

Resolution 16

**ESCHATOLOGICAL ERROR
INTENT TO LEAD OTHERS ASTRAY**

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 e, page 58,
4 recommends that ministers refrain from preaching or teaching any of the
5 foregoing eschatological errors at the risk of their standing in the Fellowship;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Explaining the errors may be necessary in explaining or defending the truths
8 which those errors deny; and

9 WHEREAS, Some may take “preaching or teaching” to mean any in-depth discussion of
10 said eschatological errors regardless of intent; and

11 WHEREAS, Teachers and preachers within the Fellowship should be encouraged to
12 freely discuss eschatological views in passing on the faith; and

13 WHEREAS, The intent of paragraph e is to prohibit the teaching or preaching of those
14 errors in order to lead others to believe them; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws Article IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
16 DISAPPROVED, B. LIST OF DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
17 DISAPPROVED, Section 3. Eschatological Errors, paragraph e, page 58,
18 which reads:

19 **e. Credentials jeopardized if made an issue.** We
20 recommend that those ministers who embrace any of the foregoing
21 eschatological errors refrain from preaching or teaching them. Should
22 they persist in emphasizing these doctrines to the point of making
23 them an issue, their standing in the Fellowship will be seriously
24 affected (Luke 21:34–36; 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10; 2 Thessalonians
25 1:4–10; Revelation 3:10,19–20).

26 Be amended to read:

27 **e. ~~Credentials jeopardized if made an issue.~~ Intent to lead**
28 **others astray.** ~~We recommend that these~~ A credentialed ministers
29 minister who embrace embraces any of the foregoing eschatological

1 errors these teachings must refrain from ~~preaching or teaching them~~
2 intentionally leading other people to adopt the positions. Should they
3 persist in emphasizing these doctrines to the point of making them an
4 issue, their standing in the Fellowship will be seriously affected. (Luke
5 21:34–36; 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10; 2 Thessalonians 1:4–10;
6 Revelation 3:10,19–20).

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