

Inspiration and Inerrancy

WHEREAS many religious colleges and seminaries now deny the Bible is God's Word; and

WHEREAS many religious groups no longer accept the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures and no longer submit to the authority of its teachings; and

WHEREAS the minimizing of Scriptural authority has led to an evangelicalism which bases its practice on experience rather than on the teachings of God's Word;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual session at Des Moines, Iowa, June 27–July 1, 1977, declare our belief in the following truths. We believe, teach and confess:

1. That the Bible was written by men moved by the Holy Spirit, so that even in the choice of words the Sacred Scriptures are the Word of God;
2. That the Bible is inerrant and infallible, by which we mean that it is true and trustworthy in all and every subject on which it speaks;
3. That the Bible speaks with divine authority, to which we joyfully submit ourselves in whatever commands it gives us;
4. That the early chapters of Genesis are not mythological or parabolic but historical, and that Adam and Eve, the first human beings, were created by God and not by means of evolution;
5. That the miracles of both the Old and New Testaments are supernatural, divine interventions in history, and that the Biblical accounts of such miracles are to be interpreted literally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our churches to be consistently Biblical in their beliefs and practices, recognizing that someday an account will be given to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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