

# INTRODUCTION TO THE 22 THEOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL PROJECT

The ICCP (International Church Council Project) exists to state clearly the Bible's true teaching on 22 Christian topics about which there is much confusion within the evangelical Church, and to expose the unbiblical falsehoods now being taught about these issues. We are also stating what has been the clear teaching of the Church on these topics over the past 2000 years. As our scholars and co-workers have created these documents, we have edited and reedited them and have passed them by many other scholars for review and critique.

At the 2003 Theological Consultation in North America at Knox Seminary in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the North American participants and the ICCP Executive Committee finalized the English version of the first 20 documents (21 & 22 had not yet been written) after 3 days of discussion and critique, then signed The Declaration (included here) which states that we believe these documents are indeed biblical and that the general Body of Christ ought to believe, promote and teach the biblical truths contained therein.

We send forth these documents to the nations of the world humbly asking their Christian leaders, teachers, pastors and theologians to examine these documents in formal committees and, after examination and discussion, to sign The Declaration stating that they are in substantial agreement with the general content of these documents, and in that process, to send us, in writing, their editorial suggestions of how the wording can be improved to make any document more biblical. For each translation into another language, the previously approved English version will be the standard version from which translations are made. It is our hope that a National Theological Council will be formed in each country that will take on this task and will serve as an official liaison between the Christians in their country and our ICCP Steering Committee. It is also our hope that from each country, a new member to the Steering Committee will be added so we have a broad, international representation on that ICCP committee. The requirements for being on a nation's National Theological Council are stated in our ICCP brochure.

Over the following 5 years we expect to gather much useful editorial help and suggestions from around the world on how the wording of any of these documents may become more biblical. In 2005 we concentrated on establishing these committees in Central America. We have targeted the 70 countries listed in our brochure where we believe such a National Council on Theology should exist. All this time, we will be adding the comments for improvement from any country's National Theological Council to all 22 of our documents on our website in English (and in the language of their source country) so a running record of what each country is contributing will be maintained. Every country's editorial input will be available for every other country to see at any time. This will truly be a global editorial project.

Then, if all goes as planned, we expect to hold a Global Church Council (a modern version of 325AD) in August of 2012, in a country yet to be determined, where representatives of the Theological Councils from all 70 target nations may meet to finalize the wording of all 22 documents by their consensus wisdom. Hopefully from then, we will be able to have in these 22 Documents the product that has been our goal all along; **"a biblical-theological standard of doctrine for the 21st Century which is consistent with the mainstream theology of the first 20 centuries"** and which has been developed by years of scholarship, discussion, critique and the consensus wisdom of Christian scholars and leaders from around the planet. We honestly believe this is possible and that it will be of immense value to the greater Body of Christ worldwide to have an agreed-upon, comprehensive, detailed set of biblical doctrines about which the Bible-believing Christians worldwide are in agreement. May it be so and may God bless all who enter into this project with an open heart and a humble attitude of love for the Greater Body of Christ worldwide.

Amen!