

## The Gathering Call is Positive And Not Negative Only

The statement is often made that The Gathering Call is only and anti-heresy movement, and not positively constructive. This objection is shadowy and unreal. The Gathering Call is "pro," and for the whole truth of God, all the way.

By contrast, the leaders of the World Council of Churches have denied the Virgin birth of Christ; His Godhead; His resurrection; His ascension and His return in glory. Many of them are anti-everything which the true believer holds dear.

If there ever was a negative message issued to the world, that message came from Evanston, not Riverside. It is the World Council of Churches who are doing the "pulling down," but The Gathering Call is endeavoring, against great opposition, to "rebuild the altar of the Lord." (1 Kings 18:30)

If we would "declare the whole counsel of God," we must be both "pro" and "anti." We as believers in the doctrine of "grace" are necessarily anti-Arminian, and as Protestants are anti-Romanist. The famous definition of Protestantism is far too readily forgotten in these days: "The Sacred cause of God's light and truth against the devil's falsity and darkness." That is precisely the witness of the twentieth Century reformation as exemplified in the Gathering Call. Our main work is to confirm believers in the truth of the Word. Spurgeon once said that "error stalks the world while truth is getting its shoes on." And when little David goes out against such a Goliath there is bound to be some stone-slinging if victory is to be achieved.

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Certainly we are anti-investigative-judgment, and certainly we  
are anti-White testimony, and certainly we are anti-1844 doctrine,  
or anti-anything else, for that matter, which waters down the  
Gospel, and perverts the truth of God.

The Apostle Paul was against those who assailed the truth of  
the Resurrection and he named them. (See 2 Tim.2:17,18) Peter  
was against the scoffers of the last days. John was against  
the Nicolaitans and the Balaamites and "that woman Jezebel"  
whom he named. (Rev.2) James was against the persecutors of  
the Lord's people. And, our Saviour Himself was very much against  
the Pharisees, Saducees and Herodians. (See Matt.23:13-33)

We are called to wrestle against the rulers of the darkness  
of this world, and The Gathering Call is one of the citadels;  
and to withstand in the evil day. (Eph.6:12,13) We are not only  
to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness,"  
but we are to "reprove them." (Eph.5:11) If we are not anti-  
anything, we shall certainly lack a positive and uncompromising  
witness.

This, then, is the position of The Gathering Call; first, to  
maintain the cause of God's light and truth; and second, to be  
against the Devil's falsity and darkness. This, we submit, it  
has done and is still doing, and is a perfectly Scriptural  
position.

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