

## **Resolution on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ – Conference Theme**

**Whereas**, the historical, orthodox hope of the New Testament Church has been the return of Jesus Christ and reunion with him (1 John 3:1-3) and,

**Whereas**, the return of Jesus Christ was promised (Acts 1:11; Matt: 26:27-30) and has been greatly anticipated by the Church for over two thousand years (Titus 2:13) and,

**Whereas**, unbelievers throughout history have continually scoffed at the truth of a returning, righteous King (2 Peter 3:1-13), reflecting a mindset of rebellion and rejection that has been present since the rebellion of Adam (Psalm 2) and,

**Whereas**, the doctrine of the return of Jesus Christ as King and righteous judge is foundational to the hopeful perseverance of the Church (2 Thessalonians 1:3-12), reminding believers that God will make things right, with His reign and will being displayed on earth as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:9-10, 13) and,

**Whereas**, the spirit and display of depravity (Romans 1:18-32) and the reality of increasing intensity of spiritual opposition against the Church and individual believers (2 Timothy 3:1-5) will see an increase in persecution against true followers of Christ (John 16:32-33; 2 Timothy 3:12) and,

**Whereas**, the Church will experience a weakening of biblical, theological preaching, not wanting to hear sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

**Be it therefore resolved** that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting at the First Baptist Church in Elimsport, PA, on September 11-13, 2017, do hereby re-affirm our conviction and belief in the doctrine of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

**Be it further resolved** that we will encourage the Fellowship churches to be strong and encouraged by the doctrine of the second coming, knowing that the full victory over evil is certain (Revelation 19-22).

**Be it further resolved** that we will encourage the Fellowship churches to continue to proclaim and teach the full counsel of God, including prophetic material, for all Scripture is profitable for the health and vitality of the believer and the Church.

**Be it further resolved** that we call upon each individual of the Fellowship churches to be encouraged and take comfort in the sovereign control of our Lord (Psalm 115:3), as well as His secure love for us (Romans 8:31-39) in these times of national unrest, international tensions, and theological challenges.