

Personal Holiness of Life

WHEREAS the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, assembled in annual session in Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 23–27, 1969, recognize that the Scriptures set forth personal holiness of life as both a desirable and required standard for believers in Christ, emphasizing that “denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:12); and

WHEREAS in the light of this Scriptural emphasis, one of the stated purposes of our Association, as set forth in its Constitution, is to “raise a standard of Biblical separation from worldliness”; and

WHEREAS there seems to be a gradual erosion of conviction regarding personal separation from the world, even in fundamental Baptist churches and an increasing tolerance toward pleasures and practices of the world which are detrimental to a Christian testimony;

BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon our fellowshipping churches to emphasize anew the fact that believers are to be separated from “fleshly lusts, which war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11), which goal can only be obtained as we are occupied with Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage throughout the churches of our Association high standards of personal conduct for those who occupy places of leadership in our churches as well as for all of our church members.

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