

Reaffirmation of Fundamentalism

WHEREAS one edition of Webster's Dictionary defines fundamentalism as "the emphasizing as fundamental to Christianity the belief in the inerrancy of the Scriptures, Biblical miracles, esp., the virgin birth and physical resurrection of Christ", and that fundamentalism pertains "to the foundation or the basis of a doctrine or doctrines, being essentially a principle or a law or article, which serves as the groundwork of a system, an essential part"; and

WHEREAS the foundation of Christianity is Jesus Christ, His person and work, (I Corinthians 3:11), as revealed in the written Word of God; and

WHEREAS a fundamentalist is a born again believer in Christ who maintains a steadfast allegiance to the inspired, infallible Word of God; measures all things by the rule of the canonical Scriptures; affirms the foundational truths of the historic Christian faith—particularly the doctrine of the triune God, the incarnation, virgin birth, substitutionary atonement, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven and second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ – the new birth through regeneration by the Holy Spirit, the resurrection of believers to life eternal, the resurrection of unbelievers to final judgment and eternal retribution, the fellowship of believers comprising the Church which is the body of Christ represented in this age by local churches patterned after the New Testament; practices fidelity to that faith, endeavoring to proclaim it to all who will listen; and

WHEREAS fundamentalism exposes and separates from ecclesiastical apostasy and from compromise with moral and doctrinal error; and earnestly contends for the faith once delivered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting in the 49th Annual Conference at San Diego, California, June 23–27, 1980, do join in unity of heart and common purpose to preserve and proclaim these foundational truths of our Christian faith in the context of the "whole counsel of God" without compromise or concession.

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