

The Secularization of the Church

WHEREAS so much of American Protestantism has been obsessed with being "relevant" and "modern," and has thereby compromised the uniqueness and Biblically ordered life and ministry of the church; and

WHEREAS there exists a vague drift away from what makes a church distinctively Christian; and

WHEREAS the church has been so busy in recent decades trying to please the world and to accommodate the world's habits and tastes that churches are in danger of losing their souls;

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, remind ourselves of the unique nature and role of the church of Jesus Christ in the world today, that we "are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we restudy the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20) and commit ourselves anew thereunto and encourage our churches to a closer alignment with its program of preaching the gospel, baptizing new converts and teaching the Holy Scriptures; and that we assess all church programming in view of the same.

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