

Pornography

SINCE the whole teaching of the Word of God enjoins upon the believing people of God a manner of life described as fellowship with God and with His Son, Jesus Christ; and

SINCE the Scriptures plainly command "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11); and

SINCE the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments command "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Pet. 1:16); and

WHEREAS there has been let loose upon our society a veritable flood of pornographic literature and art, so-called, through all and every media; and

WHEREAS this unclean, filthy, shameless display of nudity, sex-oriented corruption, and blasphemous conversation is not only deleterious of morality, decency, purity, chastity, and health, but is also destructive of spirituality and damning in its effect upon unbelievers;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers to the annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, met this 28th day of June, 1971, at Winona Lake, Indiana, do declare our abhorrence of all that is commonly referred to as pornography; that we enjoin upon Christian parents prayerful instruction of their children according to Philippians 4:8, and that they make careful scrutiny and diligent supervision of the reading and entertainment of their children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we implore our pastors and Christian teachers in both public and private schools to speak out boldly against this pernicious evil, and by precept and example abjure any personal tendencies of this nature, and practice holiness in the fear of God; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that we urge pastors and parents to write the newspapers and other media imploring them to scrutinize more closely material presented by them so that they will aid our nation in the preservation of its freedom, rather than by neglect or for filthy lucre contribute to the growth of this virulent fungus of pornography and the dissolution of our society.

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