

Board Statement of 27/02/06

The Board of the Evangelical Alliance:

1. Unanimously reaffirms the Alliance Basis of Faith, as revised and adopted in September 2005.
2. Notes that the Basis defines 'all people' to have been 'corrupted by sin', that this sin 'incurs divine wrath and judgement', and that on the cross Jesus sacrificially atoned for sin by 'dying in our place' and 'paying the price' of such sin.
3. Understands these descriptions of Jesus' death to affirm penal substitutionary atonement.
4. Accepts that the Bible speaks of the cross in various other ways in addition to, but not at the expense of, penal substitutionary atonement;
5. Emphasises that other models of atonement are endorsed in the Basis of Faith alongside penal substitution, including Christus Victor, Moral Influence and Recapitulation, but that these should be seen as complementing rather than negating penal substitution.
6. Is committed to ensuring that the Basis of Faith remains determinative of the Alliance's doctrine and practice.
7. Underlines the requirement that Board, Council, permanent staff and all members of the Alliance should assent to the Basis of Faith annually, and should do so with integrity.