

BASIS OF FAITH

We accept wholeheartedly the revelation of God in Christ given by the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

We confess the faith which the Scriptures set forth, and we acknowledge the three historic Creeds, and the 39 Articles of the Church of England, as bearing faithful witness thereto.

We maintain the convictions and ideals of the Bases of Crosslinks and the Clifton Theological College Trust, affirming in particular:

1. The gracious sovereignty of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in creation, providence, revelation and redemption.
2. The goodness of all things as created, and the glory of God as His purpose for them.
3. The divine image in humanity, now marred through the fall whereby all stand condemned before God and in need of redemption.
4. The justification of sinners by grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the incarnate Word, crucified, risen and ascended, who died once for all as their substitute, example and deliverer.
5. The personal return of Jesus Christ our Lord to judge the world, and to complete the work of redemption.
6. The work of the Holy Spirit as the giver of life, light, gifts and holiness to every believer in Christ.
7. The unity and common priesthood of all believers, who together form the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the body of Christ and temple of the Spirit, called to worship and serve God, and live the life of Christ in the world.
8. The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper as the visible words of God, effectual signs to His people, evoking and strengthening faith, pledging forgiveness and life to all who rightly receive them.
9. The canonical books of the Old and New Testaments, the authentic word of God written, as the wholly trustworthy and only decisive rule of Christian faith and conduct, supreme in authority, and sufficient for salvation.

We rejoice in the Church's calling to proclaim God's truth in worship and mission and in this task of interpretative scholarship for the full declaration of the biblical message.

Signature

Name
(in block capitals)

Date

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1979*