
Editorial

With this issue *Foundations* reaches its eighteenth and I am glad to commend to all our readers the stimulus of the articles we are able to include.

In **Exegesis**, Pastor Paul Brown gives us a valuable exposition of part of **Romans chapter 1**, relating and applying it to the debate on homosexuality and Aids. It is a balanced treatment of a subject which is causing considerable alarm at present.

The Rev Alasdair Macleod gives us a penetrating study of contemporary theology under the title, **The Loss of the Supernatural Today**. This material was greatly appreciated when it was first delivered at the BEC Annual Conference in Bristol in 1986 and we are glad it is given wider circulation in this published form.

The Gospel of God was the tremendously important theme of this year's BEC Study Conference. Pastor Robin Dowling has outlined all five papers for us, covering the cultural context in which the Gospel is preached, its biblical content, how that message is authenticated and applied, then what kind of response we should be seeking. Those who were unable to attend the conference can at least see where all the discussion started! It will be no surprise to those who were present that the BEC Executive have decided that the 1987 Annual Conference in November should have as its theme The Urgency of the Gospel.

The article on **Male and Female**, begun in issue 17, is now completed by the Rev Hywel Jones. In Part II he looks at the New Testament material and considers the implications of this for headship, submission and whether women should teach in the Church. These matters are significant for all evangelicals, not only those agonizing over them within the Church of England.

For the convenience of our readers we are also pleased to provide in this issue an **Index** of the articles, reviews and contributors in issues 13—18.

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