

AFFIRMATION 2010

What are the main, central doctrines and practices that we stand for in these days - "the things most surely believed among us" as Christians? In posing this question, we acknowledge variation of understanding on matters of church government and baptism, and the different denominations to which we might belong. However, as evangelical and reformed brethren, we share core beliefs and convictions, and these are at the heart of our fellowship and co-operation.

For the last two years, the Trustees of the Bible League have been working on a document that seeks to define as precisely and comprehensively as possible these very things. Originally the vision of our Chairman, Malcolm Watts, who produced the initial drafts, the rest of us have contributed to the final form of this Affirmation. Consultation was made with brethren in various church bodies and constituencies, whose suggestions have strengthened the document and ensured the widest possible agreement among us.

The Affirmation has been signed by twenty-five brethren, most of them ministers of churches represented by Baptist, Congregational, independent, and Presbyterian. Three major conferences in the UK have also identified with this document. It is therefore inclusive in the best sense, but also exclusive, because it also states what we do *not* believe, and what we *deplore* as departures from Holy Scripture.

It is now published in the form of a booklet of 30 pages and is available to interested friends. Details of prices and ordering appear below. We strongly commend this Affirmation to our readers and urge them to obtain a copy and unite with us around this statement of belief and practice. In addition, on its web site (see below) there is a facility to sign up to the Affirmation and thus identify with its aims.

The times demand that we state exactly where we stand on matters of faith and conduct that are everywhere under attack. Uniting on these verities will strengthen our hand in God, and encourage others to join us in making a response to the desperate decline and departure that is gathering speed in our day.

Here is the Preface to the Affirmation, which further explains its purpose and calls us to stand for God and Truth in our generation.

In view of the present violent opposition from the adversary of God and man, and the evident confusion and grave departure from Biblical Truth in the professing Church, we believe it was laid upon us to make solemn affirmation of the doctrine we seek firmly to believe and strenuously to maintain.

It is understood that this Affirmation does not cover every tenet of the Faith once delivered to us, but statement is herein made, and emphasis given, to the doctrine particularly assailed at the present time.

Aware, as we certainly are, of our own great weakness, and depending as always upon the support and strength of our faithful God, we unitedly make solemn and public

testimony to vitally important truth, while at the same time firmly rejecting the errors and novelties which are contrary to them. We call upon all who love the Truth to join with us in making this formal affirmation of Faith, and we pray God to use it to the overthrow of false doctrine and practice.

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.” Isaiah 59:19

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