

Church Union

WHEREAS mergers of Protestant denominations have been increasing in recent years; and

WHEREAS the Consultation of Church Union, in particular is proceeding with its plans to unite several major denominations into one large body composed of several million members; and

WHEREAS the prevailing philosophy behind such mergers is that of expediency rather than Biblical principle, magnifying the necessity of ecclesiastical union above the importance of sound doctrine, and whereas the current leadership in these merger efforts is almost wholly composed of men who do not accept many of the historic Christian beliefs;

BE IT RESOLVED that, as messengers of churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Rochester, New York, June 24–28, 1968, we reaffirm our conviction that true Christian unity must be based upon Biblical doctrine and that the desire of Christ “that they all might be one” is fulfilled in the spiritual unity of all true believers in Christ and not in organic, outward union; and

THAT WE FURTHER DECLARE that there is a definite, fixed body of truth, referred to as “the faith” by New Testament writers, to which we must adhere and apart from which we cannot have true Christian fellowship.

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