

**Resolution Re-affirming our Commitment to Preaching Christ Crucified**  
NARBC Spring Bible Conference 2008

WHEREAS the time has come “when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (II Tim. 4:3-4),

AND WHEREAS “the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness” (1 Cor. 1:18),

AND WHEREAS the personality of the messenger has become more important than the Message (1 Cor 1:12),

AND WHEREAS the philosophy of the day is that the end justifies the means,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers in fellowship with the Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Bible Conference at Park Lane Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska, April 3-5, 2008, re-affirm our commitment to “preaching Christ crucified.”

We stand committed to the preaching of sound doctrine recognizing that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (II Timothy 3:16-17). We must “preach the Word.” We must “be instant in season, and out of season.” We must “reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (II Tim. 4:2). It is the Word of God that makes one “wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (II Tim 3:15).

We stand committed to the preaching of the cross because “unto us which are saved it is the power of God unto salvation” (1 Cor. 1:18). We understand that it is the foolishness of preaching, not foolish preaching, that God has chosen to save them that believe and to confound the wise (1Cor. 1:21, 27). It is foolish to preach a different gospel (Galatians 1:6). We must preach “Jesus Christ, and him crucified” (1 Cor 2:2). It is foolish to preach with a heart full of pride. We must preach “in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling” (1 Cor. 2:3). It is foolish to preach “with enticing words of man’s wisdom.” We must preach “in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that *one’s* faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God” (1Cor. 2:4,5).

We stand committed to the message of the Gospel. We understand that anyone who puts their faith in the messenger is causing envy, strife, and division and is carnal (1Cor. 3:3). “Who then *are the messengers* but ministers (servants) by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man” (1 Cor. 3:5). One messenger plants and another waters but God giveth the increase (1 Cor 3:6,7)! We must not lift one messenger above another for “we are labourers together with God” (1 Cor. 3:9). We must not lift the messenger above the message. “Is Christ divided? Was a *messenger* crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of a *messenger*” (1 Cor. 1:13)? We must speak the “wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, (the Gospel) which God ordained before the world unto our glory” (1 Cor. 2:7). We must preach the message of the Gospel because the message was before the messenger.

We stand committed to the preaching of Christ crucified as God’s means to bring about His end (1 Cor 1:27). In salvation we “are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek” (Rom 1:16). In sanctification we recognize that we must grow spiritually “till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13). We must “grow up into Him in all things, which is the head even Christ” (Eph. 4:15).

We stand committed to the preaching of the Gospel “that no flesh shall glory in His presence. But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorifieth, let him glory in the Lord” (1 Cor. 1:29-31).