

The Christian School

WHEREAS the Bible states that God commanded His people to love Him with all their heart, soul and might; and that His people are to have "these words in their heart" and to teach them to their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-8); and

WHEREAS it is recognized that we are to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6), and that the scriptural admonition can be interpreted to require parents go beyond taking their children to church, and require that parents create a desire in their children for the things of God; and

WHEREAS children are to obey their parents in the Lord and in all things (Ephesians 6:1, 4 and Colossians 4:20), and that everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God (Romans 14:12), it is presupposed that those who have the responsibility of a family have also an accountability; and

WHEREAS the education of a child in the humanistic philosophy taught in the public schools is contrary to all of the scriptural admonitions set forth above; and

WHEREAS it is apparent from eighteen thousand preliminary returns on a recent national family poll that parents believe the most destructive influences affecting children and families today are the following: society's easy acceptance of divorce, immorality fostered through the public schools, individual selfishness of husband and wife, lack of discipline in the home, and influence of homosexuality or lesbianism in the home. It is further obvious from the results of the same poll that the public feels the best possible actions to take to help love, build and encourage children and families are: teaching the importance of Bible principles of love, kindness and responsibility in human relations, strong discipline in the home, parents raising children instead of child care centers, a changed school system which teaches responsibility, morality, discipline and kindness. Further, the poll revealed that ninety percent of the public believe it is harmful for known homosexuals to teach school-age children; and

WHEREAS there is a continuing lack of discipline and control in public schools; and there is strong peer pressure among public school children and parents to drop their standards toward morals and separation in social activities; and

WHEREAS many parents and educators are being alarmed at the prospect of requiring students to take and pass an achievement test prior to graduation when such achievement tests are written on reading levels between sixth grade and ninth grade; and

WHEREAS seminars are being offered to elementary public school teachers instructing them on how to prevent elementary children from developing sexist behavior, for example, girls playing with dolls and boys playing sports; and

WHEREAS public schools continue to teach evolution as a fact and to teach the use of contraceptives to junior and high school age children;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the 49th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting at San Diego, California, June 23–27, 1980, urge born again believers to take thought of their responsibility and accountability, realizing the greatest assets they have in this world are their children, and the greatest opportunity for help to be like and of use to Christ is afforded them through their Christian church and school.

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