

The Blessed Hope

WHEREAS we believe in "the premillennial return of Christ, an event which can occur at any moment, and that at that moment the dead in Christ shall be raised in glorified bodies, and the living in Christ shall be given glorified bodies without tasting death, and all shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air before the seven years of the Tribulation" (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 51-54; Phil. 3:20, 21; Rev. 3:10, Articles of Faith, XIX); and

WHEREAS we believe that "the Tribulation, which follows the Rapture of the Church, will be culminated by the revelation of Christ in power and great glory to sit upon the throne of David and to establish the millennial kingdom" (Dan. 9:25-27; Matt. 24:29-31; Luke 1:30-33; Isa. 9:6,7:11:1-9; Acts 2:29, 30; Rev. 20:1-4, 6; Articles of Faith, XIX);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 57th Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, on June 27 to July 1, 1988, declare our continued belief that the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ may be at any moment as a pretribulational, premillennial event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue to hold this dispensational view not only as doctrine but in the expression of practical life inasmuch as "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12), so that we will reject moral and practical compromise and give ourselves with all diligence to obedience to the Great Commission, in light of His coming.

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