

Tolerance

WHEREAS

our culture increasingly reflects a postmodern mind-set (Resolution 1999) in which there are no absolutes;

our culture promotes a tolerance that not only permits but also approves and celebrates diversity in lifestyles, religious convictions, and moral standards;

our culture tolerates everything but intolerance;

our culture decries and will increasingly attempt to restrict any Christian who seeks to convert others to the truth of the Bible and God's way of salvation through Christ; and

WHEREAS

the Bible indicates that any gospel other than the gospel of salvation by grace, through faith in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4) is not a gospel but is error (Galatians 1:6-8);

the Bible records Christ's word that He is "the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father but by Me" (John 14:6);

the Bible commands that we "go into all the world and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19, 20), not being ashamed of the gospel which is the power of God to salvation (Romans 1:16, 17);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches of the GARBC, meeting in session on Tuesday, June 27, 2000,

commit ourselves anew to the exclusive message of the Gospel of Christ as revealed in the Bible;

not be ashamed of the Gospel (Romans 1:16) but seek Godly boldness to present the gospel of Christ as revealed in the Bible (Acts 4:29);

encourage our government officials to maintain the constitutional right to believe in, teach, and propagate an exclusive Gospel;

clarify to our world that our insistence on the Biblical gospel is not the imposition of our religious beliefs on others but the directive of the God of Creation to proclaim the "good news" as the only way to eternal life; and

support our brethren who have taken a strong stand for the exclusivity of the gospel and God's truth and are under intense attack.

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