

Speaking out loud & clear

An introduction to the work of The Christian Institute



Our Aim

The Christian Institute exists for “the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom and elsewhere” and “the advancement of education”.

The Christian Institute is a non-denominational Christian charity committed to upholding the truths of the Bible. We are supported by individuals and churches throughout the UK.

We believe that the Bible is the supreme authority for all of life and we hold to the inerrancy of Scripture. We are committed to upholding the sanctity of life from conception.

Colin Hart, Director



Researching, supporting and informing

Helping Christians

The Christian Institute wants to help Christians answer the challenges of living in an increasingly secular society. We want to help Christians understand and respond to the major moral and ethical issues of the day. The work of the Institute supports Christians in speaking up for what they believe.

Tackling Issues

There are so many issues crying out for a Christian voice. The Christian Institute deals with issues affecting marriage and the family, education, religious liberties, medical ethics, drugs and the constitution.

Informing Debates

The Christian Institute informs Christians and others about the latest issues. We produce publications and briefings which are in-depth but also easy to use. We also publish information on our extensive website, which is fully searchable, user-friendly and free. The Institute holds lectures, seminars and public meetings all over the UK. These events are an opportunity for Christians and others to be informed at first-hand. We give Christian comment to the media, to politicians and to others in the public arena. In this way we aim to inform debates and bring a Christian influence to current concerns.

Our publications and website are readable and reliable

Useful Research

There is a great deal of secular research which shows the consequences of rejecting God's moral law. This ought not to be a surprise. The God who created this world knows what is best for this world. His laws are for everybody's good at all times. Therefore, The Christian Institute highlights the most useful research - pointing people to the wisdom of God's law.

Key Arguments

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God.” (2 Corinthians 10:5). The Christian Institute helps Christians understand the key arguments of contemporary issues. We give answers to some of the most difficult questions. In this way we help Christians to be a Christian influence in a secular world.





Living for Christ

It is tough being a Christian in today's world. Standing up for Christ and Christian standards at work, in the community and in the nation demands courage and integrity. No one likes to be alone in a fight. Each of us knows how difficult it can be to make a stand without support. The writer to the Hebrews says Christians should "encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (Hebrews 3:13).

Secular values are constantly being pushed by the media, education and the social and caring services. These values are ultimately flawed and adopting them brings real and damaging consequences. The Bible says: "A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:7). We see the results of ignoring Bible teaching in the breakdown of the family, law and order, and in sexual ethics.

Christianity is the only faith that works in practice. Even though policy-makers may not accept the Bible, Christians can still point to the consequences of rejecting God's laws. Even secular research shows the profound damage that has been done to our society. Whether the issue is clear-cut or complex, there is great need for Christians to speak out for what is right. We must spell out the moral implications of public policy.

The Christian Institute exists to promote the Christian faith in the UK. We want to advance biblical thinking in society. Thousands of Christians support our work. Our campaigns involve research and publishing as well as briefing policy-makers, politicians and the media. We also help individuals as they take a stand for Christ and Christian truth.

In a democracy we must argue the Christian case publicly. Our nation's problems are not primarily political or economic. They are moral and spiritual. Economic and political issues are very important and it is right for Christians to be involved in these areas. But how can our nation flourish when we are ignoring the moral basics? For too long Christians have failed to speak out. We must stand up for what we believe.

Get involved

Add your name to The Christian Institute mailing list and you will receive:

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- Topical information on key campaigns;
- High quality briefings for your own Christian action;
- Email alerts on breaking news stories with links to our extensive website (www.christian.org.uk).

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Doctrinal Basis

We are committed to the truths of historic, biblical Christianity including:

- A** The existence of the one, eternal God, Creator and Lord of the universe, who in the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both governs all things according to his will and is accomplishing his purposes in the world and in the church.
- B** The inspiration of the Holy Scripture in its entirety by God's Spirit through the human authors, and its revelation of God's truth to humanity. The Bible is without error not only when it speaks of salvation, its own origins, values, and religious matters, but it is also without error when it speaks of history and the cosmos. Christians must, therefore, submit to its supreme authority, both individually and corporately, in every matter of belief and conduct.
- C** The inherent value of all human beings, in consequence of their creation by God in his own image, and their sinfulness and guilt since the Fall. This has rendered them subject to God's wrath and condemnation, and has resulted in their alienation from his life, suppression of his truth, and hostility to his law.
- D** Salvation from the guilt, penalty and all other consequences of sin solely through the work of Jesus Christ - his perfect obedience, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and exaltation as Lord. He alone is truly God and truly man, the only mediator between God and man. There is salvation through no other person, creed, process or power. Each sinner is justified before God and reconciled to him only by his grace appropriated through faith alone.
- E** The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit for the individual's new birth and growth to maturity, and for the Church's constant renewal in truth, wisdom, faith, holiness, love, power and mission.
- F** The one, holy, universal and apostolic Church, which is the body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong. The Church's calling is to worship and serve God in the world, to proclaim and defend his truth, to exhibit his character and to demonstrate the reality of his new order.
- G** The personal and visible return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgment to final completion. Evildoers will suffer eternal punishment. God will fully establish his kingdom when he creates a new heaven and a new earth from which evil, suffering and death will be excluded, and in which he will be glorified for ever.