



# RESOLUTION 8011

## A Resolution on Old Testament Law and New Testament Grace

**Whereas**, we believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible and inerrant word of God and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction by which we are given all things pertaining to life and godliness (2 Timothy 3:15-16; 2 Peter 1:3).

**And whereas**, we believe that it contains two divisions, namely the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament containing the law which reveals the nature, attributes, values and ways of God and thereby showing our inability to keep God's law; The New Testament containing and dispensing to us the means of grace necessary for the redemption and reconciliation of fallen man.

**And whereas**, we believe that as such we may observe practices contained in the law ( i.e. tithing, sabbath observances, dietary restrictions, etc.), the observation of these practices do not serve as requirements pertaining to salvation, justification sanctification nor our subsequent glorification but we affirm our salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. (Romans 7:7-12); now therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we find no reason or cause to deny the authority of either but recognize the sweet harmony of law and grace and believe that both are necessary in the propagation of our faith culminating in the finished work of Jesus Christ who declared that he came not to destroy the law but to fulfill the law and offer himself a ransom for all. (Romans 3:31; Matthew 5:17; Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:6); and be it further

**Resolved**, that we believe that a true presentation of the gospel must begin with a declaration of the law and end with the proclamation of the gospel of grace thereby giving glory to God who has called us to live under the new covenant found in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:24-25); and be it finally

**Resolved**, that we, the members of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of MS, commit to live our lives under the New Covenant of grace with the intent of bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ in order that we not frustrate the grace of God seeking to be justified by works of the law. (2 Corinthians 10:5; Galatians 2:16- 21)

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