

The Bible—The Word of God

WHEREAS there is a growing and widespread controversy over the nature of the Bible, particularly the character and extent of its inspiration; and

WHEREAS many are now claiming to be evangelical Christians while at the same time denying the historic doctrine of the verbal, plenary inspiration of Scripture, substituting instead varying views which allow for only partial inspiration of the Biblical text, while employing familiar terminology;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington, June 21–25, 1976, heartily reaffirm our deep conviction that the Bible, as given through holy men of old, is divinely, verbally, and plenary inspired, each and every word in the original languages in which they were authored being the word that God desired to be used; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we accept the authority of the Word of God as final in matters of faith and practice, and that we reject as erroneous any attempts to equate ecclesiastical pronouncements, church dogmas, denominational tenets, or personal religious experiences with that which is written in the Word of God.

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