

Resolution on a Biblical Response to Islam

Whereas, the religion of Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, as well as the fastest growing religion in the United States, with one and one half billion Muslims worldwide, with a foothold in every major nation and in 204 of 238 countries, and

Whereas, the growth of Islam in Europe indicates that Europe is becoming a part of the Arab West. Based on the present trends in population and immigration, Europe will have an Islamic majority by the end of this century, according to the findings of Bernard Lewis of Princeton University. These findings are based on the facts that Europeans marry late and have fewer children, while Muslims marry early in life and have more children, and

Whereas, Islam comprises one-fifth of the world's population with a 2.1 percent annual increase (68,000 new adherents every 24 hours). By 2050 there will be 2.2 billion Muslims on earth across one-fourth of the earth, and

Whereas, the stated goal of Islam is "to reach the population of 280 million over a period of ten years . . . we must embark upon a plan to mobilize one million Muslims towards reaching out with the message of Islam to the Americans" and to establish Sharia Law in place of the constitution, and

Whereas, national leaders have characterized Islam as a peaceful religion when in fact it exists and expands by hate, violence and intimidation. It is not just a religion but a political, legal, financial and military force and stands in direct opposition to democracy. For them, non-Muslims are infidels worthy of death at the hand of any Muslim, the marginalization and murder of infidels is a badge of honor, and women are property rather than persons and viewed at the level of animals.

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the members of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America, meeting in Lancaster, PA, June 21-23, 2011, do all that we can to rightly resist the expansion of Islam, through information, teaching and evangelization and that we answer the beliefs and issues surrounding Islam and the Koran from Scripture.

Be it further resolved that we reject such uninformed and deceptive assertions that Islam is peaceful and dismiss such terms as suggested by the World Council of Churches that we use "Christlam" in an effort to bring about a reconciliation with religions.

Be it finally resolved that we rely upon the power of the gospel to open the minds and hearts of those who are captured in a religion that blinds souls to the only Name on earth that provides salvation. Furthermore, we will strive as individuals, churches, missions and institutions to create and expand ministries to reach Muslims with the love of Christ.