

The Cleaford Christian Trust Statement of Faith

The life and work of the Trust is founded upon belief in:

1. The verbal inspiration of the Old and New Testament Scriptures as originally given and their final authority and sufficiency in all matters pertaining to faith and practice.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the eternal co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the sovereignty of God in creation, providence and redemption.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ as true God and true Man; His deity, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death and physical resurrection.
4. The work of Jesus Christ in His life, death and resurrection as Representative and Substitute; His substitutionary sacrifice as atonement for sin, which is the sole all-sufficient ground for securing righteousness, forgiveness and eternal life for all who are united to Him by faith.
5. The ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, His intercession at the throne of God, and the expectation of His coming again personally and visibly in glory and power.
6. The Holy Spirit's deity and personality and His essential work in regeneration, conversion and sanctification.
7. The creation of man in the image of God, his sin and fall, the consequences passing to all humanity, extending to every part of human nature and resulting in universal guilt of mankind before God, making him subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
8. The personality of Satan, his opposition to God and His purposes and his corruption and enslavement of man.
9. Salvation as solely by the grace of God, accomplished by God the Son, crucified and risen from the dead, and applied by God the Holy Spirit; appropriated by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; including regeneration, justification, sanctification and final glorification.
10. The bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the one to eternal life and the other to eternal punishment.
11. The priesthood of all believers, who form the one holy, universal Church which is the Body of which Christ is the Head, and which is committed to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world and to practical Christian service