

The Third Wave

WHEREAS the Third Wave Movement (often called "the Signs and Wonders Movement"), the newest offshoot of the charismatic movement, encourages its adherents to aggressively pursue ecstatic experiences, mystical phenomena, miraculous powers and supernatural wonders; and

WHEREAS the Third Wave Movement, with its teaching of "power evangelism," undermines the gospel message by teaching that miracles are more effective than the gospel message in bringing men to Christ; and

WHEREAS Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"; and

WHEREAS the highest expression of God's power in the world today is not a spectacular and unusual sign or wonder but people coming to faith in Christ and obeying the Word of God;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our annual 62nd Annual Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 19-23, 1993, warn our pastors and churches of the dangers of the Third Wave Movement and remind our pastors and churches that the test of any doctrine is not signs and wonders but conformity to the Word of God.

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