

Socialism and New Evangelicals

WHEREAS certain New Evangelicals have identified the kingdom of God with a socialistic program; and

WHEREAS the Evangelicals for Social Action in a newsletter published by a leading evangelical magazine claimed that such things as crime, abortion, secular humanism, etc., were actually symptoms of unjust social structures in the United States, and contended that the symptoms would go away if the causes of the disease were attacked; and

WHEREAS the Evangelicals for Social Action believes that most of the unjust structures stem from poverty and the maldistribution of wealth nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS the Bible clearly teaches that man's perversity, not economic structures, is the cause of crime, abortion, secular humanism, etc.; and

WHEREAS every attempt at a redistribution of wealth by a socialist state has resulted in a damaged economy and oppression of the citizens of such state; and

WHEREAS property rights are a Biblical principle and are inevitably associated with human rights;

BE IT RESOLVED that the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, assembled in conference in Seattle, Washington, June 25–29, 1984, reaffirm their confidence in a competitive economic system, repudiate the socialist mentality, and emphatically affirm that a socialistic program is not the answer to man's innate perversity and immoral behavior.

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