

## Missions

WHEREAS we have today a resurgence of the old heresy of universalism, which had its beginning with Clement of Alexandria and teaches that all men of all ages under all circumstances will share in the grace of salvation; and

WHEREAS this thought is expressed by such modern missionary leaders as Douglas Webster, Home Education Secretary of Church Missionary Society of England, who wrote in the *International Review of Missions*: "If we believe that men are going to burn eternally in Hell unless they are converted to Christ before they die, there are many Christians who would go to all lengths to convert them. But the theological climate has changed. This is not to say that the doctrine of Hell has been thrown overboard or that it is irrelevant to the Christian mission . . . . But this is very different from believing that all the unconverted heathen perish everlastingly when they die. For most of us, this plank in the missionary appeal has forever been removed."

And Dr. Jitsu Morikawa, Secretary of Evangelism of the American Baptist Convention, says: "God has already won a mighty redemption . . . for the entire world . . . so that the task of the church is to tell all men . . . that they already belong to Christ. . . . men are no longer lost."

And Dr. D. T. Niles in the book *Upon the Earth* writes: "I keep always in the foreground of my thought the fact that all those to whom I am privileged to speak about my Lord are already one with me in His saving ministry. I believe and confess Him; they do not, and yet the essential facts of the gospel remain true for them as for me. God made us, God loves us, Jesus died for us, our trespasses are not counted, when we die, we shall go to Him who will be our Judge. These affirmations are true of all men whether they know Him or not, like them or not, accept them or not";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in annual session in Seattle, Washington, on June 28, 1967, reaffirm our Biblical belief in the truths of God's Word, including the reality of a literal Heaven and Hell, and urge as we thank God for them, the 1,325 missionaries of our five independent Baptist mission agencies to avoid the pitfalls of so-called "Christian" universalism, redoubling their efforts in the preaching at home and abroad that men are lost and headed for Hell unless they personally receive Christ as their Savior.

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