

Worldwide Missions

WHEREAS Christian missions and Christian missionaries are under constant pressure in every area of activity, whether it is in the social, religious, or the political realm, in all the nations of the world; and

WHEREAS some governments have enacted "anti-conversion" laws to curb the activities of Christian missionaries, and others have recently enacted laws prohibiting anyone except a follower of the national religion to hold high public office; and

WHEREAS the recent mergers of denominational groups have tended to increase the pressure upon the Bible-believing missionary to conform to the religious mold of the liberal; and

WHEREAS the constant emergence of revolutionary governments impose increasing restrictions upon the Christian witness; and

WHEREAS the doctrine of "universalism" is widely held (which states that ALL will be saved regardless of their relationship to Jesus Christ) and is exemplified by Dr. Jitsu Morikawa, of the American Baptist Convention, who said, "The task of the church is to tell all men. . . that they already belong to Christ . . . men are no longer lost"; and

WHEREAS many church leaders reject the doctrine of salvation through Christ alone but rather embrace the concept that one may take good points from various world religions and cultures to form a composite religious faith;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, in the forty-second Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, June 25–29, 1973, reaffirm our conviction that the Word of God teaches that all men are lost, irrespective of location and background, that a gracious God has made provision for their salvation through the finished work of His Son upon the cross of Calvary, and that men are saved only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we as messengers encourage the more than fourteen hundred missionaries of our five approved mission agencies to do their utmost to carry out the complete commission of our Lord as stated in Matthew 28:19 and 20—to evangelize, baptize, train, and organize the people with whom they are working into

Baptist churches that will stand true under these current pressures,
and that we encourage our churches to support our missionaries who
are implementing this Biblical mandate both financially and with
believing prayer.

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