



On Pornography and Sexual Purity Columbus, OH - 2015

WHEREAS, God calls His people to holiness and Christ has specifically summoned His followers to sexual purity ([Matthew 5:27–28](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:3–5](#)); and

WHEREAS, Sexual sin robs us of our joy in God and is especially grievous to our souls ([1 Corinthians 6:18](#)); and

WHEREAS, Increasing numbers of men and women report their addiction and enslavement to pornography in multiple forms; and

WHEREAS, Pornography has devastated many of our families and churches, leaving countless divorces and broken homes in its wake; and

WHEREAS, The sex industry is exploitative in its very nature, often complicit in the blight of human trafficking, harming all its participants; and

WHEREAS, Increasing numbers of our children have been victimized by this insidious industry, not only through child pornography, but also by the active marketing of pornographic content to young men and women; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Columbus, Ohio, June 16–17, 2015, express our deep grief over the widespread devastation inflicted by the pornography industry in our churches and communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves as disciples of Christ to lives of purity in thought, word, and deed; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on Southern Baptist churches to continue and to expand efforts to teach the whole counsel of God regarding sexual purity, human dignity, biblical gender roles, and the dangers of pornography; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on government authorities to enact and enforce laws that restrict all forms of pornography, particularly those that include and exploit minors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage Christian families to exercise deliberate care and concern for instructing our children how to wisely use online resources for good and to show appropriate discernment in protecting our children from harmful influences; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we commend the good news that Christ is fully able to deliver and restore those who have fallen in sexual sin who look to Him in faith and repentance, and call our churches to foster a culture of grace, mercy, and restoration.