

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH - A METHODIST PERSPECTIVE

Five addresses given at the Southport Methodist Holiness Convention (1993)

- 1. The Bible: Its inspiration**
- 2. The Bible: It is illumination, interpretation and application**
- 3. The finished work of Christ**
- 4. The Four Alls of Methodism: Christian conversion**
- 5. The Four Alls of Methodist: Growth in grace and holiness**

I was greatly privileged to be associated with the work of the Southport Methodist Holiness Convention (and its annual holiday week *Summer Fire*) from 1991 to 2002. After twelve years I simply felt it was time for the people to have a change. I spoke at the meetings which are held in a marquee in Mornington Road each year and on more than one occasion gave a series of five addresses on the weekday mornings. I was very glad that no list of past speakers was given to me before I gave this first series of addresses from 5-9 July 1993.

In 1993 I was minister at St Agnes in West Cornwall. I had been feeling quite discouraged and so it was a great encouragement to me when the convention president and two previous convention presidents asked if I would produce the five addresses in print. Val Hooper typed a transcript of the tapes produced by *Reelife Recordings* (she had agreed to do about 10,000 words and even I was shocked when it was more like 28,000 words) with great competence and care. This was published in a small booklet *Foundations of our faith: A Methodist Perspective* by my friends at Teagle Print, Blackwater, and 150 copies were printed.

Early in 2006, the old files for the original booklet were found in the Teagle Print office and forwarded to me. As I read the text, the transcript of the spoken addresses looked a bit dated and in need of polishing up. I am grateful to Catherine Stead who ruthlessly edited all that I had written with such efficiency that I simply decided to accept all her corrections. That still means that all of the mistakes are still mine!

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