority of God (Romans 13:4).

Civil government is a God-ordained institution with authority to deal only with the outward needs of people. Both Church and State carry unique responsibilities before God: neither should seek to usurp the other's role and neither can be free of the other's influence. We believe that the purpose of civil government is to ensure freedom and justice for a nation's citizens by establishing and upholding law and order in accordance with Biblical principles. We believe that the decision-making processes and rulings of civil government ought not to contravene Biblical teaching and dictates.

Australia as a Christian Commonwealth

Our Christian heritage has seen the establishing of foundational Christian principles under which Australia must operate. These principles are recognised when our Federal and State Parliaments open in prayer. We believe in a free and independent democratic Australia. We seek to uphold our Federal and State Christian-based Constitutions, our Christian-based Constitutional Monarchy and Australian flag. We seek to strengthen our relationships with those countries with which we share a common heritage and/or with those countries which demonstrate a commitment to freedom and the Judeo-Christian ethic.

Law and Order

We believe that it is the duty of every citizen to submit to God-ordained governing authority. The primary responsibility of civil government is to protect the lives of a nation's citizens and to ensure that those who violate law and order receive just and appropriate punishment. Crime should never carry with it a reward, and therefore the Biblical principle of restitution and compensation to victims of crime should be enforced.

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Taxation

We believe that taxation should be with representation at every level of government. We believe that as citizens we are obliged to sustain civil government through just and fair taxation. As Jesus taught, we believe we are to “Render to Caesar what is due to Caesar and render to God what is due to God” (Matthew 22:21).

Free Enterprise

We believe that the Biblical principles concerning economics and stewardship should consistently and actively be respected and upheld by all levels of government. We believe in upholding the principles of responsible free enterprise whilst upholding our responsibilities before God in dealing rightly with our fellow man. We support economic policies that foster a stable mixed economy (private and public) with low inflation and high employment (especially for young people) as well as genuine co-operation between employers and employees in an atmosphere that minimises industrial disputes.

Defence and Protection of Freedom

We believe that Federal civil government should build up and maintain an adequate military preparedness to protect Australia’s unique identity and sovereignty from external attack or internal subversion.

Mass Media Morality

We believe that the moral standards of mass media (including television, films, videos, internet, radio and printed media) must not degrade the morality of our nation. We seek to eliminate excessive violence, sexualisation, and obscenity. We need to protect the innocence of our young lives.