

INTER VARSITY'S DOCTRINAL STATEMENT



The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – full of love and glory.

The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of **the Bible**.

The value and dignity of all people: created in God's image to live in love and holiness, but alienated from God and each other because of our sin and guilt, and justly subject to God's wrath.



Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who lived as a perfect example, who assumed the judgment due sinners by dying in our place, and who was bodily raised from the dead and ascended as Saviour and Lord.

Justification by God's grace to all who repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.



The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, who gives to all believers a new life and a new calling to obedient service.

The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ, manifest in worshiping and witnessing churches making disciples throughout the world.

The victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ, who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.



INTERVARSITY'S FIVE AIMS

In InterVarsity, students are inspired and equipped to nurture authentic Jesus-centred faith that will impact Canada and the world. Our ministry is anchored in these five aims:



Discover Jesus. Students are engaging in meaningful friendships that point to new life in Christ. We are unashamed of the Gospel. We help young people discover Jesus in the Bible, in creation, and in community. Culture continues to evolve, but the good news of Jesus does not change.



Undivided Life. Following Jesus is an all-encompassing call that includes relationships, studies, work, money, and leisure. The Bible has application in every area of life and students learn to enjoy life in all its fullness as they connect their faith with their relationships, schooling, and life.



Growing Influence. We invest in student leaders at camp, in high school and university, and as they enter the workforce. We provide training, support, and mentorship, encouraging young people to explore God's calling and to be salt and light at home, at work, and at play.



Integrated Thinking. We help young people relate faith to culture and integrate faith with studies. Students learn to look at life, faith, culture, and studies from a Biblical worldview. Post-graduate study and teaching are examples of missionary callings.



Global Engagement. We pray for and actively pursue social justice, reconciliation between peoples, and solutions to global issues. God is a global God, and it expands our understanding of Him and His Kingdom when we can learn from, pray for, and partner with other believers around the globe.*

*We are a founding member of the global family of movements called the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) where we continue to contribute to and partner in global initiatives. www.ifesworld.org

INTERVARSITY'S MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY

What makes InterVarsity distinct?



High value on Scripture engagement. The place of the Bible is foundational, and we apply the Bible to the whole of life. It is at the centre of who we are and what we do. It is the source of our [five aims](#).



Doctrinal basis. We have a confessional element to us and we can be sure of what we believe. InterVarsity is open to everyone, but we are united over [core truths](#). Our evangelism is centred on the cross and the resurrection. We are saved by grace, atoned for, and have hope for Christ's return.



Working with people over longer term. InterVarsity involvement does not start or end in university. We are directed to be salt and light to where God takes us in our vocations, so we help people think about how to live an undivided life and lead in high school, university, and work.



See university as being critical in shaping ideas in society. InterVarsity is not just here to run groups on campus. We are called to support Christian academics and the ideas of the academy. This shapes culture and future thought.



Student led. InterVarsity is at it's best when students and faculty are leading their groups on their universities. They know their communities best and as they live out the five aims, they see real transformation in the people and culture around them. InterVarsity staff are here to support, encourage, and equip students and faculty.