

The Authority of the Scriptures

WHEREAS it has been the position of the Regular Baptists historically that the Bible is the very Word of God, and that the original autographs were supernaturally inspired, thus free from both error and omission; and

WHEREAS Regular Baptists have placed their confidence in the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments as being inspired in their entirety under supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, even to the selection of the words from their vocabulary which the writers of the Divine Revelation were led to employ; and

WHEREAS Regular Baptists have consistently maintained that the Word of God is not only our supreme authority, but rather our sole authority in all matters pertaining to faith and conduct; and

WHEREAS there is an increasing tendency in our day to destroy the authority and finality of the Holy Scriptures by a substitution of human wisdom in the place of divine revelation, by limiting their inspiration and authority to matters of spiritual significance only, implying that the Scriptures are untrustworthy as a record of history and some Scriptures untrue with reference to science, by making their validity to depend upon a subjective experience or encounter in which Scripture becomes the Word of God, and by a method of interpretation which negates their literal meaning, both historically and prophetically;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, assembled at Winona Lake, Indiana, do on this 24th day of June, 1964, reaffirm our faith in the entire Bible as the very Word of God and our sole authority in all matters of both faith and conduct, and that we seek by every means at our command to proclaim its message of judgment and its gospel of hope to the very ends of the earth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we regard as worthy of our support, financial and otherwise, only such institutions of learning and agencies of propagation as shall declare their unqualified allegiance to the Scriptures as the Word of God.

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