The Eternal Word of God

WHEREAS historically Christians in general and Baptists in particular have held to the doctrine of the plenary, verbal, divine inspiration of the Scriptures, this doctrine being the foundation of all other Christian doctrines; and

WHEREAS a large segment of Christendom, including some Baptist groups, are now repudiating the orthodox Christian view of the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Bible, substituting for it other rationalistic views which make the Bible nothing more than a human book; and

WHEREAS those who hold this emasculated view of Scripture no longer accept it as the final authority for individual believers and for the church but have substituted for it human opinions and religious experience;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, June 22–26, 1970, announce to the world that we, as a fellowship of Baptist churches, still strongly maintain that the Bible is a unique Book, far surpassing all other books, that it constitutes the special revelation of the mind of God, that its human authors were moved by the Holy Spirit to write the various books found in the canonical Scriptures, and that the product of their efforts was a Bible that was infallible, inerrant, and free from all error and from all omission of any intended divine revelation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since the Bible is our final authority in Christian faith and practice and the proclamation of its message is the responsibility of Christ’s churches today, we as an Association will continue to stand true to all that is revealed in the Scriptures, God’s Holy Word; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will continue approval of only those schools, social and mission agencies which adhere to this position.

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