

## BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

A study of some of the primary Christian beliefs and doctrines prepared by Tom V. Taylor for presentation at Grace Gospel Chapel, February-March 1975.

### I. Introductory Note

Every believer needs to have (or develop) an understanding of the creed of Christians. We take the Bible as our authority and find in it what we believe. But beyond that simple form of truth, one needs to have a concise concept of what the teachings of the Bible are. In Bible schools we refer to this study as "Theology" and in seminaries we add the adjective "Systematic". With these terms we are describing the sort of study that allows one to state his beliefs in logical and orderly fashion.

The church (local) is a continuing community. Some of its adherents have been Christians for years while some are newly born into the family of God. Some have sat and listened to great Bible teachers and others have not yet had such opportunity. Others have participated in conferences and profited by being teachers themselves while some of their associates have had neither privilege. It only means that in a continuing company of believers we find Christians at all points of the compass and every now and then need to attempt to re-state the foundational beliefs. In so doing we both strengthen those who trust the Lord and inform or instruct those who do not have the blessing of that knowledge. In the company of Christians we also serve a twofold purpose in reminding the advanced Christian of what his faith really is (and thereby stirring his Christian consciousness) and helping the younger Christian to be better acquainted with the basic elements of faith.