

DOCTRINAL BASIS

The University of Newcastle Christian Union has adopted the Doctrinal Basis of the University and Colleges Christian Fellowship – (UCCF). These are the fundamental truths around which all Christians can unite, working together to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

Why Have a Doctrinal Basis?

This is taken from the UCCF Website, <http://www.uccf.org.uk/about-us/christian-union-faqs.htm>

What's a Doctrinal Basis and why do you have one?

The Doctrinal Basis forms the core convictions of our ministry. They are the truths that we love and celebrate, the foundation for all our ministry and the basis on which students, staff, volunteers, churches and supporters partner with us.

The Doctrinal Basis is not just a piece of paper it is our anchor to stop us from drifting, the very foundation we build on and the fuel for the furnace of our evangelism.

We firmly believe not only in the doctrinal basis but in the concept of a doctrinal basis. In a world that values lack of certainty and clarity we are defined by the biblical gospel. Christian Unions unite people from all backgrounds around the central truths of the gospel. We are boldly and unashamedly confessional in our approach to biblical truth.

See also Why do we have a declaration of belief?

The Doctrinal Basis

The basis of the Fellowship shall be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including:

There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.

The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.

Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.

The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.

Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.

Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.

The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christ-like in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.

The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.

Some of the above may have challenged you, and you may not agree with some (or all!) of it. We'd really encourage you to get in touch with us as we'd love to chat with you about why we believe what we do, and why we feel that is so important to what we do on campus. The best way to get in touch is via the Contact Form on www.newcastle-cu.com.