



RESOLUTION Against Racism

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WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach that God has created all men and women in His image (Genesis 1:27) and has made from one man and one woman all peoples to live on the earth (Genesis 3:20; Acts 17:26); and

WHEREAS, God loves the world (John 3:16), sending Jesus to die for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2), and, in Christ, is reconciling to Himself people from every tribe, tongue, and nation (Revelation 5:9); and

WHEREAS, our justification before God is based on faith in Christ alone and not in our ethnicity (Galatians 3:27–28); and

WHEREAS, God has made believers one in Christ, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, and uniquely qualified to stand together in faith (Ephesians 2:15–16); and

WHEREAS, The Lord has given His people the mission of making disciples from every nation (Matthew 28:19); and

WHEREAS, Racism is sin because it disregards the image of God in all people and denies the truth of the Gospel that believers are all one in Him; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, the Georgia Baptist Convention publicly repented of its own complicity in the sin of racism that has divided both the body of Christ and the broader culture; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Baptists addressed racism in their annual meetings in 1963, 1970, and 1977; and

WHEREAS, we lament over the continued presence of racism, sympathize with our brothers and sisters who have experienced injustice, and weep with those who weep (Rom 12:15); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting in Macon, Georgia, November 9, 2020 rededicate ourselves to the holy responsibility and privilege of loving and discipling people of all races and ethnicities in our communities; and

BE IT RESOLVED that we call on Georgia Baptists to be faithful ambassadors of reconciliation in their personal relationships and local communities as they demonstrate the power of the Gospel to reconcile all persons in Christ.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Church cannot remain silent when our brothers and sisters, friends and/or people we seek to win for Christ are mistreated, abused or murdered; and

BE IT RESOLVED that we pray for our local, state, and national leaders to seek justice always and call on them to act quickly and diligently to ensure that all injustices are ended.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that it will take all of us, seeking and doing justice (Isaiah 1:17, Micah 6:8) with loving-kindness and humility (Micah 6:8) and answering hate with genuine love and peace (Romans 12:9-21). Jesus is the answer (John 3:16-17).