

## **Teaching the Bible in Tax-Supported Schools**

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting at Seattle, Washington, June 29, 1967, protests the use of tax money to promote religious interests of any kind.

WHEREAS the General Board of the National Council of Churches meeting in Chicago, Illinois, in February of 1967, initiated a drive to use public funds to teach the Bible and religion in public institutions of higher, secondary, and elementary education; and

WHEREAS this program of the National Council of Churches is being presented throughout the United States by Dr. Arthur Fleming, President of the National Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS regional councils of churches associated with the National Council of Churches, such as in Seattle, the Greater Seattle Council of Churches, are organizing task forces to work for religious instruction with public funds;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, protest this kind of use of tax money because the Constitution of the United States guarantees a separation of church and state. We further protest the National Council of Churches' use of public funds for the establishment of their religion. Furthermore, we protest the use of public funds to promote critical attacks upon the truthfulness of the Bible which are implicit in documentary hypotheses and claims of multiple authorship for the writing of books of the Bible. These hypotheses are inherently religious and are adopted by the liberal leadership in the churches of denominations and their Sunday school publications.

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the only safe rule for faith and practice. Any attack upon the truthfulness of the Bible such as is made in English Course 390 (the Bible as Literature) at the University of Washington, is religious instruction and constitutes theological indoctrination of religion.

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Seattle, Washington, again affirms that it is necessary to approach the Bible with true scholarship and careful study.

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