

UBM's Doctrinal Basis (of Faith)

The doctrinal basis is a belief in:

1. God as the Creator of all men, and the Father of all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Marriage being instituted by God and is between one man and one woman.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, Redeemer of the World, and the one Mediator, through faith in whom alone we obtain forgiveness of sins.
4. God the Holy Spirit - the third person of the Holy Trinity.
5. The fact of sin and the necessity of the atonement.
6. The incarnation, sinless life, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension and the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. The eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.
8. The whole Bible as the inspired word of God.

The official interpretation of the Doctrinal basis is:

- Clause 1** (a) God created man in His own image (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6; Ps. 100:3)
(b) There is an essential difference between the relationship of God to the world in general, and to those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:12-13; 1 Jn. 3:1; 5:1,12)
- Clause 2** God created people in his image as either male or female, and this creation is a fixed matter of human biology, not individual choice. Marriage is instituted by God, is between one man and one woman, and is the only context for sexual expression (Gen. 1:27; 2:24; Matt. 19:5; Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9)
- Clause 3** The pre-existence and essential deity of the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 1:1-14; Jn. 3:16; Acts 4:12; Rom. 3:24; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Col. 1:14-18; Acts 13:38-39; Eph 1:7; 1 Jn. 4:9-10)
- Clause 4** God the Holy Spirit is He who regenerates, indwells and sanctifies every believer, guiding into all truth, and glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 16:7-14; 3:5-8; 7:39; Rom. 8:9,14,16; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet 1:2; Jn. 14:26)
- Clause 5** The fact of universal sin (Rom 3:23; 5:12) and the need for reconciliation (Heb. 9:22) That reconciliation is the work of the Lord Jesus Christ and of Him alone (Jn. 1:29; Rom. 3:19-26; Heb. 9:26-28; 2 Cor. 5:18-19)
- Clause 6** (a) The Lord Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God (Matt. 3:17) born of the Virgin Mary (Matt. 1:20-23; Lk. 1:35)
(b) His unique revelation and ministry (Heb. 1:1-3; Lk. 19:10)
(c) The substitutionary death (2 Cor. 5:21) of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the fundamental truths of the Gospel (1 Pet. 3:18; Phil. 2:8)
(d) The bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was the cardinal point in apostolic testimony (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 2:29-36; 3:13-15)
(e) The Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven from the midst of His disciples and He now sits at the right hand of the throne of God, where He ever lives to make intercession for us (Acts 1:9; Lk. 24:50-53; Heb. 1:3; 10:12; 7:25)
(f) The Lord Jesus Christ will come again bodily and visibly (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16)
- Clause 7** The believer at death is with Christ in Heaven. The unbeliever is consciously separated from God forever. (Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 7:7-9; Jn. 3:36; Rom. 6:23; Dan. 12:2; Rev. 20:15)
- Clause 8** The whole canon of Scripture is fully trustworthy as originally given, and is the unerring revelation of God. (2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:12-14; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 1 Thess. 2:13; Gal. 1:6-8; Jude 3)