

Resolution on the Encouragement of the Man of God

Whereas these are trying times in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ, which tempt some to compromise the supernatural work of God by engaging in methods and music directed toward our fleshly old natures, rather than faithfully preaching the whole counsel (Acts 20:27) of God's Word to our hearts, and

Whereas we grieve for our erring brethren who have sold the Truth for a measure of apparent success but, in exchange, have lost both the clarity of the Gospel message and the testimony of a Bible-centered ministry in fulfillment of the Great Commission, and

Whereas we are always directed to the Scriptures and prayer to find strength to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16) and remembering that "...whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4) and,

Whereas the Lord is pleased to preserve for us the examples of faithful servants of God, both in the Old and New Testaments, who were "...men of like passions" (Acts 14:15; James 5:17) as other men yet were mightily used of God, who even through suffering, "...according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator" (I Peter 4:19),

Be it therefore resolved that we the messengers now gathered in Calvary Baptist Church, New Stanton, PA, April 8-9, 2013, do hereby encourage our brethren, as well as ourselves, to be "...steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Corinthians 15:58).

Be it further resolved that we encourage one another and lift one another up before God's throne of grace in prayer so that, like the Apostle Paul, "...though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ (Colossians 2:5).

Be it further resolved that our ministries will abound in "...rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

Be it finally resolved that we praise the Lord for faithful servants of Christ, who have courageously withstood the tests of compromising brethren, refused efforts to bring worldliness into their churches, rejected pressures to preach smooth things and deceits (Isaiah 30:10), and have proven themselves to be "faithful unto death" (Revelation 2:10). May their tribe increase in these times!