

BASIS OF FAITH

Latin Link is committed to the fundamental truths of historic, biblical Christianity, in harmony with Lausanne and CLADE movements. These include:

1. GOD:

There is one God who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is the almighty Creator, Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will, and is accomplishing all his purposes in the world and in the church.

2. THE BIBLE:

God has revealed himself for all peoples of the world in the Bible. It consists of the Old and New Testaments alone and as originally given is without error. Though written by human authors, every word was given by inspiration of God so that the Bible is in its entirety the Word of God and fully reliable. It is the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

3. THE HUMAN RACE:

All men and women, being created in the image of God, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to love, worship and obey God. As a result of the disobedience of our first parents, every aspect of human nature is affected by sin, and all men and women are without true spiritual life, guilty and alienated from God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God. Only so can they be delivered from the dominion of the devil and of evil powers and be enabled to know God and to please him.

4. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing the punishment for their sin and redeeming them by his blood. He was raised from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father, as the only mediator between God and man.

5. SALVATION:

Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace. Sinners who repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ receive pardon from the guilt and penalty of sin, are freely justified through faith in Christ alone, and are adopted into the family of God. There is no other way to be saved.

6. THE HOLY SPIRIT:

The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Bible. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces fruit of the Spirit which increase likeness to Christ. He distributes gifts to each believer for the building up of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and empowers its members to worship and serve God and to carry out the great commission in God's world.

7. THE CHURCH:

The one universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. The Church is called to worship God, to proclaim his gospel to all people, to contend for his truth, to exhibit his character and to demonstrate the reality of his kingdom by righteousness and sacrificial living.

8. THE FUTURE:

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory to bring his kingdom to fulfilment. He will raise the dead and judge the world with complete justice. Unbelievers will suffer eternal punishment and separation from God and believers will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will make all things new and will be glorified forever.