

## **Women's Role in the Church and Home**

WHEREAS the ordination of women to the Christian ministry is being advocated in both liberal and evangelical circles; and

WHEREAS women's subordination to male authority in the church and home has become a subject of controversy; and

WHEREAS there is outright rejection by a number of evangelicals of some of Paul's teaching in the New Testament regarding women, calling his instructions rabbinical and erroneous; and

WHEREAS some of the evangelical women's caucuses have both misinterpreted Scripture and also objected to the revealed names of God in the desire to eliminate gender-specific language;

BE IT RESOLVED that the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Seattle, Washington, June 25–29, 1984, affirm their adherence to the New Testament teaching that women are not legitimate candidates for ordination and that God has committed to men the important responsibility of leadership and authority in the church and in the home (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:21–24; 1 Tim. 2:11–15; 3:1–7); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize Christian women's spiritual equality with Christian men (Gal. 3:26–29), affirming that subordination is not equivalent to inferiority (was not Christ equal to and yet subordinate to the Father?), and that women's role in the church and home has its own unique function and dignity.

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