

for that Synod became the committee to bring in the resolution at the next Synod. It met at Harvey Cedars and for 15 years thereafter (I guess) it was known as the Harvey Cedars Resolution. Dr. Schaeffer was a member of that committee. I forget who the other member was.

We brought in a resolution in which we first took the stand that we should not cooperate with those who were denying the truths of the Gospel and were tearing down the work of Christ. Our second statement was that when it comes to our relation to those who are themselves ~~sound~~ sound in the faith but who cooperate with those who are not sound in the faith or are connected with organizations not sound in the faith, that this was a matter of expedience in which each one has to make a decision in each individual case as to what was the proper procedure.

That was the law of our church for many years. Shortly before I left Faith somebody began using that as a -- to protect them against attack on the matter of separation and they took an action just before I left at the Synod. Somebody moved to abolish the Harvey Cedars Resolution (or Declaration, whatever it was).

When I resigned one of my criticisms was -- at the meeting after I had left the meeting, that action had been taken, and Dr. McIntire declared no such action had been taken, but that they merely had altered the wording to make it a little clearer. But he was wrong, because later when the Synod minutes came out, here one of his close supporters had moved to rescind the Harvey Cedars resolution.

Now Dr. McIntire has had articles in the Beacon lately on separation in which he says there is no such thing as second degree separation; we must be completely separate from those who deny the faith or who work with those who are connected with organizations that deny the faith. It is all separation. There are no degrees, which I think is rather illogical.

To make a doctrine of separation does not seem to me as reasonable or Scriptural. But to consider this as an area in which it is very important that we are careful what is honoring to the Lord, and not to do what would be dishonoring to the Lord is something I believe deserves very careful attention, on the part of every Christian.

I would say that in both these matters separation-- what is called life separation, and what is called ecclesiastical separation. I remember once I felt rebuked myself when I was in college I went up to the oil fields in California to sell books one summer. It came Sunday. I did not know anything about the churches in the neighborhood. There was a little Methodist church near. It was blazing hot in the oil fields there. The town of Taft(?) Calif.