

CITE STATEMENT OF FAITH

(This is an abridged version of the CITE Statement of Faith. Please visit www.christianscholars.net for the complete version.)

The Existence and Nature of God: We believe in one infinite, sovereign God, the Creator of the universe, who has existed eternally in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Bible: We believe in the verbal plenary inspiration of the Bible, the written Word of God, given through men whom the Holy Spirit sovereignly moved to write their documents.

The Lord Jesus Christ: We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who, through His virgin birth, became fully man to live a sinless life in complete dependence on the Father, and to offer Himself up as the atoning sacrifice for man's sin on the cross. We believe in His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension to the Throne of God the Father, His intercession as High Priest for His redeemed people, and His physical return to be with His Bride, the Church, in the eternal Kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit: We believe in the deity of the Person of the Holy Spirit, in His work in glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ, in convicting men of sin, in regenerating sinners to become the adopted children of God, in illuminating the truth of God's written revelation and in sanctifying God's children to live a life of holiness.

Man: We believe that both man and woman were created in God's image, to bear His likeness and to fellowship with and glorify Him in their caretaking of the created world. However, through their rebellion against God's authority, our first parents and all their posterity became sinners, thereby losing their relationship with God and thus became spiritually dead.

Salvation: We believe that man is totally lost in sin, without any merit before a holy God, and cannot be reconciled to God apart from His grace and mercy. There is no other way of salvation except through faith in the finished redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

The Church: We believe the Church is composed of all who are committed to the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Head of His Body. Beginning at Pentecost, the Church has existed down through the centuries, manifested around the globe as local congregations of faithful followers of their Lord.

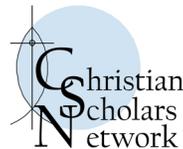
The Eternal State of Believers and Sinners: We believe in the resurrection of the redeemed to be with their Savior in glory forever in the Kingdom of God, and in the resurrection of the unredeemed to stand before God in judgment and eternal punishment.

CITE Steering Committee

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What is CITE?

The Christian Scholars Network is partnering with several local evangelical churches and international student ministries to offer a program of Biblical and Theological education to help prepare international Christians aspiring to become church leaders in their home countries; hence, the name “Consortium for International Theological Education” (CITE). The Consortium offers a two-year certificate program consisting of four courses, at an introductory seminary level, taught face-to-face by local pastors and international ministry leaders. While the content is more rigorous than one may encounter through typical church or Sunday School attendance, CITE classes are designed to be taken while a student continues a normal course of study at Virginia Tech or other institutions of higher learning in the region.

What does CITE offer?

CITE offers a non-credit certificate in Church Leadership Training for students who complete the following four courses:

1. Progress of Redemption - a survey of “the Big Picture” of the Bible
2. Essentials of Systematic Theology
3. Survey of Church History
4. Practical Theology (topics include hermeneutics, ethics, and personal sanctification)

Students receive a certificate of successful completion for each course and for the program as a whole.

What are the benefits to CITE students?

The courses are designed to build up students personally for effective leadership in the family, the church, the workplace, and the world. Each course focuses on three learning goals:

1. gaining knowledge - e.g. acquiring a deeper understanding of the Biblical framework of God’s redemptive work throughout history
2. acquiring skills - e.g. learning how to interpret and teach Scripture according to sound theological and hermeneutical principles
3. embracing the truth of Scripture from the heart - e.g. becoming more effective in putting the Christian disciplines of worship, prayer, study, and witness into practice.

What will participating in CITE require of me?

Each course meets one evening per week for 90 minutes and is twelve weeks in duration - avoiding the busy time at the beginning and end of the semester. Students must attend at least 9 of the 12 sessions, participate in class discussions, do outside readings, and write a final summary. Since the CITE Program is not intended to be in competition with what local churches are doing, the students are expected to remain active participants in their churches as their primary place of discipleship and personal growth in grace. There will be no tuition for the students; however, students will need to pay a small fee for books.

Who can participate?

The CITE program is designed and taught with the specific needs of international Christians in mind. The CITE Steering Committee reviews all applicants to the program. Applicants must submit the following materials to Don McKeon, Chair, CITE Steering Committee (dwmck39@gmail.com):

1. a one-page summary of their personal testimony of conversion and walk with the Lord
2. a letter of reference sent directly from their local pastor.

Whom should I contact for information?

Further details concerning times and places of instruction can be found on the CITE web page located at www.christianscholars.net. If you have questions that are not addressed in the posted materials please contact Don McKeon, chair, CITE Steering Committee (dwmck39@gmail.com).