

A Biblical View of Human Sexuality

WHEREAS several study panels of mainline denominations have recently recommended dissolute changes in church stances about sex, particularly homosexuality; and

WHEREAS such recommendations would allow ordination of active or concelebrate homosexuals to the clergy, and would also ask consideration of blessing same-sex unions; and

WHEREAS one study committee also tentatively decided to recommend dropping its condemnation of homosexual practice as "incompatible with Christian teaching"; and

WHEREAS one such report called for a reformed Christian ethic that honors but does not restrict sexual activity to marriage alone, thereby blessing any sexual relationship in which there is genuine equality and mutual respect;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 60th Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 24–28, 1991, state most affirmatively our belief in the Biblical and traditional position limiting sex relations to marriage and requiring celibacy in singleness (Hebrews 13:4); that we term homosexuality "degrading passion" deserving God's wrath (Romans 1:18, 26, 27); and that we urge all of God's people to lifestyles that bespeak the utmost by way of Biblical morality and purity, wherein fornication and all uncleanness are not to be once named among us, as becometh saints (Ephesians 5:3); and that we further affirm God's love for those ensnared in those sins and that we affirm the power of the gospel to bring forgiveness and deliverance to those who truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

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