

## **Separation**

BELIEVING that the Gospel of God, "how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He arose the third day according to the Scriptures," is the only means by which men can be saved;

AND BELIEVING that the preservation and proclamation of this message has been throughout this age of grace committed to the local New Testament Church;

AND BELIEVING that the continuation of the Truth and the Gospel is always and totally dependent upon the continued purity of the Church;

AND BELIEVING that the current Satanic attempt to pervert the Truth is being made through the effort to subvert the purity of the Church by tempting it to unscriptural alliances and compromising programs;

AND BELIEVING that escape on the part of churches from such subversion is through the practice of the Scriptural injunction to separation such as in Ephesians 5:11 where it is written, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them";

AND RECOGNIZING that the intent of all public address is to "separate" men unto views advocated by the speaker and the movement he represents, whether secular or religious, and if the latter, whether Catholic, Jewish, or Protestant, and if the latter, whether that of the Liberalist, which is unto rebellion against the Word of God; the Neutralist, which is unto the mixed multitude; or the Biblicist, which is unto God "without the camp."

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches assembled in 24th annual session in Kansas City, Missouri, May 9-12, 1955, reaffirm our allegiance to the belief and practice of the tenets of Biblical separation unto God and the Word of His grace, as a spiritual and rational, not radical, approach to our faith and ministry;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge our pastors, professors, and people to not only practice Biblical separation but to continually preach it lest the new generation of converts and the young people in our churches arise not knowing "the pit from whence we were digged or the rock whence we were hewn," it being our conviction that to "preach what we practice" is an imperative to the preservation of truth, "lest we forget."

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