

Eternal Hell

WHEREAS the denial of eternal, conscious punishment for the lost is a growing trend, being embraced even by some well-known evangelical theologians; and

WHEREAS such denials often include arguments based on human reason and sympathies rather than Scripture; and

WHEREAS the Bible declares that both the fire and the punishment of judgment are everlasting (Matthew 25:41, 46); that the lost are cast into the same lake of fire and brimstone, which torments the beast and false prophet "day and night for ever and ever" (Revelation 20:15, 10); and that what God does is always right (Genesis 18:25); and

WHEREAS the eternal, conscious punishment of the lost has been the preponderant position of orthodoxy through the centuries;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 62nd Annual Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 19-23, 1993, declare our commitment to a method of interpretation that elevates Scripture far above human reason; affirm our wholehearted belief in "the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost in the lake of fire"; admit that we do not rejoice at the thought of fellow human beings suffering a literal, eternal hell; and rekindle our zeal to pray for and witness to those on their way to an eternity of torment and separation from God.

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