
Editorial

Aspects of contemporary Evangelicalism come under the spotlight in this issue of Foundations. This is mainly done by means of reviews of several books which have been recently published. Here is, therefore, an opportunity to make sure that we are up to date with what is being thought and advocated at the present time in the evangelical world in the United Kingdom. The aim of these reviews is more to inform than to interpret – analysis and evaluation of where we are (and where we are likely to go!) will appear in a future issue. The longer reviews appear here as Review Articles, while three briefer reviews are set together towards the end of this issue.

This year is the fifteenth anniversary of the death of Dr Lloyd-Jones and the thirtieth anniversary of the watershed meeting of evangelicals at the Central Hall, Westminster. Readers who are not familiar with the events of 1966-67 would do well to read about them.¹ Reference is made to them in some of the items in this issue.

Addressing the Inter Varsity Fellowship (now UCCF) in its fiftieth annual Conference in 1969, the Doctor spoke from 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 on *How to safeguard the future*.² He emphasised that the apostolic answer to this question was (and is) “to keep in memory ... things that are central and foundational and to hold on to them”. What are these “first things of the gospel”?

First there is the doctrine of Scripture: “according to the Scriptures”. This inspired, changeless and final revelation of God must be treasured. The second doctrine is that of the fall, and the third, salvation by grace alone: “by which you also are saved”. Fourthly, this redemption is through Christ alone; to Him the Scriptures point and in Him find their fulfilment. There is an urgent need for Evangelicals to “stand” firm and unshakeable in the Bible and to pray and work for a full recovery of the biblical faith.

¹ cf., *The Fight of Faith*, Volume 2 of the Doctor’s biography by Iain Murray (Banner of Truth, 1990), pp. 427-569 and 789-796.

² cf., *Knowing the Times* (Banner of Truth, 1989), pp. 278-290.

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