

The Necessity of Balanced Biblical Evangelism

WHEREAS philosophical pluralism has invaded the American church, resulting in widespread assent to the notion that salvation is possible through adherence to religion and that no religion can legitimately claim to be right; and

WHEREAS there is a growing tendency in evangelical circles to repudiate the Biblical doctrine of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone as the exclusive means of personal salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12); and

WHEREAS the Bible teaches that every individual is spiritually dead in sin and thus totally unable to embrace Christ as Savior (Ephesians 2:1-5; John 6:44); and,

WHEREAS the Bible also teaches that individuals cannot be saved apart from personal trust in the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8, 9; Acts 16:31); and

WHEREAS the Bible also teaches that the gospel message is the sole means God has ordained in every culture to bring people unto Himself (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:17);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the messengers of the 66th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 21-25, 1997, commit as individuals to seize every opportunity to communicate the gospel message to others (Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our churches energetically carry out the mandate of evangelism while at the same time insuring that our efforts are in harmony with Biblical teaching and are without distortion of the simple gospel message (Matthew 28:19, 20; 2 Timothy 2:2).

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