

Resolutions for Truth Research in the 2nd Meeting of 10th World Delegates Conference

I. THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TRUTH RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING IN 2010

Proposal 1: Biblical Theological Research – Discussion on Millennialism.

1. “Resurrection” in V.4 is a misinterpretation by “Mandarin and Bilingual version”. Original text is “to live.”

Pass without objection and no vote yet.

• 2009 WDC Resolution: Unanimously passed.

2. “The first resurrection” in V.5 refers to water baptism.

Pass without objection and no vote yet.

• 2009 WDC Resolution: Unanimously passed.

3. “To Live” in V.4 originates from the water baptism in V.5. This means that, although they were killed for the Word of God, their “soul” (Psuchee) was “to live”.

Conclusion: The interpretation in Revelation chapter 20 verse 4 is that the souls who died for keeping the word of God were the saints who won the victory. They reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (Rev 13:15; Mt 10:28)

Vote: Agree: 23, Object: 2

Resolution: Pass

• 2009 WDC Resolution: Unanimously passed.

4. The Abyss is the great city of Babylon to be thrown down, the place where Satan is locked up in (V3).

Pass without objection and no vote yet.

• 2009 WDC Resolution: Unanimously passed.

5. The purpose for God to bound Satan for a thousand years is “to keep him from deceiving the nations no more; “deceiving the nations” refers to the great persecution and great battle prior to the end of the world.

Resolution: Passed with no objection.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

6. The thousand years that Satan was bound and the millennial spiritual kingdom are in the same period as the True Jesus Church reigned with Christ for a thousand years (1-6) and the millennial spiritual kingdom starts from the advent of the True Church in the end time.

Resolution: Passed with no objection.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

7. Great events will occur after the end of 1000 years as follows:

- 1) Satan will be released and the greatest persecution and battle will occur.
- 2) Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire and then the great judgment in the end day starts.

Resolution: Passed with no objection.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

Proposal 2: Book of Romans.

Resolutions: The resolution regarding to the issues of God's omniscience and Satan's self-existence are as follows. If there are special reports to be proposed for the other issues, more discussion will follow.

1. God is Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, the one and only True God. Other than Him, there is no other who is self existing.

Passed with no objection.

2. God's Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence is absolute, therefore before the creation He totally knew all options and conclusions.

Passed with 23 votes. No objection.

3. The above two are the common understanding passed by the IA TRC. If there are any views that differ from these, they must not be discussed in other occasions other than in the Truth Research Meeting.

(Isa 41:4; 45:5, 18; 48:3, 8; Jer32:17, 27; Gen15:13-16; Dut 31:16; Ps 139; Lk 22:31-34; Jn1:18- 19)

Passed with 26 votes. No objection.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

Proposal 3: Truth, Entrusted Once for All, gradually Becomes Evident

Resolution:

- (1) To amend 2005 Resolution as “Truth of salvation was entrusted completely to the saints and prophets once for all, will not change and only through guidance of the Holy Spirit will men be able to enter into all truth” (Jude 3, Jn 16:12-13)

Passed with 20 votes. No objection.

- (2) The Truth that God wants to give us in the Bible has been entrusted completely and it will not change and the understanding of the Church towards the Truth will be revealed through the Holy Spirit” (1Cor 2:10)

Passed with 22 votes. No objection.

- (3) To combine (1) and (2) as the common census and report it to WDC.

Passed with 21 votes. No objection.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

Proposal 4: Building up the Body of Christ

Conclusion: The church must build up the body of Christ by fulfilling our responsibilities. Seven principles are listed as follows:

1. The system of service of the preachers needs to be well established
2. The system for elders and deacons to manage the church should be established (refer to minutes of the previous TRC meeting minutes).
3. The working committee of the church must be complete and work should be assigned according to various gifts.
4. The establishment and management of the church should follow the principle of self-sufficient, self-sustaining and self-propagating.
5. The organization of General Assemblies or Coordination Boards cannot go beyond the teachings of the bible. The principle of organization should be based on theocracy.
6. The truth of the bible should be manifested in the church, the general assembly should take the role liken to Paul in Antioch, the international assembly should emulate apostles and elders in Jerusalem to lead churches of this world to be united in the truth. To have a uniformed organisational structure, so that the churches of the Lord will be united as one.

7. Every General Assemblies should go through the proper channels to set up their organisation guidelines and by-laws in accordance to biblical truth. International assembly will be responsible for this matter in areas with coordination boards or places without general assemblies.

Resolution: Passed with no objection.

2011 WDC Resolution: The seven principles have been passed. But please TRC members come out a brief definition for the meaning of spiritual democracy in the principle of theocracy.

Present: 59

Vote: Passed with 53 votes

Proposal 5: Should Preachers be ordained as Elders?

Resolution: Preachers who fulfilled the requirements and have experience of an overseer can be ordained as Elders (according to the needs and requirements of individual GA)

Resolution: Passed with 19 votes.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

Proposal 6: The prerequisite of the formation of a choir and members in the view of Bible

Resolution:

1. Choir serves, exalts, gives thanks and praises God.
2. The choir members shall possess the following spiritual prerequisites:
 - a. To attain God's abidance, their lives must be holy (2 Chr 20:21; Ps 29:2)
 - b. The motivation of participating in choir must be pure (1 Cor 10:31). They sing and praise God with a thankful heart (Col 3:16)
3. Since choir presentation is part of the holy work, choir members must in principle be members of TJC but in exceptional cases, individual local church council to make their own decisions.

Resolution: Passed with no objection.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

Proposal 7: To unite the English Bible version.

Conclusion:

1. For articles and publications: required to use New King James Version

2. During sermons: strongly recommend to use New King James Version
3. Not recommended to use:
 - (1) The Living Bible/New Living Translation
 - (2) Good News Bible/Today's English Version
 - (3) New International Version
 - (4) The Message
 - (5) New English Bible

Resolution: Passed with no objection.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

II. THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TRUTH RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING IN 2011

1. **When performing foot washing, the executor girds himself with a towel, then pours water to wash the feet of the newly baptized. The execution of and view on “girding” differs among the Gas around the world. (Sabah GA) 2011**

Resolution:

Regarding ‘having a part with Christ’ in the footwashing sacrament: The efficacy of this occurs when the feet are washed in the name of Jesus. The minister should emulate the servant image of Jesus during the footwashing sacrament. As for the act of girding the waist with a towel, this can be adapted according to local conditions.

Passed with 29 votes.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

2. **Can a members remarry and carry on the ministry work if he/she has divorced before believing in Christ? (Sabah GA) 2009**

Resolution:

- i. Prior to baptism, one must carefully review one’s marital status. After baptism, one must continue in pursuit of being a new creation (1 Cor 5:17, Eph 4:20-24)
- ii. Remarriage permissible
- iii. If one fulfills the required qualifications for divine office, this one can be ordained (1 Tim 3:2, 8)

Passed with 26 votes in favor, 3 votes in opposition.

2011 WDC Resolution: Passed with no objection.

3. **Is it proper to a minister who is divorced keeps carrying on his/her ministry? (IA) 2010**

Resolution: Ministers who have divorced are unsuitable to continue to bear divine office (1 Tim 3:5), but if there are any exceptional circumstances, they can be raised to either the GA or IA to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Passed with 27 votes.

2011 WDC Number of person to vote: 55

Resolution: Agree (43 votes); disagree (11 votes)