



## PEOPLE OF THE BOOK *2 Timothy 4:2-4*

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The 2023 Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans was inspiring to be among so many like-minded people, enlightening to hear what issues and struggles our churches have faced, overcame and are diligently working through. This fellowship reassured of the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord and leader over our SBC churches, leaders, and missionaries.

- Over 12,700 people were registered as messengers to vote.
- About 18,000 attended as a whole including guests.
- NAMB Crossover report had 12,180 participants, 3,487 Gospel presentations, and 336 professions of faith were made.
- IMB held a Sending Celebration of 79 new missionaries to the field.

### ***The 2023 Southern Baptist Resolutions adopted were:***

- Continuing of revitalization and replanting of churches.
- Giving needed care & support for pastors and ministry leaders.
- Affirming all A.I. and Emerging Technologies are not sufficient as God's unchanging Word & call upon civic, industry & government leaders to have utmost care, discernment, honesty & transparency when using technologies.
- Wisely be Engaged in Immigration.
- The Legacy & Responsibility of women fulfilling the great commission who serve courageously, sacrificially, and selflessly in our churches and entities of contexts around the world to be recognized throughout history, equality among men and women who are gifted to serve but recognize the office of pastor is limited to men qualified by Scripture.
- Amended & affirmed only two offices of the church are deacon & bishop/elder/pastor.
- We affirm Christ's Lordship over every human conscience.
- Opposing Gender Transitions for all but especially targeting our children & teens; affirming God's created order, design, and purpose for every human.

### **1. We are the PEOPLE of the BOOK.**

*“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.” **2 Timothy 4:2-4***

- Proclaim the Word with complete PATIENCE and TEACHING.
- ENDURE sound TEACHING and LISTEN to TRUTH.

## 2. We are to be READY to PREACH the Word.

*"Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching." 1 Timothy 4:13*

*"He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it." Titus 1:9*

- Be DEVOTED to God's Word & Church.
- HOLD FIRM to God's Word & Share it.

## 3. We are WARNED to Not TURN AWAY from the Word.

- Satan TEMPTS us to sin to BREAK us down and pull us AWAY from God.
- God TESTS us to BUILD us up and pull us TOWARD Himself.

*"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed."*

**Galatians 1:6-9**

### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.**

Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.