

1. The real issue today concerning the Bible and how is it different from other books - is found in the discussion of whether or not it is all sufficient and inerrant.
2. The Southern Baptist Convention fought a 30 year-long battle for the Bible known as the "Conservative Resurgence."
3. But, what happened in Birmingham, Alabama during the 2019 SBC Annual meeting might just prove to validate a movement toward a more "cultural" position concerning Scripture.
4. The question then becomes; "Has the SBC abandoned the sufficiency of Scripture?" Many people have made that claim for years citing pragmatism as the *modus operandi* of the Convention—but this time it happened in an official capacity as a resolution (Resolution 9).
5. We - as Southern Baptists - are now encouraged to use worldly ideologies and philosophies (Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality) as *analytical tools* to diagnose and address social ills in a depraved world.
6. The use of such tools will not end well for the SBC. It opens the door for compromise of the sufficiency and inerrancy of the Scripture.
7. Intersectionality as it has been defined, is discrimination based on overlapping layers of individual classes of discrimination.
8. It's when a person is subjected to discrimination for more than one classification such as gender, ethnicity, social class, etc.)
9. According to the definition of intersectionality - where these marks "intersect" is the focus of the greatest and most severe discrimination which places an individual at the greatest risk of oppression in our culture.
10. Although this term was birthed out of a radical postmodern political culture, it's now being used within evangelical circles to describe people who are oppressed and "held back" from certain advancement within evangelicalism.
11. We must always remember that words matter and doctrine matters. Therefore, when it comes to the adoption of a resolution using terms like *Critical Race Theory* and *intersectionality*, the words in the document must be taken seriously.
12. This equates to identity politics. You cannot attach identity politics to the Scriptures and still claim to be champions of sufficiency. God's Word must stand alone.
13. The Scriptures do not need assistance to diagnose and address the social ills of a depraved society.
14. This sends the statement to the watching world that we believe the Bible is not quite capable of addressing the "*lived experiences*" of broken people and may need the assistance of CRT and intersectionality.

15. When Charles Spurgeon was addressing the compromise among Baptists in England, he penned “The Downgrade in the Churches” where he wrote the following:

“A chasm is opening between the men who believe their Bibles and those who are prepared for an advance upon the Scripture. . .The house is being robbed, it’s very walls are being digged down, but the good people who are in bed are too fond of the warmth. . .to go downstairs to meet the burglars.”

16. Concerning the resolution on CRT and intersectionality—it affirms the sufficiency of Scripture and denies it at the same time. It’s a theological disaster and filled with logical contradictions.

17. In order to make disciples, you must be able to rightly deliver the message of the gospel. “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

18. Therefore, how we handle the Scriptures matters and when we’re being told that we need new helpful tools to be added to the Bible in order to address the brokenness, sin, injustice, and human depravity within our cities—this is what we call a *new hermeneutic*.

19. Anytime the text of Scripture is constrained by subjective experiences of people—the meaning, method, and message will be altered.

20. We will never achieve “reconciliation” and “unity” and “equality” through social justice.

21. From the words of Charles Spurgeon who pointed to the sufficiency of Scripture in a Sermon on Matthew 4:4 said:

“You cannot be in a condition that the Word of God has not provided. The Word has as many faces and eyes as providence itself. You will find it unfailing in all periods of your life, in all circumstances, in all companies, in all trials, and under all difficulties. Were it fallible, it would be useless in emergencies, but its unerring truth renders it precious beyond all price to the soldiers of the cross.”