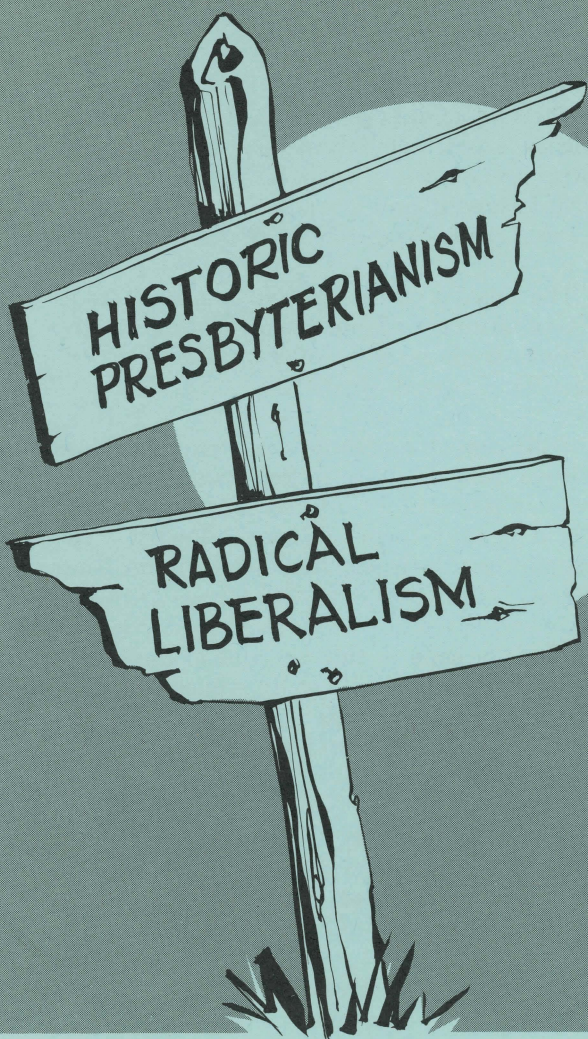


PRESBYTERIANS



WHICH WAY?

SALVATION

The Way of Radical Liberalism

Radical ecumenism teaches that all men will eventually be saved from the death of sin and shall be received at last into heavenly fellowship with God.

"The end of the entire evolutionary process is Christ . . . each church member . . . must consider every human who lives as a brother in Christ, in the ultimate purpose of God" (Covenant Life Curriculum, 1971, Williamson, p. 65).

"The mission of the church . . . issues from the One Triune God and His intention for the salvation of all men" (Covenant Life Curriculum, 1971, Cogswell, p. 136).

"With regard to (those) not professing the Christian religion it is difficult to understand why the absence of a Christian profession should be held against them" (George Hendry, "The Westminster Confession for Today," John Knox Press, p. 131).

"There is hope in this age and in the age to come for those who will not have been acquainted with or recognized the Son of Man here below." (Layman's Bible Commentary, commentary on Matthew 12:31).

"This is God's world. His love is for all mankind. He has died and risen again for all. All men have the right to know this" (Covenant Life Curriculum, 1971, Cogswell, p. 150).

"The deepest mystery of . . . faith is God's fatherhood of all mankind . . . God's love which embraces the whole family of man . . ." (Covenant Life Curriculum, 1972, Nichols, p. 95).

The Way of Historic Presbyterianism

Though Presbyterians do not relish the truth that some human beings shall be forever separated from God in hell, they accept and believe this solemn truth because God has plainly revealed it in Scripture.

Our Lord said, that on the Last Day, at His coming again, His words to unbelievers will be "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

In II Thessalonians 1:8-9, we read that Christ will return in judgment, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power."

The Westminster Larger Catechism, faithfully setting forth the teaching of God, says, "At the day of judgment, the wicked shall be set on Christ's left hand, and upon clear evidence, and full conviction of their own consciences, shall have the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them; and thereupon shall be cast out from the favorable presence of God, and the glorious fellowship with Christ, his saints, and all his holy angels, into hell, to be punished with unspeakable torments both of body and soul, with the devil and his angels forever." (Q-A 89)

To deny the doctrine of the lost condition of men apart from Christ and their just and eternal punishment for sin, is to sever the vital nerve of evangelism, to pervert the Bible's teaching concerning the nature and mission of the Church, and to teach "another Gospel," which is dishonoring to God and upon which He pronounces an "anathema" (Gal. 1:8-9).

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