

Resolution 14

**ESCHATOLOGICAL ERROR
DENIAL OF THE IMMINENT RETURN OF JESUS**

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
2 DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
3 DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph c., page 58,
4 was written in light of only one eschatological error, namely post-tribulation
5 rapture, which denies the imminent return of Christ; and

6 WHEREAS, The primary reason for paragraph c was to preserve the teaching of Christ's
7 imminent return to gather the resurrected Church; and

8 WHEREAS, There are other teachings which also deny Christ's imminent return; and

9 WHEREAS, Naming as an error any teaching, whether or not it revolves around the
10 Tribulation, which denies Christ's imminent return will strengthen the reason
11 for paragraph c; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
13 DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
14 DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph c., page 58,
15 which reads:

16 **c. Post-Tribulation Rapture.** The General Council of the
17 Assemblies of God has declared itself in the Statement of
18 Fundamental Truths that it holds to the belief in the imminent coming
19 of the Lord as the blessed hope of the Church; and since the teaching
20 that the Church must go through the Tribulation tends to bring
21 confusion and division among the saints, it is recommended that all
22 our ministers teach the imminent coming of Christ, warning all to be
23 prepared for that coming, which may occur at any time, and not lull
24 their minds into complacency by any teaching that would cause them
25 to feel that specific Tribulation events must occur before the rapture
26 of the saints.

27 Be amended to read:

28 **c. Denial of the Imminent Return of Jesus. ~~Post-Tribulation~~**
29 **Rapture.** The General Council of the Assemblies of God has

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declared itself in the Statement of Fundamental Truths that it holds to the belief in the imminent coming of the Lord as the blessed hope of the Church; ~~and since the teaching that the Church must go through the Tribulation tends to bring confusion and division among the saints, it is recommended that~~ All our credentialed ministers should teach the imminent coming of Christ, warning all to be prepared for that coming which may occur at any time, and not lull their minds into complacency by any teaching that would cause them to feel that specific Tribulation events must occur before the rapture of the saints.

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General Presbytery

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