

The truth we seek to promote in minds and hearts is eternal truth. The glorious person and wonderful saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ is 'truth unchanged, unchanging'.

Reader, do you acknowledge His Deity in union with His perfect humanity? Do you believe He is the only Saviour of the world? Do you trust Him alone as your personal Saviour and Lord? Are you a true member of His Church, outside of which no salvation is possible? This is absolutely vital. Our eternal salvation depends upon it. Deny Christ's deity and way of salvation and you deny everything! Trusting any other saviour and you lose everything!

How necessary it is to say this in our ecumenical and multi-faith age. Those who tamper with God's Truth - including Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and other cults - must repent and submit to the Word of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ is all glorious and all sufficient. Those who are tempted to turn to Mary for auxiliary aid must trust *only* in Jesus Christ. Those who are tempted to seek help from Muhammad or Buddha must trust *only* in Jesus Christ. And why? Because He alone is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life' (*Jn. 14: 6*). May God bless you with true faith. Amen!

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What we do and do not believe

This leaflet is designed to provide a brief statement of our convictions in the context of current religious thought and practice.

Among other things, we are often asked "What is 'Reformed'?" "Are you 'United Reformed Church [URC]'?" In order to avoid confusion, we believe we owe it to enquirers to state clearly and honestly what we *are* and what we *are not*. In so doing, we bear no personal ill-will towards those of other faiths, even when we question and reject their cherished beliefs. Believing that the right of free expression should be universal, we also believe that no good purpose is served by vague, ambiguous and misleading statements. To maximise clarity still further, more information is available on request.

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Because we accept the Holy Bible as the inspired, inerrant, authoritative and all-sufficient Word of God, we . . .

- ◆ **Necessarily believe in the unique Revelation of Christ**

The Bible reveals Christ as God-made-man, the Father's agent in creation and His love-gift to the sinful human race. Without a human father, He was miraculously born of the virgin Mary. He was perfect in all He said and did.

- ◆ **Necessarily believe in the unfailing Redemption of Christ**

Salvation is ours through God's sovereign grace and electing love. We have broken His Law. To appease His holy anger, Christ died for our sins on the cross. We are justified by faith in Him alone. No other saviour can save.

- ◆ **Necessarily believe in the universal Reign of Christ**

By His physical resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death. Having ascended to the Father's glory in heaven, Christ reigns as the living Head of the Church. At an appointed time, He will return in glory to judge the world.

- ◆ **Necessarily believe in the unambiguous Requirements of Christ**

We repent of our sins and trust only in Jesus to save us. We - believers and our children - profess our faith in baptism and the Lord's Supper (or Holy Communion). We base all church life and worship on the Bible.

Because of the Holy Spirit-inspired, authoritative and all-sufficient Word of God, we are . . .

- ◆ **Not Roman Catholics**

From the time of the Protestant Reformation, 'Reformed' partly meant 'not RC'. On the authority of the Bible alone, Reformed Churches rejected those dogmas and traditions added by 'unreformed' Rome to the pure Faith of Christ and His Apostles. These include meritorious works, papal primacy, the cult of Mary, the sacrifice of the mass, purgatory and others. The papal hierarchy of cardinals, archbishops, bishops and priests is alien to the New Testament order of pastors and elders. Rome is a false church.

- ◆ **Not Rationalist Corrupters**

Liberal theologians within Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, UR and other churches have corrupted the Christian Faith by denying Christ's virgin birth and His bodily resurrection. Following 'reason' instead of the Bible, they have adopted 'politically correct' evolutionary, feminist, ecumenical and multi-faith agendas. They accept the ordination of women and welcome deviant sexual lifestyles. The Reformed Faith is opposed to 'Rome' and 'Reason' alike.

- ◆ **Not Restorationist Charismatics**

Claims that the gifts of tongues and prophecy have been restored to the Church in recent decades deny the sufficiency of the Bible no less than the claims of Rome and 'reason'. We reject these claims as fanatical presumption.

- ◆ **Not Reformed Cerebralists**

Driven by 'scholastic' reason, some Reformed Christians undermine evangelism by an unbalanced, distorted and